

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING #03-2003
FREEPORT TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
March 11, 2003-7:00 P.M.

<u>CHAIRPERSON'S CALL TO ORDER</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Interim Chair, John Arsenault, Prout Road	x		
Interim Vice Chair, Rod Regier, South Street	x		
Charlotte Bishop, Maquoit Drive South Freeport Road	x		
Rich DeGrandpre, Timber Ridge Road	x		

Interim Chair Arsenault called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: To waive the reading of the Minutes of Meeting #03-2003 held on February 4, 2003 and accept the Minutes as printed.

MOVED AND SECONDED: TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING #03-2003 HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2003 AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRINTED. (Councilors Regier & DeGrandpre) **VOTE:** (4 Ayes).

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS: That the Town Clerk report on the returns of the March 8, 2003 Special Election.

Bev Curry reported that a total of 1,084 ballots were cast representing 24% of registered voters from Districts 2, 3 and 4. Frederick White was elected Councilor of District 2 with 190 votes, Thomas Rumpf was elected Councilor of District 3 with 290 votes and James Cassida was elected Councilor of District 4 with 201 votes. 236 absentee ballots were returned which represented 22% of votes cast.

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the Town Clerk's Report be accepted. (Regier & DeGrandpre) (4 Ayes).

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILORS:

Town Clerk Curry swore in new councilors White, Rumpf and Cassida. Acting Chair Arsenault welcomed the new Councilors.

ROLE CALL OF NEW MEMBERS:

Charlotte Bishop
Rod Regier
John Arsenault

Rich DeGrandpre
Rick White
Tom Rumpf
James Cassida

To consider action relative to the electing of a chairperson and a vice chairperson for the Town Council.

MOVED & SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council Chairperson be accepted. (Regier & Bishop) (7 Ayes).

MOVED AND SECONDED: To nominate John Arsenault for the position of Council Chairperson. (Bishop & Regier)

MOVED & SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (DeGrandpre & Rumpf) (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That John Arsenault be elected Chairperson of the Town Council. (Regier & Bishop) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

MOVED & SECONDED: That the nominations for the position of Council Vice Chairperson be accepted (Regier & Bishop) (7 Ayes).

MOVED & SECONDED: To nominate Rod Regier for the position of Council Vice Chairperson. (DeGrandpre & Bishop) (7 Ayes).

MOVED & SECONDED: That the nominations cease. (Rumpf & Bishop) (7 Ayes).

BE IT ORDERED: That Rod Regier be elected Vice Chairperson of the Town Council (DeGrandpre & Bishop) **ROLL CALL VOTE:** (7 Ayes).

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS: Public Comment Period – 30 Minutes (Non Agenda Items Only)

MOVED AND SECONDED: That the public comment period be opened on Non Agenda Items only. (Councilors Regier & Bishop) (7 Ayes).

Russell Baker welcomed the new Councilors and suggested that they acquire a copy of the Town Charter and review it carefully. He hopes that Councilors will adhere to the policy outlined in the Charter and that they will seek public opinion on future items.

Chair Arsenault noted that an orientation will take place for all Councilors and the Council will welcome public input in the future.

Patrick Enking of the School Committee welcomed the new Councilors and added that the School Committee is looking forward to working with the Council during the budget review.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To close the public comment period. (DeGrandpre & Regier) (7 Ayes)

ITEM #24-2003 To consider action relative to accepting the March 11, 2003 Consent Agenda.

BE IT ORDERED: That the March 11, 2003 Consent Agenda be accepted.(Bishop & Cassida)

Councilor Regier asked about the Freeport Student Aspirations Program gift from L.L. Bean. Mr. Olmstead did not know how it is disbursed. He offered to get the information from the School Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #25-2003 To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Administrative Code concerning Planning Board reporting to the Town Council (Chapter 2).

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed amendment to the Administrative Code.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 7 and the Town's website. (White & Bishop)

Chair Arsenault explained the amendment regarding Planning Board reporting. Mr. Rumpf noted that a written report would be effective and efficient.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #26-2003 To consider action relative to proposed amendments to the Sign Ordinance concerning political signs (Chapter 23).

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss proposed amendments to the Freeport Sign Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 7 and the Town's website.(Cassida & DeGrandpre)

Chair Arsenault explained that this pertains to temporary political signs and Vice Chair Regier noted that he requested that this change be made and that timing needs to be clarified. He suggested making a change to the wording before setting the public hearing.

MOVED AND SECONDED: To add the words "and time" after the word "date" so that the last sentence under 3.2 reads: The Codes Enforcement Officer shall specify the date and time that signs can be placed on the Town railing on each sign permit application. (Regier & DeGrandpre)

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM 27-2003 To consider action relative to a proposed amendment to the Traffic & Parking Ordinance concerning creating a seasonal 48-hour parking zone at the Park and Ride Lot near Pine Street (Chapter 48).

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss a proposed amendment to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 7 and the Town's website. (Rumpf & Bishop)

Vice Chair Regier explained this amendment. It is all new language to be added to the Traffic & Parking Ordinance. Discussion followed. Genie Beaulieu noted what is happening there is not a problem and this amendment is for snow plowing and maintaining.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #28-2003 To consider action relative to adopting a Five Year Capital Plan and approving a Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

BE IT ORDERED: That a Public Hearing be scheduled for March 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the adoption of a Five Year Capital Plan and adopting a Fiscal Year 2004 Capital Budget.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: That 30 copies be distributed equally between the Town Clerk's Office, the Town Manager's Office and the Freeport Community Library for inspection by citizens during normal business hours and the notice be placed on Freeport's local cable channel 7 and the Town's website. (DeGrandpre & Bishop)

Mr. Olmstead explained what details would be discussed. Councilor Regier asked Mr. Olmstead to prepare a calendar for the operating budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

ITEM #29-2003 To consider action relative to the Town's intervention in the proposed water rate increase by Consumers Maine Water Co.

