

**Town of Rehoboth-Rehoboth Board of Selectmen-Minutes of Regular Session Meeting on November 16, 2015 at Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center** **Page 1 of 4**

Present: Chairman Costello, Selectman Perry, Selectman Pimental, Selectman Vadnais, (absent- Selectman Schwall), Gene Campbell, Susan Taylor, Chuck Procopio, Rebecca Smith, Wayne Taylor, Bill Carmichael, Michael McBride, Maureen Whittemore, Ron Whittemore, Mike Deignan, Helen Dennen and others.

Chairman Costello called the meeting together at 6:00 PM

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, it was voted by roll call vote to enter Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21: (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. Topics of Discussion: Patrolman Contract; REPAC vs TOR

Roll Call vote: Perry aye; Pimental aye; Vadnais aye; Costello aye.

**1.) Chairman Costello called the regular meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Business for Discussion:**

**WARRANTS:** 16-19A Withholdings \$25,493.26; 16-20 Invoices \$3,850,099.97; 16-20B Payroll

**MINUTES:** None

**Announcements:**

**Electric Aggregation Program** – Selectman Pimental attended the bid opening on 11/10/15 in Taunton. The rate per kWh for electricity supply will be fixed for 24 months at \$0.0949/kWh and will result in a savings of approximately \$80 for the average user.

The next regular Selectmen's Meeting will be held November 30, 2015 at the Senior Center at 7 PM.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Interim Town Administrator Dennen updated Board on following items:

- ✓ On Wednesday, 11/18/15, the Building Department will be closed—both the Building Inspector and Office Administrator will be attending a seminar.
- ✓ Community Electricity Aggregation program to purchase electricity in bulk is in process of being implemented in Rehoboth. Rate will be .949¢ per KW. Residents of Rehoboth will soon receive information in the mail regarding participation in the program—all residents will automatically be enrolled in this program. Letters should go out next week and will be very clearly marked as being from the Town of Rehoboth. There will be a form to opt out of the program if you wish to stay with National Grid or another supplier with which you may have a contract. Informational cards are available at locations in Town such as the Town Offices, library, senior center. Rates will be effective with the first meter reading in January and will be reflected on the February billing. Residents may elect an additional 5% green energy at an additional cost of .028¢ per KW.
- ✓ Meeting with Don Backlund and Mark Cuddy of our insurance company on 11/23/15 to receive our insurance policy binder for FY2016 and go over any outstanding issues.
- ✓ License renewals are coming and will be on the next few agendas.
- ✓ New copier is due to be delivered sometime next week.

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- ✓ We are working on gathering information for our new website from all departments and any committees and/or boards that have a webpage. Anyone who has not provided info should do so as soon as possible.

**Action Item (1) Hornbine School Association**

Cathy Potter of the Historical Commission stated that most of the volunteers who ran the Hornbine School program had retired. Cathy had spoken with Jeff Ritter and our Town attorney about a license agreement between the Town and the new Hornbine School Association to keep the school operating. At that time they did not have any new volunteers but now did, and would like to move forward with drafting the license agreement. The Board was in agreement to allow the Historical Commission to contact Town Counsel going thru Helen Dennen to prepare the license agreement and then come back before the Board with license agreement for signing.

**Action Item (2): Antiquarian Society Request to Use Town Equipment**

Rebecca Smith and Wayne Taylor, on behalf of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, came before the Board to request use of the Forestry bucket truck to paint the flagpole in front of the Blanding Library. The request had the approval of Tree Warden Johnson.

The Board, on a motion by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, , voted to approve use of Forestry equipment provided Rob Johnson oversees the work and that the work is to be performed only by Town employees. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (3): Cultural Council Artists Reception & Exhibit**

Maureen Whittemore and Sheila Oliveira of the Cultural Council came before the Board to discuss hosting an Artists Reception and Exhibit June thru July at the E. Otis Dyer Barn where Rehoboth artists could exhibit their art work. Ms. Oliveira will serve as the curator of the exhibit. Ms. Whittemore asked if Town Counsel could review the Gallery Contract to be signed by the artist.

On a motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Pimental for discussion, it was voted to approve the request to allow the Cultural Council to contact Town Counsel for review of the Gallery Contract noting our concerns with the Town's liability to damage or stolen works of art. Vote 4-0

**Action Item (4): Comcast Payment**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to accept check from Comcast in payment of Franchise Fee (PEG funding) for period 7/1/15 thru 9/30/15 in the amount of \$56,402.67. Vote 4-0

**Action Item (5): School Advisory Finance Committee**

Per request from Dr. Azar, Superintendent of Schools, for appointments to the Advisory Finance Committee pursuant to the Regional Agreement Section X.D – Advisory Finance the Board, noting that two members are to be from the Rehoboth Finance Committee.

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On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to appoint Finance Committee member George Solas to the Advisory Finance Committee effective 11/16/15 thru 6/30/16. Vote 4-0

On a motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was vote to appoint Michael McBride to the Advisory Finance Committee as the citizen member effective 11/16/15 thru 6/30/16. Vote 4-0

**Action Item (6): Appointment of Election Workers Richard & Carolyn Panofsky**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to appoint Richard J. Panofsky and Carolyn P. Panofsky as Election Workers Democrat Inspector Precinct 1 effective 11/16/15 thru 10/31/16. Vote 4-0

**Action Item (7): Reappointment of John Santos as Building Commissioner & Zoning Officer**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to reappoint John Santos as Building Commissioner and Zoning Officer effective 11/19/15 thru 6/30/18. Vote 4-0

**Open Public Forum:**

Richard Barrett announced Blues for Schools concert to benefit repairs to the DR auditorium would be held on November 28, 2015 starting at 7:30 pm doors open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$26.50 and can be purchased on Blues website.

**Selectmen's Reports: None**

**Recess:** Board on a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Vadnais voted to recess at 7:24 p.m. to await Board of Assessors for posted 7:45 p.m. Tax Classification Hearing.

**Action Item (8): 7:45 PM Board of Assessors Tax Classification Hearing**

Board of Assessor members Gene Campbell, Susan Taylor and Chuck Procopio came before the Board to recommend we maintain a single tax rate for Rehoboth.

On motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Pimental, it was voted to maintain a single residential tax rate and to approve the Gateway LA-5 submission. Vote 4-0

It was noted that Gene Campbell has served the Town for 41 years and is up for re-election in April.

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**Adjournment:** On a motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Pimental, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Michael R. Costello, Chairman

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Dennen

Approved by BOS on: 11/30/15