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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Also Present: Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:30p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21: (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;*

Topics of Discussion: Police Grievance; Personnel Matter*

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

Call to Order at 7:20p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Costello had a moment of silence for the passing of Walter Munroe. See Attached Sheet of Walter H. Munroe’s contributions to the Town of Rehoboth read by Chairman Costello. Selectmen Vadnais goes on to speak fondly of Walter H. Munroe and how he will be missed and very difficult to replace.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-07A, \$26,166.20; Payroll: 16-08B, \$83,133.16; Invoices 16-08, \$483,430.79. Selectman Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, Selectman Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: none

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3.0) Open Forum & Announcement

- The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, August 31, 2015 at the Senior Center at 7PM

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen

- ✓ Next week there will be another Order of Taking meeting for the three streets we have been dealing with. Chairman Costello: are these the same streets we did twenty times, are we ever going to get it right
- ✓ On Thursday, 8/20/15 the Senate approved House Bill H1846 authorizing the long term lease of the former Anawan School. The Bill now goes to Governor Baker for signing. I received a call from Baker's office asking for our attorney's information, so it looks like it will be reviewed soon.
- ✓ Northeast Water Solutions has been contracted by the Women's Development Group. They will be performing an on-site inspection tomorrow at 11:30 at the Anawan School and Senior Center to review the well and water. Bob Ashton will accompany them.
- ✓ The Personnel Board has asked to hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 16, to go over some Policies, but they are unable to use the Senior Center so I will let you know what date they choose.
- ✓ Furnishings of structural steel salt shed at Highway Department bid has been prepared by Mike Tyler and sent to Town Counsel. Bids will be due 9/14/15 by 9 AM.
- ✓ Fire Department Tanker 2 Bid is out there and we have been getting a lot of requests for the bid packet.

4.0) New Business

Action Item #1: Appointment of Police Reserve Officers

Chief Trombetta offers his condolences to the Munroe family. Chief Trombetta has requested the appointment of six Special Reserve Officers for the Police Department. Trombetta: I like to hire full time officers from the Reserve Officers. It gives us a good chance to look at them. We only have two reserve officers at this time. They all represent us well. I have six individuals with me that have all gone through the application process and interview stage. They have all undergone background checks and all six have gone through Massachusetts Reserve Training program. This means that they have already been certified by the State. We will make sure their CPR is up to date and they will undergo psychiatric evaluations and complete physical. After that they will be ready to go. I would also like to bring our reserve officers total up to fifteen. I would like to call the six individuals up and introduce them: David Aguiar; Nicholas Barros; Arthur Beaudoin; Joseph DeFeo; Joshua Ferreira; Christopher Vaz. I would like to thank members of the department who have been put on the recruitment panel: Officer Mark Rossi, Lieutenant Medeiros, Officer Craig Forget, Detective Nicole Eastwood, and Officer Jason Ferreira. These are individuals that I also think represent us well. They did a great job from the recruitment to the background checks. If you don't have any questions for me I would ask that you appoint these six individuals standing in front of me. Chairman Costello: I would like to give

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residents an idea of the process. We receive applications and review them then, we call Chief Trombetta to make sure we are making the right decision. Selectmen Vadnais: We also check with all their references as well. Chief Trombetta: I have, as well as Lieutenant Medeiros, looked at all their background checks and I am satisfied that these individuals will serve us well. On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to appoint; David Aguiar, Nicholas Barros, Arthur Beaudoin, Joseph DeFeo, Joshua Ferreira, Christopher Vaz to the Rehoboth Police Department for a term effective 8/24/2015 thru 6/30/16 pending they pass their physical and psychological exams. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Public Meeting to Receive Comments on Electric Aggregation Plan for Town of Rehoboth

This is a Public Meeting to offer oral comments. It was supposed to be held in March and never was. Before the Plan for Rehoboth goes before the DPU, we must hold this Public Meeting to receive comments from the public on the plan.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to enter into Public Meeting.

