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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MAY 26, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental (Arrived at 6:21p.m.), Clerk; and Gerald Schwall

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: David Perry

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:00p.m. G. Schwall made a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining session or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and (3) discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation; and (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Second, S. Vadnais. Roll Call Vote – Vadnais – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 3-0

Topics of Discussion: BlueWave Capital, LLC Lease Amendment, Cichocki/Hwang vs. Rehoboth, Collective Bargaining Police Patrolmen Union Contract Dates

1.1) Call to Order at 7:19p.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: 15-46A, Withholdings, \$115,388.58; Payroll: 15-47B, \$88,665.78; Invoices: 15-47, \$107,911.87. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2015 as amended. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

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M. Costello noted he board voted in Executive Session to approve and hold for release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2015.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements: M. Costello stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Monday, June 1, 2015 at the Senior Center.

Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer was present and informed the public that a rabid raccoon was discovered last week on New Street. Residents should be aware of this and not to encourage wild animals. She stressed the importance for residents to license their dogs. S. Vadnais stressed the Town will pursue legal options, this is a very serious public health issue. Town Clerk, Laura Schwall confirmed there are over three hundred and fifty (350) unlicensed dogs in Town.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported provided the board with an update regarding the Wheeler Street Bridge project. The original bid opening date was in early May. However, when he followed- up with MassDoT it was learned the bid opening was pushed out until July 23rd.

After contacting State Representative Steve Howitt he was able to get MassDoT to revisit the schedule. Now the bids will be opened on June 23rd with the Notice to Proceed expatiated down to nine (9) days vs. the normal ninety (90) day period.

The Public Safety Building Space Needs Assessment Committee will be meeting next Wednesday evening, June 3rd at 4:00p.m.

There was a kick-off meeting with FEMA last week with various department heads. All data is to be submitted to Edward Hill, at FEMA within two (2) weeks.

The Board was invited to the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School graduation on June 6th at 4:30p.m. The ceremony will be held at the football field. G. Schwall said he would attend that event.

The Board has been invited to the graduation ceremony at the Bristol Agricultural High School on Thursday, June 4th at 7:00p.m. S. Vadnais said he would attend that event.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Pole Location Hearing Holmes Street: At 7:31p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, S. Vadnais. Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 4-0

M. Costello reviewed the joint petition from Verizon and Massachusetts Electric to place one new pole on Holmes Street approximately seven hundred and thirty three (733) feet easterly from Rocky Hill Road.

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M. Costello invited Berry Maffing from UCS, and agent representing Verizon/Mass Electric to come before the Board and provide a project overview. B. Maffing explained the need for the installation of a new pole in the area of pole #1197S this would eliminate the need for the exiting tree guy.

M. Costello asked if there were any comments from the public. None was heard.

S. Vadnais made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the Petition and to authorize the placement one (1) pole on Holmes Street per the request and Petition received from Verizon on April 6, 2015. Further, it is recognized that the vote is pursuant to a positive recommendation by the Tree Warden, and Acting Police Chief. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Discussion Re: Rt. 44 & Rte. 118 Intersection Project with Representative from Mass DoT District 5 & Regional Planning Agency: Paul Mission, Transportation Planning Manager, with the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District and William Travers, Assistant Project Development Engineer, with MassDoT District 5 was present.

W. Travers stated Mass DoT received a letter from the Board of Selectmen in January and there was a project meeting at the District Five Offices on March 20, 2015. Staff met with State Representative Steve Howitt, J. Ritter and other transportation officials. The meeting this evening is the next step in understanding the level of public support for the redesign and reconstruction of the intersection

M. Costello noted there is a serious need for turning lanes and a realignment of the intersection. There have been scores of accidents at that location because drivers do not understand how to proceed.

George Solas was present said the issue is the right hand side of the traffic lanes and asked if lines would assist drivers to understand where they need to go?

Richard Panofsky added the traffic lanes are currently crooked and the entire intersection needs realignment. In order to make it safer for pedestrians and drivers a like.

State Representative Steven Howitt was present and added that funding was proposed and supported by State Senator James Timilty and himself. However, given the state of the current budget situation funding could be delayed. He asked about the timeline.

W. Travers said it would take a minimum of three (3) years for the project to reach construction. S. Howitt noted there is a lot of state owned property within the right of way.

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P. Mission said as of 2008 the intersection ranked among the top one hundred (100) most dangerous in Plymouth and Bristol Counties, or within the Regional Planning District's area of coverage. Crash analysis data is above the state average. As a funding alternative the Town should consider participating in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). It is important to attend meetings and to Shepard your projects through.

W. Travers said it is important to hear from business owners within a five hundred (500) radius of the intersection. J. Ritter will prepare a letter to be mailed tomorrow in anticipation of the July project meeting at MassDoT.

Action Item #3: Vote to Authorize the Hire of a Part-Time Dispatcher for the Police Department: Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta and Sarah Jeffrey were present. The Acting Chief explained to the Board that S. Jeffrey had completed all of her training and it is his recommendation for the Board to hire S. Jeffrey as a part-time dispatcher. S. Jeffrey is now ready to work by herself at the dispatch center as a part-time public safety dispatcher.

