

MINUTES
SPECIAL FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #6-90
FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 1, 1990 - 10:30 P.M.

X Regular

X Special

Chairman's Call to Order	Present	Absent	Excused
Robert Stevens, Chairman Porters Landing	X		
William Grady, Vice-Chairman Elm Street Extension	X		
Kirk Goddard Mast Landing	X		
John Paterson Flying Point Road	X		
Edward Campbell Gay Drive	X		
Vaughndella Curtis Pine Street	X		
Edward Bradley Flying Point Road	X		

Moved & Seconded: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #5-90 held February 20, 1990 and accept the Minutes as printed. (Councilors Paterson & Goddard) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

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Note: Councilor Grady arrives at 10:32 p.m.

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attached

Item #37-90 - Moved & Seconded - To amend Item #37-90 as follows:
Delete "passing the buck" and replace with "shifting
the burden".
(Councilors Bradley & Curtis) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved & Seconded: That the Council enter into Executive Session
to discuss a personnel matter and litigation.
(Councilors Bradley & Campbell) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved & Seconded: That the Council reconvene.
(Councilors Bradley & Campbell) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Moved & Seconded: That the Council Adjourn at 11:37 p.m.
(Councilors Bradley & Goddard) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Recorded by,

Dale Olmstead
Town Manager

March 1, 1990

ITEM #37-90

WHEREAS, it appears to the Town Council of Freeport that the State of Maine proposes to deal with the State fiscal crisis by rescinding or cutting back on previously approved state funds available to Freeport and other municipalities for expenses, including the costs of education, and

WHEREAS, many of the educational costs incurred by Freeport and other municipalities are State mandated, and

WHEREAS, the educational costs for which such state funds would be used will continue whether or not those funds are available, resulting in the residents of Freeport having to fund these costs, themselves, and

WHEREAS, the State has consistently denied municipalities other sources of funding for educational costs, such as local option sales taxes, and municipalities do not have income taxing powers, and

WHEREAS, Freeport and other municipalities will have no alternative but to fund these costs by even greater than otherwise anticipated increase in property taxes, a form of taxation most regressive in nature, and

WHEREAS, The State of Maine has within its power the ability to deal with the State fiscal crisis itself by considering alternative sources of revenues, such as additional income or sales taxes, or granting municipalities the power to impose local sales taxes, and

WHEREAS, the refusal of the Governor and the State Legislature to deal with the State fiscal crisis on a Statewide basis, instead shifting the burden to municipalities and local taxpayers, although perhaps politically wise in an election year, is irresponsible.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Governor and the State Legislature are hereby requested to deal with the State fiscal crisis in a responsible manner by raising needed revenues on a Statewide basis or providing municipalities with the means to do so on a local basis instead of shifting the burden to municipalities and causing increased property taxes.