Schwall – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Pimental – aye; Vadnais – aye

Stefano Loretto was present from Good Energy: The Aggregation Plan is with 23 Communities for basic electric service. Our plan is to start when the winter months (Nov/Dec.) begin to have rates considerably lower than last year. There is still some uncertainty about that because we still have not heard from the Department of Public Utilities and that is required before we go to bid. There will be a lot of information and everyone who is eligible will receive something in the mail noticeably from the Town of Rehoboth and it will explain in detail about the plan and a number if there are any questions. The residents with basic service will automatically be enrolled. Residents from a third party will not be eligible until they are out of contract with the third party and can enroll at a later date. Selectmen Pimental: Are we automatically in a contract. Loretto: We will not know how long until it goes up to bid. It will be anywhere from 18-36 months depending on the Board and what they chose depending upon what is beneficial to the Town. Selectmen Pimental: Is there a cancellation fee? Loretto: No you can opt out at any time. Selectmen Perry: How will they be notified and will it be easy to opt out? Loretto: They will receive a letter in the mail noticeably from the Town with the seal on it. This will give you National Grid rates and the new aggregation rate. If you chose to opt out, there is a card that you check off and put back into the mail. Selectmen Schwall: Is there a fee from National Grid to switch to this. Loretto: This is why we are trying to start when the six month rate change starts. The Department of Public Utilities has eliminated the recalculation fee for the time being so that will not affect us. There is an open docket to have this fee put back in place, but again this will not affect us. Selectmen Schwall: In the contracted time our rates will stay the same even in the summer months. Loretto: Yes, that is the value of the program.

Resident; Ron Whittemore: Just so I understand correctly. The transmission is still going to be done by National Grid? Loretto: Yes; Whittemore: You will be the generation. Loretto: No, the winning bidder, not me, will be the generation source. Whittemore: Does that mean we will be

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getting two bills? Loretto: No, you will still just receive one bill from National Grid and if your electric goes out, you still call National Grid. Whittemore: Why is National Grid allowing this. Loretto: They do not profit from this, it does not affect them at all. It does not cost anyone their jobs. If you go on their website you will see that on the home page it says choose your supplier. Selectmen Pimental: If I have a third party supplier can they increase the rate to me? Loretto: No Wendy Wolfe-Cardorelli: What constitutes a basic customer as far as electric goes? Loretto: If you have not gone into contract with another supplier and if you look at your bill and it says basic customer National Grid under supplier. Cardorelli: If I cancel my other supplier can I get on this new aggregation. Loretto: Yes, you will automatically get picked up once you are with National Grid basic again or you can call us and opt in. Every month we get a list of residents that are now on the aggregation and we send them out information. Whittemore: I have been contacted by solar panel companies and how does that affect the 23 communities doing this aggregation. Loretto: It has no effect on us at all and has caused no issue. Whittemore: So you are saying it is as transparent as it seems. Loretto: Yes
On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Costello it was voted to close the public meeting. Vadnais – aye; Costello – aye; Pimental – aye; Perry – aye; Schwall – aye

Action Item #3 Interview for (Temporary) Assistant Town Administrator

Chairman Costello asked the three candidates to step forward to be interviewed for Interim Assistant Town Administrator: Melissa Enos, Kelly Hathaway, Sharon Lowell
Chairman Costello: You know that you are applying for a temporary position that could potentially turn into full time permanent. I believe that you all have received the job description and know what the job entails and you would be working under Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator. We have been reviewing your applications. I will ask the Board now to ask any questions they would like. Selectmen Vadnais: Melissa I see you have business management experience, but have you ever been in charge of individuals? Melissa: On a volunteer basis not in a business management atmosphere. Selectmen Pimental: This is a temporary position full time and you are all working, except Sharon, are you planning on leaving your jobs and what if you don't have a job in six months? Enos: I am laid off so that works for me. Selectmen Pimental: Why do you want the job? Enos: It came at the right time, I am laid off and have a vested interest as a town resident and my kids are in the school system. I feel that I am more than qualified and have the knowledge to step right in and take over the position. The town is on a great path and I would like to help them continue on that path. I would like to help by participating in the town government. Hathaway: I too live in Rehoboth and my kids are in the school system. My husband was born in and has stayed in Rehoboth. I love the town and stay busy by volunteering in the school system. I feel as though I would be great for this position. I am willing to take on the duties. I too would like to see the path that this town is going. I spoke with Helen and she said there is something different on your desk every day and I love that. Coming from the medical field there is something different every day and also confidential documents as well. I have been a stay at home mom for a while and work part time now. To stay working in the Town would be a perfect position for me. Lowell: I am a long term Town