BE IT ORDERED: That the Town Attorney be instructed to file an intervention notice on behalf of the Town of Freeport in proposed rate increases by Consumers Maine Water Co. Docket #2003. (Regier & Rumpf).

Mr. Olmstead explained that the Water Company is requesting a +25% increase and this would cost the Town approximately \$40,000. Mr. Rumpf encouraged the Council to support intervening in this matter. Scott Keach, Water District Trustee, recommends that the Town intervene. The Trustees have voted to Intervene as well. Mr. Olmstead advised that Pat Scully will file papers on behalf of the Water District as well. The Town will work with the Trustees. Discussion followed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7 Ayes).

COUNCIL MEETING #04-2003
MARCH 11, 2003

Having time available before the 8 p.m. scheduled workshop, Mr. Olmstead explained to the new Councilors that the big blue book is the Town Code with 50 chapters. In the front cover is a copy of the Zoning Ordinance, a copy of the Town Charter and the Council's Rules and Procedures which it operates by. Councilors also have a copy of a monthly MMA Bulletin and also a MMA Legislative Bulletin.

The Council was asked to sign the ^{Liquor} Victuallers' Licenses.

Mr. Olmstead noted that the Municipal Facilities Committee needs to meet one more time to wrap up the lease on the Dunning Boat Yard.

Mr. Olmstead mentioned a grant application that has been submitted regarding regionalization of Cumberland, Falmouth, Freeport and Yarmouth. Councilors DeGrandpre and Arsenault represent the Town on this committee. Councilor Arsenault explained how this came into play some years ago. Cumberland is taking the lead on this now and is pursuing ideas for regionalization. The key point right now is dispatch. Councilor Arsenault suggested connecting a 5' wide trail system from town to town because of increased interest in biking and hiking. Councilor DeGrandpre advised that a chart has been put together showing costs for police protection. Discussion followed. Freeport's share of seed money was pledged at \$2,500 but no money has been spent to date. The money came from Miscellaneous and Contingencies.

Chair Arsenault referred to a Proclamation for Red Cross Month for March 2003.

Chair Arsenault advised that Councilors have every right to add items to Council Agendas. Items should be submitted to the Town Manager by noon on Tuesday of the week before the Council meets. The agenda will be available in draft form on the Wednesday before the Council meeting in the event changes need to be made. Mr. Olmstead noted that e-mail addresses will be used to e-mail the draft agendas to Councilors.

Council packets can be picked up at the Town Hall after 10 a.m. on Friday. Councilors Rumpf, White and Cassida asked that their packets be left at dispatch. Councilor Bishop requested that her packet be mailed to her home.

Chair Arsenault noted that the law is unclear as to how many Councilors can be together at one time. If only two meet at any one time, there would be no question if a legal meeting was held. If Councilors were attending functions such as a Fireman's Banquet, it would not pose a problem.

Adjournment

MOVED & SECONDED: To adjourn at 8:02 p.m. (Bishop & Rumpf)
(7 Ayes).

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Coffin

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Council Secretary



TOWN OF FREEPORT
Memo

MEMO TO: Dale C. Olmstead, Jr.
FROM: Johanna Hanselman
SUBJECT: Gould & Davis Trust Funds
DATE: February 19, 2003

During the quarter including the months of December 2002, January & February 2003 the following amounts were authorized for the Gould & Davis Trust Funds:

Gould Fund: \$2,248.04

Davis Fund: \$14.13

Number of Individuals Assisted: 15

Please place this item on the next Town Council agenda for their approval. Thank you.



Freeport Fire Rescue

Memo

TO: Dale Olmstead
FROM: Darrel Fournier *DF*
SUBJECT: Forestry Grant
DATE: February 24, 2003

In December, I applied for a Forestry Grant through the State of Maine Forestry Division. Freeport Fire and Rescue has been awarded \$1,500 for the purchase of Nomex Gear and Firefighter backpacks.

Once a check is received, I will move forward in securing the equipment with this grant money. There is a matching requirement for \$1,500 and I have this amount budgeted in this years' operating budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

DF:jmm



THIS CHECK CONTAINS MULTIPLE FRAUD DETERRENT SECURITY FEATURES

L.L. Bean, Inc.

Freeport, Me. 04033
Outdoor Sporting Specialties

Check Date: 01/28/03
Check Number: 1244760

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PAY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100

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****\$7,500.00

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OF

FREEPORT STUDENT ASPIRATIONS
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
17 WEST ST



Christopher J. McCreedy

Authorized Signatory of L.L. Bean, Inc.

Mark Harold

Authorized Signatory of L.L. Bean, Inc.

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Recommended Committee Assignments

Municipal Facilities: Richard DeGrandpre – Chair
Rick White
Tom Rumpf

Ordinance: Rod Regier – Chair
Jim Cassida
Tom Rumpf
Charlotte Bishop - Advisory

Appointments: Charlotte Bishop – Chair
John Arsenault
Rich DeGrandpre

Special Projects: Jim Cassida – Chair
Rick White
Charlotte Bishop

County Budget: John Arsenault

Winslow Park: Rod Regier

COG: Genie Beaulieu

