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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, July 13, 2015**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental Clerk

**Not Present:** Members Gerald V. Schwall and David A. Perry, Jr.

**Also Present:** Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:45p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21: (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:** Cell Tower\*

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

**Call to Order at 7:15p.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 16-01A , \$26,670.30; Payroll: 16-02B, \$121,360.20; Invoices: 15-54, \$38,300.37; Invoices: 16-01, \$27,980.35. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** none

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

**Invitation:** Board of Selectmen is invited to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Procopio Harvest Block Party on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date is September 20<sup>th</sup>) and to be introduced at about 11am.

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M. Costello stated the next regular Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, July 27, 2015 at the Senior Center at 7pm.

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

- Dighton Selectmen Patrick Menges called and would like to schedule a meeting with the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen and suggested the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in August, but open to any other Monday. Dighton needs to pay for public access, stated S. Pimental.
- Rep Howitt called to be sure we were aware that MassDOT project Review Committee approved a project for improvements for the intersection of Rt. 44 & Rt. 118. MassDOT will begin the development process now.
- Tom Philbin of MMA called to see if we would like to host a Legislative Breakfast in Rehoboth. Tentative dates are Friday 10/2; 10/9; 10/16 for about 30 people 8am – 10am. The Board of Selectmen chose 10/2 appointing S. Pimental and D. Perry to coordinate breakfast at COA.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 Appointment of Police Officer**

Chief Trombetta has recommended the appointment of Gregory DeCastro as a Patrolman for the Police Department effective 7/13/15 on a one year probationary period per the Patrolman's Local 209 contract. We now have Adam Brown in academy. DeCastro is a 26 yr. veteran with the Providence Police Department. He is Academy exempt due to experience and this enables us to put him in an 8 week field training program filling a shift in a cruiser in 8 weeks. This is saving us \$5,000.00 in the academy course. Hiring DeCastro will help us out the hole we are in and I highly recommend him; stated Chief Trombetta. M. Costello informed DeCastro that he may come across different situation working in a Town like Rehoboth instead of a big busy city like Providence. S. Pimental asked him: Retirement wasn't fun? He stated he wanted to seek other employment instead of full retirement. S. Vadnais asked him if he is okay with a midnight shift if that what he received and DeCastro stated that was fine because when he got a promotion in Providence he was back on the midnight shift due to seniority.

S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Police Office Gregory DeCastro to the Town of Rehoboth 7/13/15 on a one year probationary period per the Patrolman's Local 209 contract pending he passes his physical exam and drug screening 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais. All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #2: MassDOT & Town of Rehoboth Agreement for Wheeler Street**

Vote to approve and sign Agreement Number 88902 between MassDOT and the Municipality of Rehoboth relative to the Wheeler Street Bridge Project. This agreement was reviewed by Jay Talerman who recommends we sign. M. Costello tells Helen to get on their case.

Motion made by S. Pimental to approve and sign agreement Number 88902 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais  
All Vote 3-0

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**Action Item #3: Tabled Highway Bids**

Two Highway bids were tabled last week:

S. Pimental makes a motion to accept bid from JH Lynch & Sons, Inc. for Type I Bituminous Concrete – price delivered per ton \$68.29 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

•M. Costello tabled Excavator rental bids for a rebid using tonnage

**Action Item #4: Highway Salt Shed Foundation Contract**

Vote to sign contract with Iron Horse Structures, Inc. for the Salt Shed Block Foundation Project bid awarded to them on 6/29/15.

Motion made by S. Vadnais to authorize Chairman Costello to sign contract with Iron Horse Structures, Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #5: Lien Agreement**

Vote to authorize Chairman Costello to sign lien release agreement for a Police Officer (Forget). Attorney Gay has reviewed the release and recommends signing.

Motion made by S. Pimental to sign lien release agreement 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #6: Library Payment**

Vote to authorize payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society in the amount of \$107,515.00 for one-half the contracted amount for FY16 for the operation of the Blanding Library.

Motion made by S. Vadnais to authorize payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #7: One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License**

Vote to approve One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Carol C. Marcil of Young's Catering, Inc. on 364 Newman Ave. Seekonk, MA 02771. Licensed premises will be Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA;

Effective dates of License & Authorized hours of sale:

8/15/15 4 – 10pm Wedding

8/16/15 1 – 6pm Christening

8/21/15 5 – 10pm Wedding

8/29/15 4 – 10pm Wedding

Motion made by S. Pimental to approve one day liquor license for Carol C. Marcil 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #8: Reserve Fund Transfers**

Motion made by S. Pimental to approve request for transfer from the Reserve fund as follows:

Into Line # 011513-53060 Department: Town Counsel; Transfer amount \$6,868.10

Into Line # 012052-51920 Department: Police Wages/Uniform Allowance; Transfer amount \$300.00 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

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**Action Item #9: Budget Amendments**

See attached listing. This is to finalize year end.

S. Pimental makes a motion to approve Regular Budget Amendments and also Reserve Fund Transfers 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #10: Reappointments/Appointments**

•S. Pimental makes a motion to correct appointment to Cultural Council for Connie Wenzel-Jordan- ending term should be 10/4/16 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

•S. Pimental makes a motion to appoint Helen Dennen as Procurement Officer for the term 7/13/15 – 6/30/16 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

•S. Pimental makes a motion to appoint John Santos as a new appointment to the Local Emergency Planning Board for a term 7/1/15 – 6/30/16

**Action Item #11: MassDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurance**

Vote to authorize Chairman Costello to sign MassDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurance Document. MassDOT is making this request of all Massachusetts municipalities, including those without any active or pending transportation projects, to record our commitment not to discriminate in any program, service or activity supported by feral financial assistance. Motion made by S. Vadnais to authorize Chairman Costello to sign MassDOT Title VI Nondiscrimination Assurance document 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Pimental All Vote 3-0

**5.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

•Ed Bertozzi, Planning Board approaches bench to ask Board of Selectmen permission to speak with Town Counsel to Chapter 40B issues. Let me just say that the Board is in favor with having a Housing Plan Production but we are concerned about the anti-snob law that allows the Company to ignore zoning laws. We are concerned about houses being close together and one large septic system being put in place due to ability to ignore Board of Health regulations. I am a retired lawyer and read all housing appeals committee cases and found it to be very scary. I just want to make it clear that I and the Planning Board am not trying to prevent 40B or offend Housing Plan. We just want to prevent septic systems and wells from being too close together and apply some standard or methods to prevent this. S. Pimental and the Board of Selectmen feel that he can go to Town Counsel and take as much time as you need to satisfy you and the Planning Boards needs.

S. Pimental makes a motion to allow Ed Bertozzi to utilize Town Counsel how he sees fit 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais All Vote 3-0

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**10/26/15 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** none

**Vadnais:** Asked if board had a chance to look at Jane Foster's evaluation form. We will revisit next week, it is a little unusual how I did it.

**Pimental:** none

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 3-0

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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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ABSENT  
David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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ABSENT  
Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved on 2/1/16