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resident and raised my children in the town. I have done extensive volunteer work within the school system. I am currently laid off and this position would be perfect for me to be able to work in Town. I have the qualifications that you are looking for and I have dealt with confidential issues. I have dealt with financial records, medical records, and business records for real estate sales. I just feel that my qualifications would greatly help out the Board of Selectmen in trying to do something for the Town. Selectmen Schwall: I will ask all three the same question; Pick one thing from your past that you feel would make you a great candidate for this position; considering two things: 1) the ability to interface with the public on a regular basis because you are the first line of defense; and 2) Organizational ability and confidentiality. Enos: I have two things; after being a stay at home mom and going back to work I worked for the Planning Office, so I have a working knowledge of how things run in the town hall. Efficiency and organization is paramount and also confidentiality because you have people coming in from all different aspects with different issues and you have to be able to keep it together. So I am aware of how things work being at close proximity with Helen. And another thing; my experience of working in the Human Resources Department also a first line of defense because usually when people make it to the Human Resource Office it's not always for happy reasons so I am used to dealing with people and getting to the heart of the matter and trying to tone things down a bit. So I feel those two things have prepared me for the position. Chairman Costello: We always have happy tax payers coming in. Hathaway: As far as dealing with people, I feel that I have a positive outlook on a lot of things. I try to look at the better side of the situation. Anyone who knows me can tell you I always have a smile on my face no matter what the issue would be. Being a mom you always have to be a problem solver day in and day out. Being in the medical field you always have to be a problem solver, you are dealing with doctors and patients. I also deal with real estate and there are always problems there. I always try to look at the better side of people and the positive side of things. So being the first line of defense I feel I would be able to make the situation better. Lowell: I have a lot of experience dealing with different levels of management and different levels of organization. I was the first point of contact for most of my jobs. I had to do a lot of problem solving and scheduling. Putting all of those things together, I think that I could be a real big help especially with the organizational experience. Selectmen Schwall: I have more questions but I will wait. Selectmen Perry: I would go to the Assistant Town Administrator with a problem and not the Administrator because they are busy doing other things. Besides being Assistant Town Administrator, how else would you solve a problem? Sometimes you have to go into crisis mode, and you will also be assisting other board members as well. You are going to feel the town and how it works besides the filing part of the job. Lowell: I think I did answer that in my last answer. Being the first point of contact I would decide not to send a situation to the manager and solve it myself. There are definitely things I wouldn't take on and confidentiality is one of them. You have to know the right time to bother the manager or the administrator and you have to have enough knowledge about your job to make that decision. Hathaway: I am here to help. I will be here to help Helen and wherever I can help to alleviate the work on her desk the happier I will be. I will help solve any situation in a professional manner, if I can so as to not bother Helen. I would be willing and able to do that. Enos: Knowing where the line of authority is drawn. How much independent

