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## OTHERBUSINESS:



# Freeport Town Meeting \# 13-93 <br> Freeport Town Hall Council Chambers <br> June 1, 1993 - 7:30 P.M. 

Regular X
Chairperson's Call To Order
Kirk Goddard, Chairman, Mast Landing
Edward Bradley, Flying Point
Andrew Arsenault, U.S. Route \#1
John Nelson, Vice-Chairman, Harb Cottage
Cary Veilleux, Wardtown Road
Randall Bennett, Park Street
Elizabeth Ruff, Durham Road

Special

## Present

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## FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

MOVED \& SECONDED: To waive the reading of the minutes of Meeting \#11-93 held May 18, 1993 and \#12-93 held on May 25, 1993 and accept the minutes as printed..
(Councilors Nelson \& Ruff)
(7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period - 30 Minutes.

Caroline Thorne-Lyman, a member of the Advisory Board for ATL's pointed out that while on a site walk reviewing the Alternative Travel Lane on Lower Mast Landing Road she was subjected to profanity and she did not enjoy the negative attitudes that prevailed. As a volunteer, she wanted to know if she had any recourse to this type of behavior. She urged citizens to come forward and talk to the Councilors.

Al Fagone pointed out that the previous speaker failed to mention that some of the profanity was used by a Town Department head. He read a segment of the Town Charter referring to the Town Manager. He feels the Town Manager condones abusive language and hostility against the residents of Freeport by his department heads by not taking any action.

Councilor Bradley pointed out that there is a limit to what a person has to take in response to Ms. ThorneLyman's question. The Council has been pushed to the limit this year. Some individuals think that because they are private citizens, they can say or do anything. He indicated that he would continue to absorb it, because he feels it is part of the job. Just because people get away with it, doesn't make it right.

Ed Campbell indicated that he supports the 500 employees of the town. He does not condone people standing anyone up for a public flogging. While he feels he does not need to urge support for the school staff, he feels there should be more support for the Town Manager and his staff. He urged people to stop complaining and get involved. Consider running for the Town Council.

Barbara McGivern advised that she feels the rhetoric on everyone's part has reached an all time low this year. She is not anti-school or anti-education but feels that the language allowed at the High School should be looked at.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: To take action on the following items of business as read by the Council Chairperson.

Item \#107-93 To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance. (Chapter 32) (Public Hearing)

MOVED AND SECONDED; That the proposed amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance be subject to Public Hearing. (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOYED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the proposed amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance be tabled until June 15, 1993. (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#108-93 To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Design Review Ordinance. (Chapter 22) Public Hearing

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the proposed amendment to the Design Review Ordinance be subject to Public Hearing (Councilors Arsenault \& Bennett) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Councilors Arsenault \& Veilleux (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOVED AND SECONDED That the proposed amendment to the Design Review Ordinance be tabled until June 15, 1993. (Councilors Arsenault \& Nelson (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with the Private Property Peddler Parking Regulations. (Chapter 21) Public Hearing

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance dealing with the private property peddler parking regulations be subject to Public Hearing. (Councilors Bennett \& Nelson) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Public Hearing be closed. (Councilors Bennett \& Veilleux) (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#110-93 To consider action relative to the transfer from scholarship trust funds.
BE IT ORDERED; That the following amounts be transferred from Scholarship Trust Funds.

## Trust Fund

Fitts Award
Solomon Plummer
Wallace True
Alice Pollack
Millard Crooker
Auldis Foster
Kenneth Thompson
(Counilars Bradley \& Nelson)
(Councilors Bradley \& Nelson) ROLL CALL VOTE (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#111-93
To consider action relative to an appropriation ordinance for $\$ 37,000$ to provide for a lighting efficiency program at Freeport High School.

BE IT ORDERED; That a Public Hearing be scheduled for June 15, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed appropriation ordinance for $\$ 37,000$ to provide for a Lighting Efficiency Program at Freeport High School.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies of the appropriation ordinance be made available for inspection by citizens. (Councilors Ruff \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## Item \#112-93

To Consider action relative to the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year 1993-1994.

Chairman Goddard explained that this is the beginning of the discussion of the budget and this is the opportunity for people to make comments on the budget as a whole. He urged that comments be kept brief. He pointed out that the budget process this year has been extremely open and has allowed people the opportunity to get involved in finding out about the budget and giving input.
Barbara McGivern pointed out while the elderly have programs to help them stay in their homes, she is concerned that there are no programs to help with tax relief for people in their $20^{\prime} \mathrm{s}, 30 \mathrm{~s}, 40^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ and $50^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$. Taxes are doubling every six or seven years and she feels government is growing too fast.

Mary Kennedy feels that the budget process was not as open as previously stated. At some meetings public comments were not allowed. Some meetings were held during the day and the public was not able to attenc. Her interpretation of what is happening is taxation without representation.

