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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Frederick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Joseph Tito, Clerk, Susan Pimental and David Perry

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Executive Session: At 6:30p.m. J. Tito made a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21: (3) discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote – Vadnais – Aye; Perry – Aye; Pimental – Aye; Tito – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 5-0

Topics of Discussion: Collective Bargaining Police Unions & Litigation

1.0) Call to Order at 7:00p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants: 15-27A, Withholdings, \$18,021.43; Invoices, 15-28, \$85,235.67; Payroll, \$83,406.69. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release to meeting minutes from January 5, 2015. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0-1(Tito)

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: None

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter reported that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Senior Center starting at 7:00p.m.

The Town received notice from Governor Baker that Rehoboth will benefit from an increase in Chapter 90 Funding in the Amount of \$307,896 for a Total of \$923,689 annual for road repairs.

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Last week the Board approved setting the Annual Town Meeting Date to be Monday May 11th. Notice was sent to all Departments and a Press Release issued. A 1st Draft of the Warrant has been completed.

Budget sheets have been sent to all Departments which includes a revised budget schedule and submission date.

The Town received a copy of a Press Release from National Grid which cautioned residents from releasing sensitive account information this notice has been posted to the front page of the Town's web site.

There was Department Heads meeting last Thursday morning.

The Selectmen's Office has been contacted by several residents about the poor sound quality of the Planning, Conservation and Selectmen's meetings. Signs are now in place in front of the microphone reminding people to speak up.

The Town received a call from Dighton Selectman Patrick Menges who has invited the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen to meet with them as part of the quarterly meeting schedule. It was agreed that the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen will meet with the Dighton Board of Selectmen in Dighton on Wednesday, February 11th at 7:30p.m.

Zoning Bylaw Review Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 28th at 6:00p.m. in the Senior Center.

All easement documents have now been filed at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds regarding the temporary construction easements needs for the culvert repairs at the Wheeler Street Bridge. The release of the bid documents and advertising by Mass Department of Transportation should take place in a couple of months.

Also, filed at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds is a gift of land approved at the Annual Town Meeting at 215 Molton Street. J. Ritter will prepare a letter of thanks.

Finally, on Thursday, February 5th Town Counsel and Dean Harrison from the Neighborhood Corporation will be meeting to discuss initial lease terms for the former Anawan School.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Review FY16 Budget Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments: The Board reviewed the list of liaison assignments. The purpose of the liaison assignments is it help department with their budgets and at Town Meeting as needed. There were no revisions.

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Action Item #2: Vote to Approve and Sign Chapter 90 Project Request for \$19,600 for Design, Permitting & Engineering for Pleasant Street Culvert Project: J. Tito made a motion to table this matter. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve and Sign Agreement with GPI, Inc. for Engineering Services for Pleasant Street Culvert Project: J. Tito made a motion to table this matter. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor Licenses Applications for Bristol County Firefighters Association & South Seekonk Gun Club: J. Tito made a motion to approve and grant an All Alcohol One Day Liquor License to the South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on the following dates:

Alcohol Sale Date: February 6, 2015
Transportation of Alcohol Date: February 5, 2015 and February 7, 2015

Alcohol Sale Date: March 6, 2015
Transportation of Alcohol Date: March 5, 2015 and March 7, 2015

Alcohol Sale Date: April 3, 2015
Transportation of Alcohol Date: April 2, 2015 and April 4, 2015

Alcohol Sale Date: May 1, 2015
Transportation of Alcohol Date: April 30, 2015 and May 2, 2015

Alcohol Sale Date: June 5, 2015
Transportation of Alcohol Date: June 4, 2015 and June 6, 2015

The authorized hours of sale are from 6:00p.m. until midnight. Restrictions include that the firing range will be closed during the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and grant a One Day, Wine & Malt, Liquor License for the Rehoboth Call Firefighters Association for an event to be held at the South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on January 17, 2015 from 6:00p.m. until 12:00 midnight. Transportation of alcohol on January 16, 2015 until January 18, 2015. Restrictions are that the Fire Range will be closed during the sale of alcoholic beverages. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Accept Resignation of Ryan Brule as a Police Officer Effective January 3, 2015: J. Tito made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Brule with regrets

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effective on January 3, 2015. Second, S. Pimental. J. Tito asked J. Ritter to prepare a letter of thanks for the Board to sign.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for Board of Selectmen \$275.00: J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52121 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Town Office Building Electric by \$275.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52128 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance – Annex Electric by \$275.00. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Appoint Lawrence Skelton to Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency (REMA): S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Lawrence Skelton to REMA per the request of REMA Director Bill Maiorano effective from January 12, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Appoint Thomas Nerney to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee: J. Tito made a motion to appoint Thomas J. Nerney to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee (replacing Bill McDonough) effective January 12, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Amend Form 43 for MFB Foods, Inc. dba Rehoboth House of Pizza Approved on November 24, 2014: J. Tito made a motion to approve and amend a vote taken on November 24, 2014 and to sign ABCC Form 43 for MFB Foods, Inc. dba Rehoboth House of Pizza for an “Alteration of Premises” application removing unit 2 from the liquor licensed premises and to include a “Complete Description of Licensed Premises,” form to include the square footage of the unit being licensed for the sale of alcohol and to further include in this box that “the licensee is renting two units, but only unit #3 is licensed to serve alcoholic beverages.” Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Richard Panofsky was present and requested that the Highway Department paint a line on Peck Street. This would help those not familiar with the area while exiting the Town Hall parking lot. There was no objection from the Board. J. Ritter will contact the Highway Department to see when it could be scheduled.

He will present a report from the Animal Control Advisory Committee in a week or so.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: J. Tito stated the election season is now upon us and he announced that he did not intend on running for another term on the Board of Selectmen. He encouraged residents to participate in local affairs.

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M. Costello stated he was pleased with the new increase to the Chapter 90 funding for roads. He asked about the poles that are now at South Station. Chief Barresi was present and explained that they are part of scheduled training exercise for firefighters working in and around electric wires and transformers.

M. Costello noted that he signed a letter this evening to Mary-Joe Perry, MassHighway District 5, Director regarding the much needed improvements to the Rt. 44 and Rt. 118 intersection. He asked that J. Ritter stay on top of the project and keep the Board informed as more information comes in.

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36p.m.
Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

1/29/15