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authority is given to the Assistant Town Administrator. It's like it says in the bylaws; the Board of Selectmen can represent the Town's interest but they can't commit to anything with going back to discuss it. You can commit to addressing the issue but not take any action. Costello: We talked about irate tax payers coming in and we do get that occasionally, but you also are going to encounter employees. The employees may need assistance by the Assistant Town Administrator or the Town Administrator. How would you deal with them separate from the tax payer? Enos: At Roger Williams there are five unions with all different collective bargaining contracts, so sometimes you have to take the information and tell them, let me get back to you. Maybe there is a historical background to this that needs to be discussed. That would be my way of doing it. Hathaway: For one I would not try to treat anyone differently. I know working with people you might become friends or a close knit team. I would hope that any employee that comes in would also treat me with respect and not get irate with a fellow team member as well. So in that situation it is hard to say what the situation would be, but I would try to solve it in a professional manner, even if it may be at a different time. Sometimes when a person is irate you cannot solve it at that time, unless you are able to calm the person down. Lowell: Certainly internally if you have another employee that is upset with you, you would definitely have to sit down as to individuals and discuss it. I would tell them this is not the place and I would make arrangements to meet during lunch or after work. That's the best I can do so as to not go to the Administrator or the Selectmen because there is no reason for that. As for the irate community, I have some experience with the irate community when I worked for Streater we had a bus load of people come in with signs. They were load and upset so I called and asked for assistance from the developer. We took the people in a conference room and were able to calm the situation down a bit. Selectmen Vadnais: You all claim to be problem solvers, what is your process, how does that happen? Hathaway: First, I would sit and listen to find out what the problem was. Hopefully I have the authority to solve that problem and if I do I will solve it in the most professional manner. Lowell: Find out what they are irate about. If I have the knowledge and the authority I will solve it. If I have no knowledge I need to do some research or ask someone about it and get back to them at a later time. Enos: I have to agree with my colleagues, listening is the first thing. Find the common ground and build from there, do research because sometimes there is a historical aspect to the situation. Vadnais: Thank you ladies. Selectmen Pimental: Melissa I know you were at Town meetings but do you all attend town meeting regularly? Enos: Town meetings not every single one. Hathaway and Lowell: No we do not. Selectmen Pimental: Town Government is different from the private sector, I still struggle with it and this is my fourth year. Things are so slow and you have to deal with the process and you are dealing with Mass General Laws. You have to post things and vote and wait and repost, it's hard. Selectmen Schwall: Everyone here says they want to take the Town in a positive direction; well I look for two things; Town Meetings and Elections. And for me if someone wants to work for the town, they have an obligation and I get concerned when I don't see them on the local elections records or the meetings. Town meeting is when all the important decisions are made it's not for fun. It's a very serious thing. I will look into this deeper. Selectmen Perry: I don't want to beat a dead horse. It's a job but you do have to be a good citizen and that has weight as far as I'm concerned. I

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would like to digest this and get some feedback from Helen because she will be working with you side by side. Chairman Costello: Sharon I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, I know the other two women well and what I want to say is I hope they are still my friends if they don't get the position. What we are going to do is take this under advisement this coming week. I neglected to ask Helen, who you will be working under, if she would like to ask any of you a question. Helen Dennen: I would like to know what your expectations are of a regular work day there is no lunch break. It's a working lunch. Does anyone have a problem with that? And it maybe 4 o'clock and you are working on something but you are not finished because you got 20 phone calls and it has to be done that day. How do you feel about working over? Enos: Being in town is a great convenience. It's a part of the job, it happens. Hathaway: You had already explained that to me and Fridays we may have to work passed 12 noon and I am fine with that. I am five minutes down the road. Lowell: I don't have any issues on staying to get the job done. Helen Dennen: That's it. Chairman Costello: We are going to discuss this amongst ourselves. Sharon if you were to get the position, when will you be able to start? Lowell: How about tonight. Hathaway: Immediately. Enos: Immediately. Chairman Costello: Melissa you put on your application that you had to work part time for a little while, is that negotiable? Enos: Yes Chairman Costello: The Board will have Helen call the applicants when we have made a decision. Selectmen Pimental: I just want to say that you are all good candidates for this position, so good luck. Selectmen Vadnais: It will be a difficult decision and we may during the week call you individually to ask questions after we review our notes. This is a very important decision which is why the board wants to take its time and try to get the right person into the right seat, so both parties are happy. Selectmen Costello: My description of the Assistant Town Administrator is that they take the burden off the Town Administrator so she can do other things. Hathaway: Can I just say something to address what Selectmen Schwall had said about Town Meetings? I have been to a few, but I am able to watch them on TV because they are televised. I am a stay at home mom, so I am home with my kids and able to watch the meetings. I volunteer a lot with the schools so I do know what is going on in town. My husband is a local builder in town as well. Just because I am not here in a chair does not mean I don't care about the town. Enos: So Helen you are currently fulfilling the position that Dave Marciello and that could become a permanent position for you as well. Chairman Costello: Yes. Thank you ladies for coming in and we will be getting back to you.

