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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, September 14, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member.

Also Present: Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

Absent: Gerald Schwall, Member

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:15p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21A (3) 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: Godfrey vs TOR; Personnel Matter; Union Collective Bargaining & Personnel Policy*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Costello – Aye; Perry – Aye; Voted 4-0

Call to Order at 7:17p.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 16-10A, \$25,113.58; Payroll: 16-11B, \$74,480.86; Invoices: 16-11, \$38,193.00. 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:

•Arthur Tobin- We have been very fortunate with the West Nile and Triple E virus counts are down. We received 15,134 service requests to spray for mosquitos and have completed 99%. There will be no more spraying this season unless we have an outbreak somewhere. We will be

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moving into a new building in Attleboro in about 5-6 weeks. Shortly after we move in, we will be having an open house maybe sometime in November which you will all be invited. Next year we are going to try to do what they call Zone spraying where you spray a whole neighborhood. The only problem with that is child care, organic farm, schools (etc.) and the people that don't want to be sprayed. We will have to figure out how to do that. This year we only had one area with West Nile Virus, it was Seekonk Briarwood Plaza. We went in and sprayed all that area and haven't had any other incidences. We are also going to try next to do an aerial spraying early in the season and pair with Plymouth to see if we can share the cost and do a wide aerial spraying, but that's still in the planning stage and I will let you know if that takes off. If you don't want to get sprayed please register with the Town Clerk. Other than that we are doing real well. The Board of Selectmen thanks Mr. Tobin.

- Chairman Costello announces that the Economic Committee would like the citizens to take a survey online rebothsurvey.com or the Town Website regarding where you would like business to be performed in Rehoboth and where you feel it is more desirable to have a business.

- The next Board of Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday 9/21/15, 7pm at Senior Center.

- There will be a Sip to Support the Kids, a wine tasting fundraiser to Support the Childrens Advocacy Center of Bristol County. It will be at the Crestwood Country Club on Saturday October 24, 2015. The wine tasting is from 6pm – 8pm for \$50.00pp at 8pm there is a VIP dinner for \$100.00pp (wine tasting included), with a silent auction to follow. The attire is business casual and call 508-674-6111 for tickets and information.

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen

- Naomi Carney of Bristol Count Sheriff's Office is coming to the Town Hall on Wednesday 9/16/15 at 10:30am to do a walk thru of the building exterior. Dave Perry will be there to point out the bad areas.

- MMA Legislative Breakfast reminder: Friday, October 2, 2015 8am – 10am at the Senior Center. The meetings will include discussions ranging from budget and finance (including Chapter 90 and other capital programs) to an array of policy issues affecting local government lined up for debate this year and next, including the many citizen petitions being prepared for the 2017 state election. Coffee and muffins will be available at 8am, with introductions and presentations starting at 8:15am. The meetings will conclude by 10am. Anyone interested in attending can sign-up on line by going to mma.org and selecting "Municipal Government" on left side of webpage.

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4.0) NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 7:15 Pole Location Hearing – River Street

Public Open Meeting with Kelly Corrier from Verizon New England, Inc. in regards to a joint petition from Verizon and Ma Electric Company for the placement of four new poles on the west side of River Street between Hillside Avenue and Winthrop Street. The Tree Warden, Rob Johnson and the Police Chief Barresi have advised they find this request satisfactory.

A motion made was by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais to enter into public meeting, Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye

This is to raise the clearance for the continuing upgrade of Rt. 44 corridor. The poles are too far apart. Glenn Harper, an abutter, from 10 Broad Street states there is no pole line currently on River Street and is there a plan for what trees will be cut down? The tree warden Rob Johnson; states the trees that have to come have holes in them or something wrong with them already. A couple of the big trees will just be trimmed up, for wires, not taken down. Glenn Harper: I am concerned because of leaning trees into my and if you trim the trees they will lean more and potentially fall onto my property like the one that is already in my driveway. M. Costello assures Glenn Harper that Tree Warden, Rob Johnson will go out to address his concerns before any trimming of trees.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental the open public hearing was closed. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental the pole relocation petition was granted requested. All Vote 4-0

Selectmen Costello asked Kelly Corrier that the old poles be removed immediately and don't just cut them and leave them.

Action Item #2 Attorney Travis Re: Plain Street

Attorney Luke Travis asks the Board of Selectmen to sponsor a warrant article for the 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting Warrant to remove a conservation easement from property on Plain Street. Selectmen Costello asks that he go in front of Conservation Committee. Selectmen Vadnais agrees with Costello but he would like to hear Attorney Travis. Attorney Travis introduces Mary Alice McGee who lives across the street from the property and Blythe Tanner operates the business Rough & Rangler Dog Excursions. Attorney Travis tells the Board, she picks up the home owners dogs and brings them to Rehoboth to run and play then brings them back home tired and exercised. She has been there for 9 years renting the property from Dr. Barry Saperia. Dr Saperia did a 5 lot subdivision and put in a road then 2009 happened and he never built a thing and his permits have all expired. The price of the property has now come down affordable for Blythe to buy the property and that is where Mary Alice comes into play. Mary Alice is the financier; she doesn't want to see houses built and wants to keep it all open. When we were about to close on the property I noticed Dr. Saperia allowed the town to put in a conservation easement. People can go through her land to get to this 4 acre conservation easement. I don't know why he allowed this easement before putting a stake in the ground for