S. Pimental asked if the Acting Chief had the money in his budget to pay for this new part-time employee. J. Trombetta stated that he had the money in his budget.

S. Pimental made a motion to hire S. Jeffrey on the condition she successfully completes a pre-employment physical and completes a six (6) month probationary period. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Discussion Re: Review Scope of Services for Owner's Project Manager for Landfill Solar Project: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the scope of Services for the Owner's Project Manager and the landowner's representative for the landfill solar project and all related installation work to be completed by BlueWave Capital, LLC. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Issue Bid Documents for Salt Shed Block Foundation: Michael Tyler, Acting Highway Superintendent was present and reviewed the salt shed project with the Board. Last year this project went out to bid and the results were around \$460,000 by bidding the project in a phased in approach, the block foundation being the first phase with a lot of the work being completed by Highway Department personnel this should drive the project price down considerably.

Contractors have to be pre-qualified for anything over \$50,000. G. Schwall asked if the wages for the Highway Department personnel doing some of the work were eligible for Chapter 90 reimbursement. M. Tyler stated only the overtime.

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S. Pimental made a motion to issue the bid documents for the block foundation. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #6: Highway Update on Chapter 90 Resurfacing & Stone Sealing: Michael Tyler, Acting Highway Superintendent was present and reviewed with the Board the streets to be resurfaced and the streets to be stone sealed.

S. Vadnais asked why Old Chestnut Street were on the list. M. Tyler said the Highway Department has sustained damage to equipment especially during last winter with same damage to a vehicle and a broken windshield. The street was never properly accepted at Town Meeting.

S. Vadnais asked if simply grading the road would solve the problem. He noted that only one resident lives on Old Chestnut Street and suggested the matter be tabled for a week until the Fire Chief has had the opportunity to assess any accessibility issues.

M. Tyler said paving Old Chestnut Street would be a better long term solution. He also offered to double chip seal the road as another alternative.

G. Schwall asked about the extra money that was received from the Commonwealth. M. Tyler said that is currently being used to patch and crack seal some streets. Those funds will be expended by the end of June.

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the recommendations of the Acting Highway Superintendent with the exception of Old Chestnut Street which will be reviewed and discussed again next week after the Board receives input from the Fire Chief. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for Wheeler Street Bridge Project: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for the Wheeler Street Bridge Project in the amount of \$93,008.07. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

S. Vadnais asked M. Tyler to fill in the pot holes at Barney Avenue and Rt. 6.

Action Item #8: Vote to Appoint John Santos to the Public Safety Building Assessment Needs Committee: S. Pimental made a motion to appoint John Santos to the Public Safety Building Assessment Needs Committee for a term from May 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015 to fill the position vacated by Thomas Nerney. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Action Item #10: Vote to Approve & Authorize Chairman Costello to Sign Contract for \$1,500 for the 2014-2015USDOT/HMEP Grant: William Maiorano, Emergency Management

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Director was present and reviewed the grant application for a replacement lap top and other office e related supplies.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and to authorize Chairman Costello to sign MEMA 2014-2015 USDOT HMEP Grant Contract in the amount of \$1,500 for the Rehoboth Local Emergency Planning Committee. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

W. Maiorano took a moment to remind the Board of the upcoming table top exercise on Tuesday, June 16th registration is from 12-1:00p.m. and the drill is from 1:00p.m. until 4:00p.m.

Action Item #11: Vote to Approve One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License Application for Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the application for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Robert G. Lockhart, Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, for an event to be held at 165 Providence Street, on June 6, 2015 for the sale of alcohol (June 5th and June 7th for the transportation of alcohol); July 25, 2015 for the sale of alcohol (July 24th and July 26th for the transportation of alcohol); September 19, 2015 for the sale of alcohol (September 18th and September 20th for the transportation of alcohol). Authorized hours of sale on the dates above 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. The Gun Club will not be operational during the hours of sale. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #12: Vote to Approve an Application for a Common Victualler's License for Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the application for a Common Victualler's License from John W. Skurchak, dba Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc. from May 26, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for use at 116 Winthrop Street. Second, S. Vadnais. . Voted 4-0

Action Item #13: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: Fire, \$397.22; Fire, \$278.17; Police, \$914.04; Building Department \$2,544.09 and Vote to Approve Special Year End Budget Amendments: Board of Selectmen, \$1,000; Building Department \$248.29 and Council on Aging \$766.22: S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line items 12203-54500 Fire Station Supplies by \$15.90 and 12203-57120 Fire Hotels/Meal by \$381.24 and to increase budget line item 12203-52430 Fire Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance by \$397.22. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 12203-57310 Fire Dues \$278.17 and to increase budget line item 12203-52430 Fire Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance by \$278.17. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 12052-51910 Police Compensation Uniform Allowance by \$914.04 and to increase budget line item 12052-51920 Police Compensation Training by \$914.04. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