Action Item #4: Signage Request

Chief Trombetta and Officer Bree Krasnianski present to speak in regards to a grant we received for the pedestrian and bicycles. Krasnianski: This is the first year that we have gotten, through the Massachusetts Highway Division of Safety, grants for bicycles and pedestrians. What it entails is going through all our town records and seeing fatalities with pedestrians and bicyclists, pedestrians vs. motorists to see where are problem areas were. To see if we can better enforce those areas better with signage and by patrol. I went through a bunch of different companies to look at signs we could afford, because only 25% (\$750.00) of our grant will go towards signage. I would like to put some signs on Fairview near Tremont. We had a bicyclist fatality there a few

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years back. I would like to put a sign near the soccer field and a crosswalk so that they can cross without a problem. As we continue to move forward next year I would hope to get this grant again and put more signage on Fairview where the bike run comes through. Chairman Costello: I have been wanting a crosswalk near Dunkin and Bristol County Savings Bank for when the kids go fishing. I would ask that you contact Mike Tyler and coordinate that with him.

Selectmen Perry: The idea is great but what do these signs look like? Krasnianski: There are several signs; Share the Road, Pedestrian Crossing, they are the same signs throughout Massachusetts. Selectmen Schwall: Let's forget about the signs for a minute and talk about the enforcement part. Krasnianski: I have to get the signs up first before the enforcement part. When the signs are up we have a two hour enforcement time when we record the pull over and enforce the law. Selectmen Schwall: This is the same for the bicyclist not following proper road laws. The bigger problem is the bicyclist who thinks they own the road. Krasnianski: Yes it does and I agree. What a lot of bicyclist don't know is that they have to obey the same laws as a driver. They have to stop at every stop sign and traffic light and yield to other vehicles. Selectmen Schwall: I have been the lightning rod for signs, I do not like these. I don't think a couple of signs is going to make a difference. Selectmen Pimental: I think a sign makes you think a little especially when you see curve ahead, it makes you think. Selectmen Schwall: I will not slow down because I see a bicyclist sign, I will slow down because I see a bicyclist. I believe in enforcement over signage. We seem to have signs all over and we don't seem to get respect for our signs. Selectmen Pimental: If we don't have the signs we can't enforce it. Selectmen Schwall: So your saying we can't stop someone for driving reclose. Chairman Costello: I agree with you, that signs don't stop people from driving fast. We do need the police enforcement but signs are a way of life. Selectmen Pimental: How many signs? Krasnianski: 4 to 6 signs and reflectors for the poles on each side. Selectmen Vadnais: Gerry brought up a good point when he mentioned bicyclist feel like they own the road and it's supposed to be share the road. They tend to be in packs and take the whole road. There seems to be all the emphasis on the driver and not the bicyclist. Selectmen Schwall: I am hoping to get more enforcement rather than putting up more signs. Selectmen Vadnais: I am not opposed to the signs, I understand what you are trying to do. We also need to work harder and more active on getting these people to ride properly.

