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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MAY 18, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL***

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and Michael Kennefick

1.1) Call to Order at 6:00p.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: 15-45A, Withholdings, \$23,343.18; Payroll: 15-46B, \$86,675.24; Invoices: 15-46, \$64,811.70; Refunds 15-46R, \$29,857.17. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2015. Second, G. Schwall. Voted as amended 5-0

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements: M. Costello stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at the Senior Center.

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter provided an update regarding the status of the Wheeler Street Bridge reconstruction project. The Commonwealth has delayed the bidding of the project but through the intervention of State Representative Steve Howitt it appears the project is nearly back on track.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Vote to Approve a Request from the Friends of the Rehoboth Animal Shelter to Place Signs in Town for Yard Sale: S. Pimental made a motion to grant permission to the Friends of the Rehoboth Animal Shelter to place signs for their annual yard sale to be held on Saturday, June 13th at various locations in town and to have those signs removed at the conclusion of the yard sale. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

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Action Item #2: Vote to Appoint Susan McBride to the Finance Committee Effective May 18, 2015 Through June 30, 2015: S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Susan McBride to the Finance Committee effective May 18, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Authorize the Hire of Part-Time Seasonal Employee for Forestry Department: S. Pimental made a motion to hire Brian McKearney to work on a part-time temporary seasonal basis with the Forestry Department with no benefits at less than twenty (20) hours per week. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Regular Budget Amendments & Special Year End Transfers: (Assessors \$9.72): S. Pimental made a motion pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 33B to approve and to forward to the Finance Committee for action the following Special Year End Transfer:

to decrease budget line item 011413-57110 Board of Assessors (Mileage) in the amount of \$9.72 and to increase budget line item 011412-51120 Board of Assessors Full-Time Wages in the amount of \$9.72. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Application for Common Victualler's License for Rose Ferreira-Zia, Rosie's Market, LLC to be Used at 61 Plain Street: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and issue a Common Victualler's License to Rose Ferreira-Zia, dba, Rosie's Market, LLC to be used at 61 Plain Street, said license to expire on December 31, 2015. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License Applications for Young's Caters for Use at Country Gardens: S. Pimental made a motion to grant the following One Day Liquor Licenses to Carol Marcil, Young's Caterers, Inc. for the following dates:

May 23, 2015	4:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)
May 24, 2015	5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)
May 30, 2015	4:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)
June 4, 2015	4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. (Retirement Party)
June 6, 2015	4:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)
June 13, 2015	5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)
June 27, 2015	1:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (Wedding)

Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

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Action Item #7: Report of the Animal Advisory Committee: S. Pimental made a motion to accept and take under advisement the Report of the Animal Control Advisory Committee. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #8: Budget Amendment Police Department (\$5,636.27): J. Ritter recommended that this item be tabled until next week due to a mathematical error the Department will need to resubmit the budget amendment. S. Vadnais moved to table the matter. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #9: Budget Amendment Dispatchers (\$2,264.84): S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012112-51120 Dispatcher Wages Full-Time in the amount of \$2,264.84 and to increase budget line item 012112-51140 Dispatcher Wages Part-Time in the amount of \$2,264.84. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #10: Budget Amendment Dispatchers (\$3,949.68): S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012112-51310 Dispatcher Wages Full-Time in the amount of \$3,949.68 and to increase budget line item 012112-51120 Dispatcher Wages Over-time in the amount of \$3,949.68. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #11: Chapter 90 Reimbursement: Wheeler Street Bridge: J. Ritter recommended that this item be tabled until next week. The reason is the Town Accountant has the documents and has not yet signed off on them. S. Pimental made a motion to table this item until next week. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Action Item #12: Vote to Accept Comcast 1st Quarterly Payment: \$42,868.73: S. Pimental made a motion to accept the first quarterly payment from Comcast in support of local programming and local access broadcasts in the amount of \$42,868.73. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

4.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

5.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: G. Schwall asked about the minimum values to be placed on the vehicles to be sold at auction.

M. Costello stated the Mechanic looked at the vehicles as did a scrap deal and values were place on those vehicles. Cars at \$140 per ton, a car is approximately two (2) tons so those values should be around \$200.00 per vehicle.

G. Schwall asked if the old Animal Control truck could be used by the local access staff to transport equipment around.

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S. Pimental made a motion to allow the local access staff to use the vehicle with the associated costs to be paid for from Town funds. The manager would be required to bring any repair requests before the Selectmen for approval before repairs would be made. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0-1 (Schwall)

S. Vadnais stated that the Board needs to hear a summary and report from the Animal Control Advisory Committee after Town Meeting. This matter will be placed on the next Agenda.

S. Pimental reported she had a conversation with the Bristol County District Attorney regarding the status of the REPAC litigation. On the criminal matters, the District Attorney said he would look into the matter of setting a date. He would also speak with Assistant District Attorney Bromberg who is handling the case.

G. Schwall said there was a small fire on the Fire Department's tanker truck and we can anticipate an insurance claim. Also, we need to be very careful when purchasing new equipment to make sure the vehicles meet all Massachusetts standards.

S. Vadnais made a motion to assign the Fire Department's liaison work to G. Schwall. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

D. Perry reported the students from Bristol County Regional Technical High School were at the Senior Center last Thursday to scope out the required work needed to get the freezer up and running. There will be a cost to maintain the freezer.

D. Perry noted that he and G. Schwall went to 25 Mason Street with the Animal Control Officer for a kennel inspection and the site visit went well.

G. Schwall said he observed a lot of healthy animals and the five (5) freedoms were being demonstrated. S. Pimental asked if the dogs were in the barn? G. Schwall stated some were inside and some were outside. He noted the ones outside were under a very large tree which provided shade for the dogs.

S. Vadnais said it was not really a matter of animal health but the number of dogs on the property and if there were facilities and staff to support the animals? G. Schwall said based on his observation there were forty-seven (47) dogs on the site and the facilities and staff appeared sufficient to support the operation. However, the final determination is up to the Animal Control Officer.

S. Vadnais said it is good to have a fresh set eyes to observe the situation and the Board needs to set very clear expectations for the Animal Control Officer we must ensure the Town complies with GL Chapter 140.

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M. Costello said we now have two (2) volunteers to serve on the I/T Committee and asked J. Ritter to follow-up with the number of openings.

6.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

7.0) RECESS TO TOWN MEETING: S. Pimental made a motion for the Board to recess its meeting to attend Town Meeting. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24p.m. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved on 5/28/15