

Town of Rehoboth-Rehoboth Board of Selectmen-Minutes of Regular Session Meeting on February 5, 2015 (re-scheduled from 2/2/15) at Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center

Present: Chairman Costello, Selectman Perry, Selectman Pimental, Selectman Vadnais, Bill Dalpe, Sue McBride, Helen Dennen and others. *Absent: Town Administrator Jeff Ritter*

1.) Call to Order: 6:15 PM

Chairman Costello called the meeting of the February 5, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Call to Order: 6:15 PM

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to enter into Executive Session per MGL 30A §21(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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. Topic of Discussion: Collective Bargaining Clerical; REPAC vs. TOR/BOS, et al & REPAC vs. Ritter.

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

1.) Call to Order: 7:25 PM

Chairman Costello called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:25 p.m. There was a moment of silence in memory of Assistant Town Clerk of Seekonk.

Business for Discussion:

WARRANTS: 15-30A Withholdings \$53,965.24; 15-31 Invoices \$33,013.60; 15-31B Payroll \$83,878.25; 15-31V Veterans \$15,345.55

MINUTES: Selectman Pimental made a motion to approve the 2/10/14 executive session BOS minutes, seconded by Selectman Vadnais (Vote 4-0).

Open Forum:

Jane Foster has made a new sign for shelter and asked BOS if she could attach to Town Hall sign on Peck Street below Town of Rehoboth, BOS approved her request.

No Town Administrator's Report presented.

Action Item (1) DR Regional School District Agreement

Discussion with Fincom Members Regarding Alternate Funding Options Relative to the Proposed Revisions to the Regional School District Agreement.

S. Vadnais stated it was a dual assignment to review and update current agreement into 2015, 90%-95% is done. It will be going out for public comment shortly but before it goes out to public S. Vadnais will make a presentation to Bill Dalpe and to FinCom Members and bring the BOS up to date page by page what the changes are for their input then it will go out to public for their input. Phase two was discussed on alternate arrangements for payments, how were we going to make assessments. We have one town Rehoboth that cannot afford to do more than the minimum and we have another town Dighton that expends greater than the minimum. How do we divide up the money that comes in from the State. S. Pimental stated we pay more per student to attend school. First time alternate method was discussed

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Chapter 70 will be divided by student population but wealth formula will stay in place. Sue McBride proposed once each town satisfied it's minimum each town should pay whatever the town's costs were above the town's own minimum. That would be the way the excess would be divided between the two towns. S. McBride suggests getting rid of 40-60% split. Both towns have to be in agreement. S. Pimental states Regional Agreement only discusses costs not revenue and that is the problem. B. Dalpe agrees the cost should be the same per student for both towns. Rehoboth is paying \$8400, Dighton is paying \$7200. S. Vadnais states it is due to seniority of staff and classroom size. M. Deignan states the way we are doing it now is we are subsidizing Dighton K-8 because they 'allegedly' have been doing it wrong. S. Pimental states she doesn't know what to believe anymore. S. Pimental states we have always treated it as three separate budgets until last year. S. Vadnais, we are a complete region and we don't operate that way. S. Pimental questioned, why would the School Committee Members vote to change the way the budget assessment was and lose 1.8 million dollars from the budget? M. Deignan had asked how many Dighton children K- 8 go to Rehoboth and how many Rehoboth children K – 8 go to Dighton and the answer was none. We don't operate as a Regional district: why is the K – 8 budget being grouped together and as a tax payer in Rehoboth we are being forced to subsidize Dighton. Why did it change last year to the detriment of Rehoboth, S. Pimental questioned? Dighton will not take on a burden of paying more. The BOS questioned how this was voted on and the ratio of school committee members in Dighton vs. Rehoboth. B. Dalpe states we were forced into something we couldn't afford so let's go forward to change that. Statutory method favors Dighton, S. McBride proposed to school committee; we take all five schools together pay all Chapters, split money 40/60. Rehoboth would pay \$954,000 less and Dighton would pay \$954,000 more. A committee member from Dighton said absolutely not. We need to move forward and try to get this done before elections so the citizens can vote on this issue. G. Sammis proposed we put together an alternate method as well as a statutory method, best for both towns, so that people have a choice. M. Deignan proposed we go back to the way it used to be so that each town be responsible for their own K – 8 and for the high school we separate money according to student population from each town. How are we going to split the revenue that the district gets? Chapter 70 follows the student and we have 60% of the student population so we should get back 60%. We pay 54.65% of transportation, so we should get back 54.65%. We would need more information of how other reimbursements are met and are for such as (charter, Medicaid, Medicare part B, etc.). M. Deignan agrees we should an Alternative Methodology used with the Statutory to propose to the School Committee. It has to be a unanimous vote from both towns to go through to town meeting. S. Vadnais agrees we will put together alternate and statutory methods and meet again before going in front of town for input.