Chief Trombetta: First of all, the officers we have out there do an excellent job on enforcing the traffic laws. That's not their only duty, but definitely our primary duty. This grant that Krasnianski is talking about, a portion of it goes to signage, so we are obligated to put the signs up. It goes with the program. What Krasnianski is speaking about with the two enforcement time is when an officer comes in on overtime, does not answer any calls and the primary duty is enforcing this grant. The officer is just not targeting cars the officer is also targeting pedestrians. Selectmen Vadnais: So you pull over a bicyclist and have a conversation with them. Krasnianski: I personally do. Chief Trombetta: The Pan Mass Challenge doesn't only come through in August they ride that route all year, and that is a busy bike route in general. We try to do the best to make everything work. I do get some calls from bicyclists that think they are above the law and are frustrated when they get pulled over. Our purpose today is to ask you for your permission to put up the signs as part of this grant. I think the overall enforcement that the Police

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Department does is very good, we could certainly use more officers. Selectmen Pimental: Signs bring awareness. Chief Trombetta: I agree and I have been saying this for a while. Selectmen Schwall: What is the amount of the grant? Krasnianski: \$2,000.00.
On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve the signage request. All Vote 4-0 Selectmen Schwall - nay

Action Item #5: Bike to Beach Use Request

On 2/18/15 the Selectmen's Office received a request for a bicycle run thru Rehoboth on 9/4/15. In reviewing the request, the route crossed Rte. 44, a state highway. I notified the organization by email that they must contact Mass Highway for an application to access a state highway. Their request was 500 bikers. On 8/5/15 we again received notice of the event taking place and they never contacted Mass Highway. Robby Walsh of Bike to the Beach stated that there would only be 50 riders not 500 and that it would not cause traffic problems.

Chief Trombetta: Stated that he has talked to Robby Walsh and explained to him that he needs to call Helen and inform the Board of what is going. I told him you, Helen or I would contact at one point about this.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to table matter until they have more information from the contact person All Vote 5-0

Chief Trombetta asked if he could thank Bree Krasnianski for the hard work she has done in the past few years working on these grants and doing all the paper work. Thank you Bree.

Action Item #6: Pleasant Street Culvert

We all received a letter from Mike Tyler regarding the concerns of the Pleasant Street Bridge. We also got a letter from the Inspector. When I went to the Engineering meeting for Wheeler Street I asked, since they were going to be in Town, if they could look at Pleasant Street. They said they would work with us on a free basis for this and the pictures they took were not pretty. There is a significant drop in the steel plate. They went inside the culvert and it seemed nothing was holding it together other than the big stuff, all the small stuff was rotted. Chairman Costello: That was always my concern, the separation of the steel culvert with deterioration and rusting. This deterioration has happened without us seeing this. Mike Tyler: Exactly, I wanted it closed before for one of two purposes; to get our own inspection done on it, or to hopefully replace it. After their inspection they requested we close the bridge right away. I would hate to see something happen. Chairman Costello: I feel we should vote to authorize Mike Tyler to close the bridge immediately. Selectmen Vadnais: This causes a bit of an emergency. That's why we put those plates in before, so that we would have access. That is the only way Fire and Police can get to those properties without having to go all the way around into Swansea. Chairman Costello: We also have a new sub-division that goes into Swansea and they have been using the bridge also.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Perry it was voted to authorize Mike Tyler to close Pleasant Street Bridge immediately and expedite the repair immediately All Vote 5-0

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Selectmen Vadnais: This is a very important bridge and cannot be closed for two or three years like Wheeler Street. Chairman Costello: Mike please make sure that Swansea Police and Fire are notified of the closing so they can do the rerouting. Mike Tyler: There are a bunch of entities that we have to notify like State Police, etc.