Amy Adams had some observations to share on Council Workshops. She feels it is urgent that a Council Advisory Council Budget Committee be created due to the behavior of some of the Councilors at the workshops. She feels that unnecessary dollars are being spent and these dollars could have kept the tax rate down. She mentioned the possibility of a charter amendment to be voted on in November. She pointed out the possibilities of other changes such as the budget being approved by the citizens, The Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools and Town Clerk could be elected positions and their terms could be limited. She feels that referendums have a real place in government.

Madeline Baker pointed out that she feels that the salary increases being proposed are excessive for the School Administration and the Town Manager and his staff. She had some questions regarding the full value tax rates and is concerned about the debt service. She feels that the three minutes allowed for public comments does not allow taxpayers enough time to get their questions answered.

Edith Curtis mentioned that she is a senior citizen whose taxes were raised $300 \%$ last year. She did get them dropped so that the increase was $200 \%$. She feels taxes should not increase when there is no increase in services. 'She mentioned that two of her neighbors have had to sell their homes and move out of town. She feels that senior citizens are just as important as children. She asked if there was some way to cut the cost of education and if there was some way to limit the amount of money being spent on streets. She asked if there was any other way of raising money other than raising taxes on people with fixed incomes. She urged the Council to start considering the residents whose families have been here for hundreds of years.

Ken Mann indicated that many have come to the meeting tonight in a peaceful protest of the proposed budget since it contains more than one million dollars of new spending increases over last year. This is a small town with 6,000 people. The $6.9 \%$ increase in the property tax rate is a repressive tax. In Boston in 1773 our forefathers dumped tea into Boston Harbor to protest excessive tax. He indicated that he had bags of tea to distribute to members of the public who are opposed to this increase in property taxes. He indicated that people should leave the bags of tea on the barrel that was placed in the Council Chambers as a means of notifying the Council that they are dissatisfied with the budget, the budget process and the property tax. He added his bag of tea to the barrel and asked people to join him and then exit the room.

Peter Moulton advised that he had been greatly upset by a comment that was made at last week's Council meeting. A gentleman made a statement that anyone opposed to the school budget is very selfish. He is opposed to the budget because he feels there are cuts that could be made and not because he is selfish. He feels that the plan of the Council adding money to the School Budget without going to the School Committee indicates that the Council doesn't feel the School Committee has done a good enough job.

Donna Devaudreuil indicated that she feels the budget process allowed her to get her questions answered and supports the budget as presented at the public hearing.

Councilor Arsenault indicated that he too wanted to exercise his right to protest the budget. He is aware that the majority of the Council has voted by consensus and has decided that the taxpayer's pockets are bottomless. He is fearful that the young people and elderly people in town will not be able to afford to continue to live here. He feels the Council should have prioritized and not voted for everything. His protest is to leave and not vote on the budget. He indicated that his vote is a no vote if the Council wants to count
it. Chairman Goddard indicated that if Councilor Arsenault is not present, he will not vote and he is sorry to see him leave.

BE IT ORDERED; That the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year 1993-94 be approved in the amount of $\$ 1,382,308$ and that $\$ 198,746$ be appropriated as Freeport's local share. (Councilors Nelson \& Ruff) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## Item \#113-93

To consider action relative to the Regional Vocational budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for Adult Education for the year 1993-1994.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Regional Vocational Budget as approved by the Cooperative Board for the year be approved in the amount of $\$ 51,455$ and that $\$ 3,162$ be appropriated as Freeport's local share. (Councilors Nelson \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#114-93 To consider action relative to an appropriation from the Foundation allocation for school purposes.

BE IT ORDERED; That $\$ 4,235,409$ be appropriated from the Foundation Allocation for school purposes and that $\$ 3,498,812$ be appropriated as Freeport's local share of the Foundation Allocation. (Councilors Veilleux \& Ruff) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#115-93
To consider action relative to an appropriation from Debt Service Allocation for school purposes.

BE IT ORDERED: that $\$ 1,202,454$ be appropriated from the Debt Service Allocation for school purposes and that $\$ 299,856$ be appropriated as the local share of Debt Service. (Councilors Bennett \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#116-93
To consider action relative to an appropriation of additional local funds for school purposes under the provision of 20-A MRSA 15614.

