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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Chairman, Michael Costello; 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 6:00p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; and (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real 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:** Police Contract Negotiations; Landfill Lease

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

**Call to Order at 7:20p.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 16-25A, \$109,426.30; Payroll: 16-26B, \$76,666.83; Invoices 16-26 \$225,928.66. Selectman Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** none

**3.0) Open Forum & Announcements**

•Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer, states that she picks up a lot of cats without collars. No one calls me to see if I have your cat, they think that the coyotes got them. I have a nice cat now that wants to go home.

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•The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting is Monday, January 11, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

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

- ✓ Meeting with Brenna Gimler of Backlund Insurance, on 1/5/16 to introduce us to MyWave Connect which will provide our office with resources pertaining to areas of Personnel management including compliance forms, notices, disclosures, safety manuals, employee handbooks, safety and wellness programs, employee newsletters/posters. I have told Dave Scanlon about it also, so he can attend.
- ✓ Laura, Derek and I will participate in an administrator's training session on the new website this coming Wednesday. This will show us how to make changes to the home page.
- ✓ I would like to remind anyone who has questions about the new electricity program in Town, to access website <http://masscea.com/> -- On this site you will find an extensive FAQ section. Feel free to call the Selectmen's Office with any questions you may have and there are also phone numbers you can call.

**4.0) New Business**

**Action Item #1: Report of the Animal Advisory Committee**

Chair Richard Panofsky and Nancy Pupulo present: Chairman Costello; I received the volunteer form and you made sure you went through all the right channels. The Personnel Board and Helen had some comments and you took care of them. Selectmen asked Selectmen Schwall if he had an opportunity to review the changes made to lifting and he said yes. Selectmen Schwall also stated that you can't have two bosses, the volunteer needs to report to the Animal Control Officer.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to accept the job description as amended by the Personnel Board All Vote 5-0

Richard Panofsky; update: We did interview three applicants, two of which wish to share the position. At the next Board of Selectmen's meeting we will present our recommendations as far as strengths and weaknesses. Jane Foster will independently give you her assessment. Chairman Costello: Is Jane included in the interview process. Panofsky: Yes she asks questions and we ask questions. Chairman Costello: Nancy how do you think it is going. Nancy: I think it's going good. Panofsky: We have been working on the feral cat issue and we are hoping you can look at it and give us some feedback or direction. Chairman Costello: I think we should bring this back up on the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Panofsky: We have been working with a lot of experts on this and getting some good advice. Costello: We will have you back here at the next meeting for more discussion on this matter. Schwall: Has the Animal Control Officer been involved in these discussions. Panofsky: Yes. Jane has also helped us understand this issue better and working with us so that we are all on the same page. Costello: I think at the next meeting Jane should be sitting here with the Committee so that we can hear her concerns and feedback as well. Schwall: I think if there are any issues try to work them out before the next meeting. Panofsky: The

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Committee does not meet until the 12<sup>th</sup> so we will bring the information to that next meeting. Vadnais: We will use the next meeting as an informational meeting with nothing to vote on. Thank you Richard and Nancy.

**Action Item #2: Reserve Fund Transfer**

Selectmen Schwall recused himself from action item #2

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve and send to Finance Committee the request for transfer from the Reserve Fund from the Town Clerk, Laura Schwall, for \$387.00 into Line # 011613-58100 Town Records All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Appointment to Cultural Council**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Vadnais the Board voted to appoint Desire G. Palmer to the Cultural Council effective 12/28/15 thru 6/30/18 All Vote 5-0  
And this comes with a recommendation from the Rehoboth Cultural Council.

**Action Item #4: MEMA Grant**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Costello to sign contract for \$3,220.00 for FY2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant for REMA. All Vote 5-0

This grant will be used to purchase a response trailer to store emergency supplies needed during incidents and events.

**Action Item #5: Horlbeck Resignation from CPC**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to accept Werner Horlbeck's resignation as a member of the Community Preservation Committee effective 1/1/16. 2<sup>nd</sup> with great regret Selectmen Schwall All Vote 5-0

Werner's term was to expire 6/30/18. Selectmen Schwall: I would like to thank him for all his services and dedication he has given to the Town. Chairman Costello: Thank you Werner.

**Action Item #6: Appointment to Water Commission**

Selectmen Vadnais recused himself from action item #6. On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to appoint Patricia A. Vadnais to the Water Commission to fill the term vacated by Walter Munroe effective 12/28/15 thru 4/4/16 the next Town Election All Vote 4-0

The Board of Selectmen was able to vote without calling joint meeting since the vacancy was past 30 days per MGL Chapter 41. The Board thanks Patricia for stepping forward.

**Action Item #7: 2016 License Renewals**

**See Attached Sheet**

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**Action Item #8: 2016 ABCC Liquor License Certification**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry is was voted to sign ABCC2016 Renewal Certification form “certifying that the premises described in the 2016 renewal applications for the Town of Rehoboth are now occupied, used or controlled by the licensee and will be on January 1, 2016” All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #9: Lockhart Land Purchase**

Selectmen Pimental: What is this for? Chairman Costello: Plain Street land. Helen Dennen: Lori Lockhart has been on vacation and has not been in to sign.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Pimental is was voted to approve and sign the acceptance of the Deed contingent upon Lori Lockhart signing All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #10: Release Chapter 61A Parcels**

Conservation and Planning have recommended the Town waive their right to purchase. Agcom voted to leave it to the Selectmen’s judgement.

On a motion made by Selectmen Schwall 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry is was voted not purchase properties at 297 Winthrop Street and 45 Summer Street All Vote 5-0

**5.0)OPEN FORUM: none**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**10/13/15 Selectmen’s Reports:**

**Costello:** during Executive Session Meeting the Board extended Helen Dennen 6 more months as Town Administrator & also Happy New Year and greatest holidays

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** ditto to Selectmen Pimental

**Perry:** none

**Pimental:** Happy , healthy, prosperous New Year

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

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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

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved on 2/22/16