Action Item (2): Animal Advisory Committee

S. Vadnais states reason for this meeting is the revised Chapter 140 went from a single paragraph into a multiple page document. It is on the Dog Catcher Law has made vast changes. S. Vadnais has been in contact with J. Ritter, Jane Foster, and Dr. O'Connor Veterinarian of the Commonwealth. Shelters are now under the supervision of the State Animal Welfare Organization. Dr. O'Connor says we need to codify our policies and put things in writing. R. Panofsky, Animal Advisory Committee Member acted on 4 policies given and 2 motions were made:

1st was to adopt an Adoption program so that more animals are adopted

2nd was to have an expanded Volunteer program to help with the shelter and animals

A behavioral evaluation must be met for all animals in shelter.

R. Panofsky states that this doesn't mean it hasn't been done, he is reviewing some policies that need to be met and enforced.

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3rd was Euthanasia policy - to try and save all animals with euthanizing as a last resort. 4th is a Transfer policy- moving animals to a different shelter or organization when it offers an animal a better choice. For the adoption policy the shelter will have open houses allowing potential adopters to interact with the animals. The shelter will aid in the socialization of the animals to maintain its adoptability. The adoption policy needs to be implemented and R. Panofsky asked the BOS for the help in doing this. The Volunteer Policy is very important for many reasons: helping with fostering, socializing the animals, etc.

S. Vadnais asked BOS if they had any questions regarding policies and stated Dr. O'Connor happy with Euthanasia Policy and how long animal stays in system was a greater concern. Dog control officer should be looking for placement no more than 3 days and should not hold an animal for more than 7 days as this approaches the confinement period allowed.

M. Costello asked if the Committee can put a full policy document together for the Board of Selectmen to review. S. Vadnais says we have to show the State what we have come up with as far as policies and implementing them. D. Perry asked is it possible to add amendments to these policies at a later date so that we are not jumping too fast at writing these policies. S. Vadnais says yes but the four policies brought up here are not to be changed. D. Perry asked if the state inspects to see that we are in compliance and S. Vadnais answered yes and they can come at any time. Jane Foster stated that she is a state inspector and works with Glen Harris and a lot of agencies and gets the animals fostered or adopted quickly. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the four policies at the next meeting.

Action Item (3): Pleasant Street Signage Request

Edward Percucetti of Pine Street and Steve Sammis Pleasant Street: Percucetti states there is no doubt people speed but it has gotten tremendously worse. South bound on Pleasant St. near Middlebrook Country Club there is a dangerous curve where drivers have been ending up in the stone wall of Country Club or his retaining wall. He asked BOS for signage before curve to hopefully avoid a more serious accident. M. Costello stated speed signs don't slow people down. He proposed asking Highway Dept. for a dangerous curve sign and some arrows. S. Sammis suggested a three way stop sign at Pierce and Pleasant, M. Costello disagreed. M. Costello stated traffic will be awful for Pierce Lane residents. S. Sammis requested stop signs at Salsbury & Pine, Hillside & Pine, and Walker & Pine because these are three dangerous areas. S. Sammis claims education and signage reinforcement is the key. He states some residents don't think the law applies to them. S. Vadnais drove by the areas and agrees in the danger and feels town should put signage accordingly. M. Costello will talk to the Highway Dept. Superintendent about placing signs. S. Vadnais motioned to approve signage, 2nd by S. Pimental All Vote 4-0

Action Item (4): Amend ABCC Annual Report

Vote to Approve and Sign 2014 ABCC Annual Report.

