

SPECIAL FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING #02-2003

**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 8, 2003
12:00 P.M.**

Councilor Arsenault called the Special Town Council Meeting #02-2003 to order at 12:10 p.m.

Councilor Rod Regier	Present
Councilor Charlotte Bishop	Present
Councilor Richard DeGrandpre	Present
Councilor John Arsenault	Present

ITEM #02-2003 To consider action relative to scheduling a Special Election.

Councilor DeGrandpre asked if the sixty day period was a significant number. Manager Olmstead stated that this is the number of days mandated by the Town Charter.

Councilor Bishop moved that it be ordered that a Special Election be scheduled for March 8, 2003 for the purpose of filling vacancies on the Town Council in Voting Districts 2, 3 & 4.

Councilor Bishop moved that it be further ordered that nomination papers be available at the Town Clerk's office on January 9, 2003 and be returned no later than January 31, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

Councilor Bishop moved that it be further ordered that voting take place at the Freeport High School Gymnasium from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Regier.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Regier – Aye
Councilor Bishop – Aye
Councilor DeGrandpre – Aye
Councilor Arsenault – Aye

ITEM #04-2003 To consider action relative to the electing of an interim chairperson and an interim vice-chairperson for the Town Council.

Councilor Regier nominated Councilor Arsenault to be interim chairperson, seconded by Councilor Bishop.

There were no other nominations.

Councilor Regier moved that nominations cease, seconded by Councilor Bishop. 4 Ayes.

Councilor Regier moved that the nomination for the position of Interim Council Chairperson be accepted, seconded by Councilor Bishop.

Roll Call Vote:

Council Regier – Aye

Councilor Bishop – Aye

Councilor DeGrandpre – Aye

Councilor Arsenault – Aye

Councilor Regier nominated Councilor Regier to be interim vice-chairperson, seconded by Councilor DeGrandpre.

There were no other nominations.

Councilor Regier moved that nominations cease, seconded by Councilor Bishop. 4 Ayes.

Councilor Regier moved that the nomination for the position of Interim Council Vice-Chairperson be accepted, seconded by Councilor Bishop

Councilor Regier stated that there were a couple of minor items that the Town Council needed to address regarding internal Town Council Committees. He stated some of the issues could be put on ice and others needed to be addressed more immediately. In specific, issues that need to have a functioning Appointments Committee and Municipal Facilities Committee and he recommended that the four Town Council members all become members of each of these committees.

Council Regier moved that the Town Council consider an item not on the printed agenda, seconded by Councilor Bishop. 4 Ayes.

Councilor Regier moved that all four members of the Town Council be appointed to the Appointments Committee and Municipal Facilities Committee. Seconded by Councilor DeGrandpre. 4 Ayes.

Councilor Bishop volunteered to serve as chair of the Appointments Committee and Councilor DeGrandpre volunteered to serve as chair of the Municipal Facilities Committee. This met with the approval of all Council members.

Councilor Regier asked if there were any other items that needed to be addressed.

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Manager Olmstead stated that an item which was on last night's Town Council Agenda, Signing the Bond authorization for U.S. Route One Construction Project, which they were unable to get to last night needed to be addressed. He explained that the Town Council needed to sign this authorization. In response to a request from Councilor DeGrandpre, Manager Olmstead provided an overview of this issue, explaining that they needed to sign this bond authorization in order to protect the Town's roads if they are used.

Council Regier moved that the Town Council consider an item not on the printed agenda, seconded by Councilor DeGrandpre. 4 Ayes.

Councilor Regier made a motion that the municipal roads that may be used in the U.S. Route One Construction project be required to be bonded. Seconded by Councilor Bishop. 4 Ayes.

Manager Olmstead also informed the Town Council that a few weeks ago the Town began providing space on a bulletin board in the Town Hall to be used for advertisements for non-profit organizations and another for businesses. Some extremely inappropriate advertisements were put up on the businesses side and he recommended restricting use of these bulletin boards to Freeport businesses. It was agreed this could be handled administratively.

Councilor Regier moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., seconded by Councilor Bishop. 4 Ayes.

Recorded by

Johanna Hanselman

REVISED

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY – APRIL 2003**

- February 4 - Regular Council Meeting**
- February 25 - Regular Council Meeting**
- March 11 - Regular Council Meeting – Capital Budget Presentation**
- March 18 - Workshop: Capital Budget (Municipal Dept. Heads/School Committee/Administrators)**
- March 25 - Regular Council Meeting**
- April 1 - Regular Council Meeting**
- April 8 - Workshop: Budget Meeting with School Committee**
- April 22 - Regular Council Meeting**

