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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Joseph Tito, Clerk; David Perry; and Susan Pimental

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

1.0) Call to Order at 7:00p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants: 15-35A, Withholdings, \$25,403.18; Payroll: 15-36B, \$115,806.63; Invoices: 15-36, \$28,313.97; and Snow Removal, \$42,692.24. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2015. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0-1 (Tito)

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements: Frank Barresi, Fire Chief was present and reminded the Board about the upcoming Fireman’s Ball. Anyone interested can contact him for tickets.

M. Costello announced the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015 starting at 7:00p.m. at the Senior Center.

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter will start work on preparing an RFP or auction of 248 Anawan Street.

The Board agreed to meet with the Police Patrolmen on Monday, April 13th for Contract discussions.

The Wheeler Street Bridge project is now out to bid and is now officially a Mass DoT project and the Town’s role has ended except payment of the last invoice.

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The following message was received from John M. Hutson, President, Anawan Club, “Due to weather delays the drawdown of the Anawan Reservoir will resume March 9, 2015. This notice is to remind the public that any ice that has developed or continues to develop on the Reservoir remains unsafe and is no to be trespassed on. Signs to this effect have been installed at common access points.”

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #3: Discussion with Dr. Gross of Bristol Plymouth Regional School District Re: Fy16 Budget: Dr. Gross was present and stated the proposed budget is a minimum contribution budget. Enrollment number has clearly increased. The Capital Stabilization account has been established, there is also an additional financial burden of approximately \$300,000 to fund teacher/non-teacher retirements which has to be paid to the Commonwealth. Bristol Plymouth does not plan to pass along these bills to the communities.

S. Pimental asked if the line item identified as “instruction” includes all teachers. R. Gross stated yes. J. Tito asked about the Chapter 70 allocation. R. Gross stated the formula is based on a community’s ability to pay, inflation rate, and other adjustments made by the Commonwealth. R. Gross asked for support from the Board.

The Board endorsed the FY16 budget for B-P.

Action Item #1: 7:15p.m. Pole Location Public Hearing on Joint Petition from Verizon & Mass Electric for Placement of One New Pole on Williams Street: J. Tito made a motion at 7:15p.m. to open the Public Hearing. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 5-0

A representative from Verizon was present and explained the project. The request is to replace an existing pole with a new pole #1091S on Williams Street approximately 125 feet easterly from Anawan Street (Rt. 118).

It was noted that all abutters have been notified and there were no objections from the Town departments upon review. There were no public comments either pro or con heard from the public. S. Vadnais made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve the placement of a replacement utility pole at the existing location of the pole with a new pole #1091S on Williams Street approximately 125 feet easterly from Anawan Street (Rt. 118). Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: 7:20p.m. Pole Location Public Hearing on Petition from Mass Electric for the Placement of One New Pole on Peck Street: J. Tito made a motion at 7:20p.m. to open the Public Hearing. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 5-0

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A representative from National Grid/Mass Electric, Michael Parent, was present and explained the project. New service is being provided at #97 Peck Street for a new home under construction. This would be a new pole and service connection.

It was noted that all abutters have been notified and there were no objections from the Town departments upon review. There were no public comments either pro or con heard from the public. J. Tito made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and allow National Grid to install a new 40 foot P4078-51 on town property to provide electricity to house #97 which is across from the existing pole line. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: FY16 Budget Reviews:

Fire Department: Frank Barresi, Fire Chief was present. He Chief reviewed with the Board the areas he thought needed budget increases. He has worked closely with his Finance Committee budget liaison.

M. Costello asked if there were any capital items. The Chief stated two (2) front line pieces of apparatus needed replacement, Tanker #2 and a pumper. It was agreed that both items would go into the Special Town Meeting Warrant as standalone articles. The Chief noted that one of the vehicles might get funded through a federal grant and he should know that before the start of Town Meeting.

The Board had no further questions for the Chief.

Highway Department: Michael Tyler, Acting Highway Superintendent was present and provided a summary of his FY16 budget requests, including capital requests. He is asking for two (2) new truck drivers at about \$41,000 each annually. George Solas from the Finance Committee was also present and assisted in the overall budget presentation.

G. Solas compared Rehoboth to other similar Towns in the area in terms of total miles of roadways to maintain, square miles, number of employees. M. Costello stated the Board supports the department. M. Tyler provided a summary of the budget increases.

A discussion about the use of road salt during winter events continued. It was noted that surrounding Towns use road salt but due the protection of private wells a decision was made several years ago by the Board of Selectmen not to use road salt.

The Board had no further questions for the Acting Highway Superintendent.

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Selectmen's Budgets: The Board reviewed the following budgets with J. Ritter. Board of Selectmen, Selectmen's Office, Town Administrator, Contracted Services, Telephone, Town Counsel, Computer Maintenance, Stormwater Agent, Facilities Maintenance, Town Reports, Sealer of Weights and Measures, Other Tuition, Municipal Lights, Gasoline, and Insurance.

The Board had no further questions for the Town Administrator.

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: \$300 Board of Selectmen, \$1,000 Board of Selectmen, \$5 Board of Selectmen, and \$555 Board of Selectmen: J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 014273-54120 Board of Selectmen Gasoline Town Vehicles/Diesel by \$300.00 and to increase budget line item 0014273-52429 Board of Selectmen Gasoline Town Vehicles/Repair by \$300.00;

to decrease budget line item 011253-52910 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services/Custodial by \$1,000 and to increase budget line item 011253-52930 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services/Snow by \$1,000;

to decrease budget line item 011873-52140 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance – Shelter Oil by \$5.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52410 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance – Shelter/Repair by \$5.00; and

to decrease budget line item 011873-52412 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance – Senior Center Repairs by \$555.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52418 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Annex Repairs by \$555.00.

Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Incur Deficit Spending for Invoices Snow & Ice for \$43,011.32 for a Total Deficit of \$104,735.10: J. Tito made a motion for the Board to vote to authorize payment of invoices totaling \$43,011.32 for snow and ice removal which will result in a total deficit of \$104,735.10. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Review of May 11, 2015 Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles Received to Date: The Board reviewed both Warrants and J. Ritter provided an update on recent additions.

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Municipal Aggregation Documents: J. Tito made a motion to approve the "Petition for Approval of Municipal Aggregation Plan," documents pursuant to a review and approval by Town Counsel. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion: The documents will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office for public review and inspection. Voted 5-0

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Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Zoning Bylaw Amendments for Kennels & Vote to Forward to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing: Richard Panofsky, Chairman of the Animal Control Advisory Committee was present and submitted two (2) Warrant Article for the May 11, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and provided an overview of the intent of the two (2) articles.

J. Tito made a motion to approve for inclusion into the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and refer to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing, two (2) articles as submitted by the Animal Control Advisory Committee. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Pimental stated that it is important for departments to build reports based on spreadsheet data collected over the fiscal year and to use that information during their budget presentations. J. Tito cautioned there is a lot of melting snow in the roads and on roofs and residents needed to be careful. M. Costello stated he had concerns about the potholes on Rt. 44 and District 5 should be contacted.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator
Approved 4/7/15