S. Pimental motions to approve 2nd by D. Perry All Vote 4-0

Action Item (5): Job Descriptions

Vote to approve and sign job descriptions for the Veteran's Service Officer and COA Director positions as submitted by the Personnel Board.

Motion made by D. Perry to approve; 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Action Item (6): Holy Ghost Auctioneers License

Vote to approve One Day Auctioneers License to Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity

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for dates 8/15 & 8/16/15 to be used at 43 Broad Street for their Annual Feast.
S. Pimental motions to approve license 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Action Item (7): One Day Entertainment License

Vote to approve applications from Joseph Ferrini, Tuff Scramblers for One Day Entertainment Licenses for 5/16/15 & 10/17/15 for an annual running event at 20 Francis Street. Helen Dennen extended dates for transfer of liquor 5/15/15 & 5/17/15, 10/16/15 & 10/18/15.

Hours for license requested are 8 am to 5 pm for use of amplification system.

S. Pimental motions to approve license 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Discussion for parking went to Parks Commission and is in compliance.

Action Item (8): One Day Malt Liquor License

Vote to approve applications from Joseph Ferrini, Tuff Scramblers for One Day Malt only Liquor Licenses for 5/16/15 & 10/17/15 for annual running event at 20 Francis Street. Hours for license requested are 8 am to 5 pm.

Motion made by S. Pimental to approve license 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Action Item (9): Rehoboth House of Pizza Liquor License

Vote to issue Wine & Malt Restaurant Liquor License to MFB Foods, Inc. dba Rehoboth House of Pizza, 503 Winthrop St, Unit 3(only) effective 2/2/15 thru 12/31/15 per approval of the ABCC on 1/20/15 of his application for Alteration of Premises to Liquor License 1020-0041.

Motion made by S. Pimental to issue Wine & Malt Liquor License 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Action Item (10): Budget Amendment

Vote to approve the following budget amendment:

Acct. No. 011873-52148 Dept. BOS Fac. Maint. Annex oil. Increase \$300.00

Acct. No. 011873-52141 Dept. BOS Fac. Maint. TOB Oil Decrease \$300.00

Motion made by S. Pimental to Approve amended budget 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Acct. No. 012112-51140 Dept. Police Dispatcher Wages PT Increase \$113.56

Acct. No. 012112-51520 Dept. Police Dispatcher Wages Holiday Decrease \$113.56

Motion made by S. Pimental to Approve amended budget 2nd by S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

Open Public Forum: None

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: People who have contractors plow their driveway have them push snow off road not on roadway. We had two serious events on both Wheeler and French Streets. It's a public safety issue. There is a bylaw that fines \$25.00 per incident for putting stuff onto roads. We will go after home owner not contractor.

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We have \$66,000.00 left in budget with two snow storms coming that will deplete fast and we also have a problem with Morton Salt Co. We did get a load today with persistence but hopefully we resolve the issue. The State has become involved because Morton has not been holding up to their contracts and supplying towns and cities with salt.

Vadnais: Highway Dept. to check out corners on Rt. 44 and High School because visibility is not good due to high snow banks.

Pimental: We need to put Public Safety Building on the next meeting agenda. The roof is leaking and ceiling is caving in. M. Costello stated that it will be put on next meeting agenda.

Perry: A number of people approached me saying town did a good job snow plowing and a number of people saying we could have done better. Kudos to the Highway Department. Please don't throw snow onto the street when shoveling; it takes just as much effort to put it onto your property. When roads have been cleared drivers don't expect it and could be a hazard. The town is working hard, residents should help out too by keeping it on property.

Adjourn: Motion made by S. Vadnais to adjourn meeting at 8:45pm 2nd by S. Pimental All Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway

Approved by BOS on: 11/30/15