Action Item #7: Air Quality Report

The conclusions of the air quality reports for the Town Offices and Fire Department are in. Recommendations were made; Selectmen Vadnais: These recommendations seem to be fairly simple to do, but who will follow through with them? Chairman Costello: Mr. Sousa. Selectmen Vadnais: Who out of the Selectmen watches the Town Hall. Selectmen Pimental: I think the Chairman. Chairman Costello: I got the Board of Selectmen's Office. Selectmen Vadnais: All you have to do is make sure that the maintenance person remedies these issues that are easy to do. For general public knowledge; we did quite well on the report nothing is life threatening. Selectmen Perry: Didn't we cut how many times the Town Hall was cleaned? Chairman Costello: This is ceiling tiles, floor tiles, air conditioning ducts which will be taken out soon. Selectmen Schwall: We just have to make sure that Mr. Sousa is qualified to handle this stuff. Selectmen Vadnais: Yes, he has his Contractor's License which allows him to deal with lead and asbestos. There are other ways of dealing with this instead of removal, there is encapsulation. We have had keep wax on the floors to encapsulate the floor tiles. Gerry you can check with the Building Inspector and the Board of Health, they would be the ones to make that decision. Selectmen Schwall: I will speak to Bob Ashton and make sure that he is involved.

Action Item #8: Animal Advisory Committee

Richard Panofsky present to discuss partnership for a common animal shelter. Chairman Costello: I read your report on this and my understanding is that you are going to take this under advisement. Richard Panofsky: I think that is the right thing to do. Chairman Costello: I feel that this is the right avenue to take. This initiated in Somerset and Swansea now other communities are aware of it. It's not moving rapidly at all so it gives people time to think and to consider before things are being discussed. Chairman Costello: Any new developments you bring back to the Board. Thank you.

Action Item #9: Electrical Work at Town Buildings

Review electrical repairs needed at several buildings.
\$1,000.00 for repair of outside lamppost in parking lot of COA; Selectmen Perry will handle this.
\$895.00 for replacement/repair of emergency lighting at the COA per order of Fire Department Inspection.
On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to pay \$895.00 for replacement/ repair of emergency lighting at the COA per order of the Fire Chiefs Inspection. All Vote 5-0
On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve estimate of \$575.00 for the placement two receptacles due to extension cords running all over the floor causing equipment shutting down in Assessor's Office. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #10: Chapter 90 Reimbursement & Project Requests

Chairman Costello: This is for resurfacing a number of roads and also stone sealing a number of roads.

Project 15-05 Resurfacing: \$267,603.52 total and final request.

Project 16-01 Stone Sealing: \$199,585.06 total and final request.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement request Projects 15-05 & 16-01 for road resurfacing and stone sealing. All Vote 5-0

Chapter 90 funding request: New Salt Shed for \$69,115.08.

Chairman Costello: Mike what does that include? Tyler: All material, plywood, blocks, and putting the blocks up. We ran into a little situation here. I wanted to use the annual bid Town excavator, but nobody bid. So we have no one to take down the old building. Chairman

Costello: Does this price include the demolition of the building? Tyler: Yes it does. Chairman

Costello: I have to recuse myself from this Agenda Item and ask Vice Chair to take over.

Selectmen Vadnais: Chairman Costello has left the building due to conflict of interest. A

company he used to work for placed a bid for the removal of the building. Tyler: If you feel it's

going to be under \$10,000.00 by Mass Standard you need three quotes. Selectmen Vadnais: Do

the quotes include hauling away the material. Tyler: No. The quote was for two things; taking

down the building and putting it in cans that we purchase from NER and then grading the site for

the new block. Selectmen Vadnais: Demolition and grading is done by two different people?

Tyler: Yes. I am asking the Board to allow me to take the lowest bid for demolition and grading

of the site.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to authorize

Mike Tyler to accept the lowest bid of \$7,700.00 for the demolition of the old salt she and grading of the site. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve Chapter 90 funding for the new salt shed in the amount of \$69,115.08. All Vote 4-0

Mike Tyler: I just want to give you an update: Our emergency generator will not switch to automatic anymore. It is was put in 35 years ago and bought used by the Town. The generator works good but the controls are obsolete. We can do it manually but if we are not there, it also controls the fuel station. It costs \$3,000.00 for the transfer switch, \$1,300.00 for the controller and for Bellavance to the wiring is about \$500.00. Selectmen Schwall: What is involved in turning the generator on. Do you just flip a switch? I suggest we leave a key at the dispatchers office and let a patrolman go in to flip the switch if we have a power outage. Selectman Pimental: That is a temporary fix. Tyler: If the manual switch goes there is no repairing it and it can potentially cost us more money. Selectman Vadnais: I think we put it as an Article at the next Town Meeting because that is a lot of money. Selectmen Schwall: Can we look into how much it would be to replace the generator rather than repairing it then end up fixing it again in the future. Chairman Costello: Mike can you get us some quotes on a new generator in preparation for the next meeting.

