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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, October 19, 2015**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry and Gerald Schwall, Members

**Also Present:** Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:33p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21A (3) discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or 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;\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Police/Highway/Clerical Contract Negotiations Discussions as needed

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Costello – Aye; Perry – Aye; Voted 4-0

**Call to Order at 7:15p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-15A, \$25,168.14; Payroll: 16-16B, \$76,248.12; Invoices: 16-16, \$60,281.63. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** none

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Bill Dalpe on behalf of Rhode Island Muzzle Loaders Club is having a 2<sup>nd</sup> annual turkey shoot, sponsored by Dick’s Sporting Goods, food pantry benefit at 12 Plain Street. It is very safe and inexpensive from 10am – 2pm.
- Troop 13 will be collecting for food pantry on 11/2 at Special Town Meeting
- The next Board of Selectmen’s Meeting will be on 10/26 7pm at Senior Center.

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**Town Administrator's Report:** Helen Dennen

Sheriff's Office work crew came to Town Offices on Friday and began with power washing building in preparation for painting Town Offices. Painting should be starting on Wednesday.

I have prepared motions for Special Town Meeting and sent to Jay Talerman for his review.

Next week's meeting we will go over warrant for 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting with Cute & Schwall.

Marc Zawatsky will give update on Landfill Solar Project; Dean Harrison of Women's Development Group will present info to Board of Selectmen on Anawan School project.

We are in the process of mailing out all the license renewals for 2016.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 Baker APR**

Christine Chisolm of Department of Agricultural Resources was present as an advisory if any questions should arise.

The Town of Rehoboth has been notified per a "Notice of Proposed Acquisition" that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting thru its Department of Agricultural Resources, proposes to purchase an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on farmland with the Town of Rehoboth known as the Baker property. S. Pimental reads page 2 of 4:

In compliance with G.L.c.7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by Kenneth M. Baker and consists of parcel(s) located at Locust Street in the Municipality of Rehoboth and Swansea as approximately represented on the attached map and survey plan. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily used for hay, corn and pasture in support of a dairy and beef operation.

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Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws (Chapter 184, Sections 31), and the Regulations of the Department (330 CMR 22.00 et seq).by, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

Board of Selectmen vote on reducing the 120 day notice period to 60 days.  
Motion made by S. Vadnais to approve reduction of notice to 60 days for APR for Baker property, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #2 Animal Advisory Committee**

Animal Advisory Committee is requesting approval from the Board of Selectmen for:

1. A professional evaluation of the Town Animal Shelter facility and operation
  - i. Approval to expend up to \$600 from the Animal Welfare Fund for personal costs related to evaluation
2. To establish a Volunteer Coordinator Position
  - i. Unpaid position
  - ii. See process for appointment outlined in letter from Animal Advisory Committee

S. Vadnais stated that they made some broad proposals and what does Board of Selectmen think on item #2 first? G. Schwall stated make sure go to Personnel Board to make sure that they review all drafts of job description. Jane Foster asked if she has any say in matter? G. Schwall said she should work with Personnel Board and come up with a good candidate. G. Schwall stated get 2 -3 candidates to present in front of Board for an interview and to be appointed. Motion made by G. Schwall to allow Animal Advisory Committee to move forward as proposed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental. All Vote 5-0

S. Vadnais moves on to discuss item #1, after speaking with Dr. O'Connor she agrees with expending up to \$600 for costs related to shelter evaluations. Jane states there is \$25,000.00 in Animal Welfare Fund.

Motion made by S. Vadnais to approve spending up to \$600 of the Animal Welfare Fund to provide the evaluation service, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Perry All Vote 5-0

•S. Vadnais mentions to have Animal Advisory Committee get this rolling and monitor this process.

•G. Schwall thanks Animal Advisory Committee for putting this together and it will be a great help to Jane.

**Action Item #3: Electric Aggregation Plan Representative**

The Board of Selectmen and Helen discuss designating one of the Board members as well as Helen because a potential date for open bids Helen is out of town. The Board of Selectmen agrees that if she is not available to go to Taunton to sign one of the Selectmen will. Motion made by S. Pimental to allow one of the Board of Selectmen to represent Rehoboth on the day of the open bids to sign if Helen is not in town 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Schwall All Vote 5-0

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Motion made by S. Pimental to designate Helen if open bids are after the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Perry All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #4: Resignation**

Vote to accept resignation of Matthew W. Habershaw as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Matt's current term was to expire on 6/30/16.

S. Pimental reads his letter of resignation:

"It is with deepest regret that I resign my position as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately. A multitude of conflicting commitments necessitates that I withdraw from the Board.

Please know I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the Zoning Board of Appeals these few years.

I look forward to continuing to support the mission of the organization. I look forward to seeing your many future accomplishments."

Motion made by S. Pimental to accept the resignation of Matthew W. Habershaw. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All vote 5-0

**Action Item #5: Purchase & Sales Agreement**

Per Special Town Meeting Warrant Article #5 the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign Purchase and Sales Agreement between the Town and owner of two parcels of land off Plain Street. Agreement has been signed by seller.

Jay Talerman's office prepared Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Motion made by S. Pimental to approve and sign Purchase & Sales Agreement in the amount of \$45,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #6: Hawker & Peddler's License**

Benjamin Kutcher a representative of Solar City wants to be able to go door to door to offer solar energy at no cost you just pay for power produced. He stated that he is a roof top scout and sees if the house looks like it gets lots of sun then makes an appointment if the home owner is willing and someone comes out to evaluate your roof.

M. Costello asked that he not bother residents too early or during dinner. B. Kutcher states he works only during day to be able to see roof. S. Vadnais asked if he had a vehicle clearly marked with business and he stated yes and he will be carrying an identification on him. M. Costello added that he has to be registered with the Police Department also and watch out for residents dogs. S. Pimental asked how long have you been with Solar City and B. Kutcher states, 14 months and I have always been going door to door; before this I was in New York and New Jersey.

Motion made by S. Vadnais to approve Hawkers & Peddler's License effective 10/19/15 – 12/31/15 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental All Vote 5-0

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**4.0) OPEN FORUM:**

Jane Foster states we still have 30 dogs still unregistered. A lot of them do not have numbers for us to call them if they are lost at night. I have also sent out numerous letters. S. Pimental suggests putting it on the Rehoboth scroll. Send out final notice with a 30 day max to register. G. Schwall asks if they don't have a license why release the dog? Board of Selectmen agree if dog is not registered do not release dog to family if you pick it up. M. Costello said Jane you must enforce this.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**10/19/15 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** none

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** G. Schwall thanked everyone for their care and concerns for Jennifer and Derek

**Perry:** none

**Pimental:** none

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48p.m.  
Second, S.Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 1/11/16