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S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012411-51110 Building Inspector Salary Full Time by \$2,544.09 and to increase budget line item 012411-51130 Building Salary Zoning Officer by \$2,544.09. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 33B and to forward to the Finance Committee for action the following budget amendments: to decrease budget line item 013933-56660 Board of Selectmen Other Tuition in the amount of \$1,000.00 and to increase budget line item 011953-53000 Board of Selectmen Town Reports in the amount of \$1,000.00. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012411-51110 Building Department Salary Full time by \$248.29 and to increase budget line item 012413-57110 Building In State Mileage by \$248.29. Second, G. Schwall. Discussion: G. Schwall asked if there was back up reports detailing the mileage. J. Ritter stated yes and it was available. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 015412-51140 Council on Aging Salary Part-Time in the amount of \$766.22 and to increase budget line item 015411-51110 Council on Aging Salary Full-Time in the amount of \$766.22. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Confirm Animal Control Officer Have Been Provided With a Copy of “Animal Control Core Competencies Handbook:” S. Vadnais asked Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer if she had received a copy of the handbook, “Animal Control Core Competencies.” J. Foster confirmed that she had received the handbook. G. Schwall noted there is a twelve (12) hour mandatory training required of all Animal Control Officers and an additional eighteen (18) hour requirement unless the ACO has attended an equal number of certified courses. J. Foster said her certificate for the additional training hours is in her personnel file. The Board requested a copy.

The Board also acknowledged that the Assistant Animal Control Officer Rob Johnson had received a copy of the Handbook and that he would have to be trained as well.

G. Schwall made a motion that the Board certifies that on May 21, 2015 Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer and on May 20, 2015, Rob Johnson, Assistant Animal Control Officer both received a copy of the “Animal Control Core Competencies Handbook.” Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #14: Vote to Approve a Request from Holy Ghost Brotherhood to Access Town Roadways for Annual Procession on August 15 & 16, 2015: G. Schwall made a motion to allow the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to access Town of Rehoboth roadways on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at 6:00p.m. for approximately one (1) hour and on Sunday, August 16, 2015 for approximately one (1) hour at 12 noon. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion: G.

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Schwall said it was his understanding that the Massachusetts State Police requested the Memorial Day Parade to be rerouted off of Winthrop Street. S. Vadnais said the State Police are looking more closely at the closing of State road; however, rarely reject requests for parades or processions for patriotic or religious purposes. Once the application is approved by the Board of Selectmen it will be sent to MassHighway for a permit. If there is a problem they will address it.
Voted 4-0

Action Item #15: Review & Update Current Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments: The Board reviewed the liaison list for each Selectman to each department, board, committee, or commission. M. Costello provided a revised list to J. Ritter. This item will appear on a future Agenda.

Action Item #16: Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Follow-Up: M. Costello stated that he thought everything went smoothly. The Board agreed.

5.0) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Laura Schwall, Town Clerk said she consulted the Annual Town Report and confirmed that the part-time dispatchers are not appointed.

Tish Vadnais asked how much it costs to pave a mile of road. M. Costello said approximately \$7,000. T. Vadnais asked why the one person who lives on Old Chestnut Street can't pay to maintain the road. M. Costello said that was done for many years but they are no longer able to do that.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Pimental stated it was great Memorial Day Parade the dedication of the Memorial was wonderful and it was great to see everyone there. She also thanked the students at B-P for coming up with a solution to the freezer at the Senior Center.

G. Schwall said Memorial Day was a nice day for Rehoboth. He thanked Major General Kevin McBride for de-conflicting his schedule in Rhode Island and providing the keynote remarks during the Veteran Memorial dedication and to Jack Taylor for doing an excellent job as the Master of Ceremonies. It was very moving to watch those in attendance connect or reconnect with family. He also recognized Ted Rouse who does so much for the community as is most recently demonstrated by the design of the Veterans's Memorial.

He also wanted to recognize Hillside Country Club and Selectman, Susan Pimental who was recently honored by the Taunton Chamber of Commerce with an award, seventy (70) jobs have been created and many local contractors were employed during the renovations.

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The Annual Town Report is now available.

Regarding the fuel management system, there is a module that be installed on the vehicles that will provide a more complete usage report and speed up refueling. He asked that this item be placed on the Agenda next week. S. Vadnais asked how the information would be used and who would read the data?

R. Whittemore (resident) said one (1) hour of idling is the same as thirty-three (33) hours of operation.

On behalf of Susan McBride, G. Schwall questioned if she could serve on both the Finance Committee and the Regionalization Committee. M. Deignan consulted the bylaws and said there is nothing in the bylaws that prohibits her from doing so. S. Pimental said there was no conflict because it is only an advisory board and cited other examples of Finance Committee members serving on other boards and committees. Mrs. McBride was pleased with the decision and will begin serving on the Finance Committee.

S. Vadnais said regarding the Regionalization Committee it will be a long process and there will be major issues to be addressed by both Dighton and Rehoboth.

M. Costello said the Memorial Day Parade was a great event and thanked everyone for participating.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56p.m. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved on 6/1/15