Councilor Bradley had three amendments to add to the school budget:
MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND SCHOOL BUDGET: to add \$5,000 to Item 116-93 for a one-quarter Tech Teacher to support 36 computers purchased at the High School and Middle School. (Councilors Bradley \& Nelson) ROLL CALL VOTE (2 Ayes- Bradley \& Veilleux) (4 Nays)

## Item \#116-93 MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND THE SCHOOL BUDGET: to add

 \$6,000 to reinstate the Lead Teacher Program (Councilors Bradley \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (2 Ayes- Bradley \& Veilleux) (4 Nays)MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND THE SCHOOL BUDGET: to add $\$ 5,800$ to implement a policy to establish an education reserve account, fund revenue deficits resulting from decreased State funding, this policy if adopted, would fund a reserve account on an annual basis in an amount equal to $3 \%$ of new evaluation added to the tax rolls. It would permit the use of this fund to fund revenue losses from a reduction of $10 \%$ or more in State revenues from prior years. It would allow the Council to determine what amount of the educational reserve account to use if a $10 \%$ reduction were to occur. ROLL CALL VOTE: (Councilors Bradley \& Veilleux) (4 Ayes) (2 Nays- Ruff \& Bennett)

BE IT ORDERED; That $\$ 2,286,852$ be appropriated for additional local funds for school purposes under the provisions of 20-A MRSA 15614 as amended. (Councilors Bradley \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (5 Ayes) (1 NayBennett)

Item \#117-93 To consider action relative to authorizing the School Committee to expend funds for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1994 from the foundation allocation, debt service allocation, unexpended balances, tuition receipt, local appropriations, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

BE IT ORDERED; That the School Committee be authorized to expend $\$ 8,147,799$ for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1993 and ending June 30, 1994 from the Foundation Allocation, Debt Service Allocation, Unexpended Balances, Tuition Receipts, Local Appropriations, State Subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson)

MOVED \& SECONDED: To waive the second reading (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## Item \#118-93 <br> To consider action relative to an appropriation for Adult Education

 for Fiscal Year 1993-1994.BE IT ORDERED: That $\$ 118,323$ be appropriated for Adult Education that $\$ 49,327$ be approved by the Town of Freeport's local share for Fiscal Year 1993-1994. (Councilors Veilleux \& Bennett) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#119-93 To consider action relative to the acceptance of state funds for fiscal year 1994.
BE IT ORDERED: That the following categories of State Funds be accepted for Fiscal Year 1994:

1. Municipal Revenue Sharing
2. Local Road Assistance
3. State Aid to Education (including Federal pass-through funds and property pass-through funds and property tax relief)
4. Public Library State Aid per Capita
5. Civil Emergency Funds (Emergency Management Assistance)
6. Snowmobile Registration Money
7. Tree Growth Reimbursement
8. General Assistance Reimbursement
9. Veterans Exemption Reimbursement
10. State Grants or Other Funds (this category includes all funds received from the State that are not included in Items 1 and 9 above)

MOVED AND SECONDED; to waive the second reading (Councilors Veilleux \& Ruff (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)
(Councilors Bradley \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#120-93 To consider action relative to a proposed increase in several municipal fees.
BE IT ORDERED: that the following fees be increased effective July 1, 1993.

Category
Demolition Material Disposal Fee 0

Private Property Peddler Application Fee

Current Fee

0

0

New Fee
$\$ 55.00$ per ton
$\$ 55.00$ per application
(Councilors Bennett \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE (5 Ayes) (1 Nay-Bennett)

To consider action relative to the proposed fiscal year 1994 Municipal Budget.
BE IT ORDERED: That the following appropriation be made to the several departments of purposes named, that the following revenues estimated be adopted, and that the following amount be raised by taxation, said action for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994 Municipal Budget as amended.

Item \#121-93
MOVED \& SECONDED; TO waive the second reading (Councilors Veilleux \& Ruff) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)
(Councilors Nelson \& Ruff) ROLL CALL VOTE (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## APPROPRIATIONS:

| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | $1,107,233$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| PROTECTION \& ENFORCEMENT | $1,009,367$ |
| HEALTH \& WELFARE | 59,692 |
| PUBLIC WORKS/SOLID WASTE | 837,797 |
| LIBRARY | 157,067 |
| UNCLASSIFIED | 229,046 |
| EDUCATION | $8,147,799$ |
| DEBT SERVICE | $1,204,920$ |
| COUNTY TAX | 401,769 |
| HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES | 38,335 |
| BUSTINS ISLAND | 128,502 |
| ABATEMENTS | 25,000 |
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| TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | $13,346,527$ |

