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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, October 5, 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 6:01p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21A (3) To 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;(6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;*

Topics of Discussion: Collective Bargaining Discussion Re: Clerical Union Contract Negotiations; Legal Issues; Grievance; Land Purchase*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Costello – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais - Aye
Voted 5-0

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 16-13A, \$23,335.91; Payroll: 16-14B, \$76,766.24; Invoices: 16-13*, \$224,207.28; Invoices: 16-14, \$163,397.62. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes 9/28/15 were approved by a motion made from Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry All Vote 5-0

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3.0) Open Forum & Announcements:

- **Lion's Club 15th Annual Recognition Night Banquet** will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Hillside Country Club starting at 6:00 pm social hour and dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$30.00. The lions club has invited the Board of Selectmen as guests.
- Note: Nominations were due by September 19th – we received notice on September 28th
- Jim Muri representing Troop 13 will hold a food drive at Special Town Meeting and donate items to Rehoboth Food Pantry
- Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at Senior Center at 7 pm.

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen

- The Dighton Selectmen have invited the Board of Selectmen to a meeting for Wednesday, November 4th at Dighton Town Hall. Selectmen Costello, Selectmen Vadnais and Selectmen Perry will be attending. I will post a notice.
- This morning we had a meeting with Dean Harrison for Anawan School Project: Selectmen Vadnais and Selectmen Perry were present – discussion regarding wells/septic/layout of facility. They will be providing a full report for your information.
- Landfill – see attached
DPU has approved Rehoboth Municipal Aggregation Plan in an email. They will be putting out mailers and information about the program for the citizens. The next step is to go to bid.

Planning Board Meeting 7:15pm

On a motion made by Jim Muri to open meeting All - Aye.

Jim Muri presents to the Board that they want to Amend their bylaw.

On sight visits there has been substandard work done as to the screening of loom and poles being an eye sore. So this does not happen again. For anyone in the future who wants to put in a photovoltaic array, we will make it crystal clear of what is expected. There will be absolutely no room for misunderstanding and that's what is in this warrant article and you have all seen this. This is additional language to be added to the bylaw. If anyone is interested in a copy, I have the original Bylaw and the additional language to be added. Selectmen Costello: I thought we had cleared this up, we had a long meeting about this screening. I drive by Tremont Street and I don't see the screening that should be up. Jim Muri: The developer that is on Tremont Street is cooperating with us and developing a land scape plan. The one on Summer Street is a bit more problematic. Thank God we have a bond on that property that allows us to put in screening and

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fencing. We can hold that bond if the owner refuses to work with us and we are investigating that right now. We are also reviewing our application because members of the board and the developer have found holes and certain things left out, like what size trees, when to plant them, how to take care of them and things like that. We are also going to make them post a short bond for two years. The one big change we will be requiring a ground switch gear to be installed at ground level so it's not an eye sore. Selectmen Schwall asked about the one pole that they do need to put in and why? Selectmen Costello: The only thing that will be on that pole will be three wires, no transformer, or big box of anykind. Bertozzi read part of the new language for article: The granted authority may, at the applicants expense engage the services of a registered landscape architect in order to create a landscaping, screening plan facility which satisfies this bylaw. Bertozzi: This way we have the control to have someone do the job right. Jim Muri: we also hire the engineer at their expense and they follow our protocol and plan making sure it meets all the Town requests. Selectmen Perry : When you give the special permit you do it by an approved plan excepted by you and you have an order of conditions you must follow up on. Is this different because it gives the applicant what is expected right from the beginning. Muri: Yes, it's codifying everything so it is clearer for the applicant. The clearer something is the better it ends up.

On a motion made by Planning Board Member Chris Cooper 2nd by Bob Moitozo the board approves the bylaw as drafted by LeeAnn Bradley All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall with discussion* to accept the bylaw as drafted by LeeAnn Bradley All Vote 5-0

* Selectmen Schwall: Is this article what you have? Muri: I don't know what you are looking at but it is the one dated 10/5/15. Selectmen Schwall: All I ask is that if the wording is way different to get it to the Moderator in advance so he has time to review it. He is the one that has to get up there and explain the changes.

The Planning Board motioned to adjourn meeting All – Aye

•Wednesday October 21, 2015 is the Planning Board Public Hearing and you are all welcome to attend.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Animal Advisory Committee

Animal Advisory Committee and Animal Control Officer, Jane Foster, present to review and discuss Volunteer Plan as submitted by Jane Foster.

SEE ATTACHED:

Selectmen Schwall: What I saw was a lot of rules not a policy to implement a volunteer program at the shelter. I believe rules are definitely a component of that, people need to be safe, people need to be instructed on what to do. But I feel that this was definitely not an implementation plan from what I saw. This policy, from what I understand, was borrowed from a much larger city (New Haven). How does Connecticut law apply to Mass General Laws. One of the key elements is that we have a volunteer coordinator who reports to the ACO, Jane Foster, and would also have input from the Animal Advisory Committee on how to put together a more

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comprehensive volunteer program for presentation to the Board of Selectmen for action, would be my suggestion. Selectmen Vadnais: I agree and the Connecticut plan does not match up with Mass General Laws. What I would like is the Board of Selectmen to be involved in the selection process of the Volunteer Coordinator and put it out there and advertise that we are looking. Then with input from the Animal Advisory Committee and Jane Foster we make a decision. There is a vagueness on how this will be accomplished and I feel the ACO and Animal Advisory Committee should be there to assist us in developing a job description; what the position will do, what is expected of the person, etc. Then we can move ahead with the process. Richard Panofsky: We are meeting tomorrow and it is on the agenda. I feel I get something to you fairly quickly. Selectmen Costello: I know this position needs rules for safety reasons but we also have to make this enjoyable for the person, not getting paid for this position. Too many restrictions make the volunteer, not want to volunteer. We need to make it so the volunteer wants to be helpful. Selectmen Vadnais: We have nothing to vote on tonight until we meet to review the new volunteer job description.

Action Item #2 Appointment for Sealer of Weights & Measures

There was a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry to appoint Raymond White as Sealer of Weights & Measures effective 10/5/15 – 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3: Library Payment

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais, 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to approve payment of \$53,757.50 to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the second installment for the support of the Blanding Library All Vote 5-0

Action Item #4: 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Vote to sign 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Schwall to approve and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 5-0

•Discussion: Selectmen Schwall explains that if you enroll as an Independent you will only be able to vote on the Independent Party Ballot. People are getting confused and thinking it is the same as Unenrolled; who can vote on any Party Ballot. When you register to vote no one can ask you, are you sure that's how you want to register, because it is a violation of the law. They need to educate themselves on the difference before registering.

5.0)OPEN FORUM:none

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
10/5/15 Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: none

Vadnais: I would like to refer to Selectmen Perry to go over the meeting we had today with Dean Harrison regarding the water at Anawan Building

Schwall: none

Perry: We had a very good meeting with Dean. We went over the water situation at the Anawan School. There are no problems that can't be solved. There is adequate water on site, we have a couple of wells that can both be worked or they can be expanded.

Pimental: none

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Second, Selectmen Perry. Voted 5-0

Michael R. Costello, Chairman

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved