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Mike Tyler: One more issue, it gets a little worse. During the annual inspections of the trucks for the stickers our 1997 one ton has a large crack in the frame and was taken out of service. It can no longer be used. This was the truck I wanted to get replaced last spring. This is the core of what we do, we use the one tons more than anything. Now I am only down to one and that's not good for the Town. Selectmen Vadnais: That can't be welded. Tyler: They didn't think so because of where the control arms are. It's my intention on putting this on the Annual Town Warrant, but the turnover is slow. If we ordered it in November we would be lucky to see it in April or May. Selectmen Vadnais: You are going to have to make due for now until the meeting for that kind of money.

Action Item #11: 11/2/15 STM Meeting

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to open Warrant for the 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting to be held at the DR Regional High School starting at 7PM. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to set day for 11/2/15 warrant to close 9/16/15 by 12 noon All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Pimental: We should get a preliminary list of items by the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Action Item #12: Comcast Check

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to accept check from Comcast for \$43,953.52 in payment of 2nd quarter PEG funding for period April 1 thru June 30, 2015 All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Pimental: Just some information if anyone has been following the saga. The criminal trial date has been set for Ed Schagrin for October 9.

Action Item #13: Reappointments

Linda Ferreira, chair of the Economic Development Committee has requested Dr. Azar to be appointed. On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to appoint Dr. Anthony Azar to the Economic Development Committee effective 8/24/15 thru 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to reappoint Bette Dyer as an Election Worker (Unenrolled Precinct I Inspector) effective 9/1/15 thru 8/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Action Item #14: Building Official Certification

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to authorize Chairman Costello to sign Building Official Certifications for building officials: John Santos and William McDonough All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #15: Budget Amendment

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve budget amendment; Account #011873-52418, BOS Facility Maintenance Annex/Repair; increase \$300.00 & Account #011873-52412, BOS Facility Maintenance COA/Repair; decrease \$300.00
All Vote 5-0

Action Item #16: One Day Liquor License

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve a one day wine & malt liquor license for Carol C. Marcil of Young's Caterers, Inc. at the location of Country Gardens 339 Tremont Street Rehoboth Ma. on;

9/6/15 2:30 – 8:30PM

9/16/15 4:00 – 10:00PM

9/26/15 3:00 – 8:00PM

10/3/15 4:00 – 10:00PM

10/11/15 4:00 – 10:00PM

All Vote 5-0

5.0)OPEN FORUM: Tish asked the Board if Bree Krasnianski's overtime is paid by the grant.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

8/24/15 Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: Can you send this Form M to the building inspector to open his eyes on this one. They are asking for a warehouse on Rt. 44 and no way can that happen, not industrial zoned. It can only happen on Barney Avenue. Does LeeAnn know about this too?

Vadnais: none

Schwall: I want to recognize our fine youth that we have in town. On 8/17/15 the Rehoboth Boy Scouts were at the Blanding Library, on a brutally hot day, sanding and painting the picnic tables to prepare for the ice cream social the library will be having on 8/29/15. The troop members were led by Scout Masters Cordeiro and Savory. They put mulch on the beds around the building. Special recognition to Mr. Savory, Charlie Pike, Christopher Pike, Max Router. Just to let you know the Antiquarian Society will be having an ice cream social on 8/29/15 from 2-3:30 for celebrate the 100th anniversary of Goff Memorial Hall. Sharon from the library was the one who coordinated everything.

Perry: none

Pimental: none

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6.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Schwall made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23p.m. Second, Selectmen Pimental. Voted 5-0

Michael R. Costello, Chairman

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved on 2/22/16