## ESTIMATE REVENUES

NON-PROPERTY TAX/TAX PENALTIES $\quad 580,900$
INTERGOVERNMENTAL 364,190
CHARGES FOR SERVICES 120,000
LICENSES AND PERMITS 131,600
FINES AND FORFEITURES 29,400
MISCELLANEOUS 8,000
EDUCATION
2,062,279
TOTAL ESTIMATED 3,296,369
AMOUNT TRANSFERRED FROM
UNDESIGNATED FUNDS
205,000
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION
9,845,158
TOTAL REVENUES
13,346,527
BE IT FURTHER ORDERED; That $\$ 88,350$ be approved for the Winslow Park Budget and that $\$ 7,400$ be approved for the Harb Cottage budget for the period of July 1, 1993 to June 30, 1994.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Winslow Park Capital budget of $\$ 9,500$ be approved.
MOVED AND SECONDED: To waive the second reading (Councilors Veilleux \& Bennett) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND: To add to Item \#121-93 \$345 under Appropriations, General Government and under Protection \& Enforcement, add \$4,500 and this will include Fire, Rescue, Police-Part-time and Dispatch-Part-time for a total of $\$ 4,845$ for the purpose of adding a 25 cent an hour raise. (Councilors Veilleux \& Bradley) ROLL CALL VOTE: (3 Ayes-Veilleux, Bennett \& Bradley) (3-Nays) Motion Failed.

MOVED AND SECONDED TO AMEND: to add a policy nature for access to the Abatements provisions under Appropriations which would be revenue neutral to the taxpayer. It would authorize the expenditure of an amount that is already appropriated for abatements be made available for low interest loans to people who qualify under the Elderly Assistance Tax Policy which the Council established earlier. (Councilors Bradley \& Nelson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays) The consensus of the Council was to update this issue in six months.

Item \#122-93 To consider action relative to transfers from fund balance to various reserve accounts.

BEIT ORDERED: That the following amount be transferred from Fund Balance into the following Reserve Accounts.

From Fund Balance To Reserve Account

| $\$ 50,000$ | Equipment Reserve |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 10,000$ | Building Maintenance |
| $\$ 15,000$ | Revaluation \& Equalization |
| $\$ 5,000$ | Community Survey |
| $\$ 35,000$ | Unemployment Compensation |

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That the Worker's Compensation Reserve Account be eliminated and the full balance in that account be transferred to the Unemployment Compensation Reserve Account

MOVED AND SECONDED: To waive the second reading (Councilors Ruff \& Nelson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That up to $\$ 10,000$ be transferred annually from the Unemployment Compensation Account to provide for Municipal Employee Unemployment Compensation Benefits. (Councilors Veilleux \& Nelson) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

NOTE: Effect on property tax rate: Expenditures - \$13,496,527-Deficit is $\$ 630,549$ which equals a 95 cent increase per thousand valuation or $6 \%$ increase.

Item \#123-93 To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Home Occupation. (Chapter 21)

Item \#123-93 BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for June 15, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Home Occupations.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies be made and distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office and the B. H. Bartol Library for inspection by citizens. (Councilors Ruff \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#124-93 To consider action relative to an appropriation for \$4,500 to provide for improvements to the Town Dock.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED; That 30 copies of the appropriation ordinance be made available for inspection by citizens. (Councilors Bennett \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#125-93 To consider action relative to an appropriation ordinance for $\$ 4,500$ to provide for repairs to the Fire Department Squad Truck.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for June 15, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed appropriation ordinance for $\$ 4,500$ to provide for improvements to the Fire Squad Truck.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies of the appropriation ordinance be available for inspection by citizens. (Councilors Bradley \& Nelson) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

Item \#126-93 To consider action relative to a transfer of funds from the FY 93 Municipal Budget's Miscellaneous and Contingency Account.

BE IT ORDERED:That $\$ 20,000$ be transferred from the Fy 93 Municipal Budget's Miscellaneous and Contingency Account to provide for unanticipated special education costs and unanticipated elementary school staff needs. (Councilors Nelson \& Veilleux) ROLL CALL VOTE: (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

## OTHER BUSINESS:

## 1. Discussion on providing a Library Building Security System.

Mr. Olmstead explained that the Library recently experienced a break in and a sum of money was stolen from their cash box. As a result, the Library has increased the frequency of depositing cash into the Town's bank account. While the amount was relatively small, a greater damage could have occurred. This is the only municipal building that does not have a security system in it. The lowest quote received to date is $\$ 1,165$ for a security sustem. Currently the Council Chair and Vice Chair is authorized to allocate that funds be taken out of the Contingency Account and simply notify the Council. Chairman Goddard indicated that he wanted to get a consensus from the Council. The Council's consensus was that a security system should be purchased.

MOVED \& SECONDED: That the Council authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to make a decision on the best offer that would provide what is needed for security at the Library. (Councilors Ruff \& Veilleux) (6 Ayes) (0Nays)

Chairman Goddard extended thanks to everyone involved in the budget process. He appreciates all the effort that everyone put in.

[^0]The foregoing was recorded by: Sharon Coffin



[^0]:    MOVED \& SECONDED; To adjourn. at 10:20 p.m. (Councilors Nelson \& Veilleux) (6 Ayes) (0 Nays)