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the subdivision. Selectmen Costello tells Attorney Travis this has to go to Conservation, Special Town Meeting then Legislation. Her business can still operate because of a special permit from zoning, but I would like the easement removed in case Mary Alice would like to develop the land in the future (she shakes her head no). Why would Blythe want to buy the land and operate her business with that easement still in place. Selectmen Pimental: what was the intent of putting the easement? Attorney Travis: I don't know, maybe to allow for all 5 lots. Otis Dyer has drawn up a new plan with the 14 acres being one lot (her shows the Board of Selectmen the new potential plan). This land has been on the market for a long time and has not sold. If we don't get this easement removed, it will be Dr. Saperia problem. Attorney Travis stated that if anyone ever wanted to build on this property would have to go in front of Planning Board again and start all over. Attorney Travis does not like the end of the easement on Page 6 it states that the Town has rights to this land, basically they own it. The Town is still charging Dr. Saperia taxes on it and we are not going to buy this problem.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was approved to remove the easement pending the Conservation Committee allows for the removal of the easement on said property All Vote 4-0

Selectmen Costello wishes them luck tomorrow night in front of the Conservation Committee.

Action Item #3 Appointment to Veteran's Relocation Committee

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry, per request of the Veteran's Relocation Committee, it was approved to appoint Edward Rowse to the Committee effective 9/14/15 – 6/30/16 All Vote 4-0

Action Item #4: Reserve Fund Transfer

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was approved to transfer from the Reserve Fund \$800.00 from the Town Clerk to be transferred into line #011613-58100 Town Records, current balance in line is \$701.40 after sending to Finance Committee. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: IT Service Contract for PD

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais a vote was made to approve and sign \$4,800.00 contract for IT services for the Police Department All Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: BOS Policy

See Attached

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry a vote was made to approve the Board of Selectmen policy on receiving summons. All Vote 4-0

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Action Item #7: Credit Card for Fire Chief

Chief Barresi present; I have been using my own credit card to order items (blades, truck batteries, etc.) at a discount that we need and then trying to get reimbursed. Selectmen Pimental asked who

else in Town has a credit card? Chief Barresi: Cheryl Gouveia and she is not comfortable with her name being put on the purchases and I don't blame her. I discussed this with Selectmen Schwall about two months ago and he was comfortable with me having a card. Selectmen Pimental states she does not have a problem with this as long as we have control over the spending and receipts and I would like to talk to Cathy Doane as to what the procedure would be. Selectmen Pimental would also like a \$1,000.00 cap on it. The Board of Selectmen will send information to Cathy Doane and contact Chief Barresi. Chief Barresi says thank you.

Action Item #8: 11/2/15 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Town Clerk Laura Schwall present: I just want the Board of Selectmen to stay firm on the date of October 5, 2015 for the Warrant to be signed by Board of Selectmen. If we don't stay on the time line we are risking not being able to have Special Town Meeting on 11/2/15

Economic Development Committee also present to discuss purpose of their request for an article: Steve Silva 12 Blanding Road & Lorraine Botts 167 County Street: Selectmen Pimental asked; why would the committee want a bylaw put on the Warrant that you are a committee when you already are a committee. Steve Silva states that any funds that are expended come out of our pockets and we would also like to try to get a budget line which is probably not going to happen. Lorraine Botts: not big maybe \$1,000.00 - \$800.00 because we are absorbing funds for instance we are going to be at the Block Party giving out informational packets and we pay for all the costs making those. The survey was free at first now it costs us \$25.00 a month to help out the town. Lorraine Botts: we are also requesting this so that people know we have an Economic Development Committee. We have been going out to businesses and letting them know we are here. Selectmen Pimental is fine with the Committee putting something together to send to Attorney Talerman to be placed on the Warrant. Helen Dennen will send that over for them. Steve Silva also touched on the survey: 75% of the Town would like more businesses opened up, the rest of the survey questions were about 50%.

•Before Action Item #9 The Board of Selectmen discussed a Highway Department Vehicle that went in for repair but was unable to be fixed.

Action Item #9: Highway Excavator Bids

Selectmen Costello stated that the bids were open this morning and we have received one bid. The bid was awarded to Ferreira Construction. Bid includes operator.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Perry the bid was awarded to Ferreira Construction as recommended by Mike Tyler the Highway Department Superintendent. All
Vote 4-0

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4.0) OPEN FORUM:

•Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer: I called 49 dog owners to come in to license their dogs, one has come in today and 15 have never been licensed.

• Rob Johnson, Tree Warden: I looked at the trees over at the landfill and they look fine. Selectmen Pimental asked him if he could take a look at the trees when crossing Rt. 44 to the right of the memorial, it is hard to see. We usually don't touch Rt 44, but I can take care of that. Selectmen Perry asked him about the stumps on Pine Street and Rob assures him that they are taking care of that. Once we are done trimming the road sides we are renting a stump grinding to get rid of the stumps.

10/19/15 Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: The old salt shed was torn down today for a new one to be built.

Vadnais: none

Schwall: absent

Perry: About 3 weeks ago we closed and condemned the Pleasant Street bridge because it was unsafe. We went to the Conservation Committee and got an emergency work order to get the bridge done fast. With this order we have to get it done in 30 days. The plates were removed and there was nothing holding up the bridge, it had sunk 6 inches. The culvert are complete the guard rails go up and all we have to do is pave it on Friday. It was in dire need of construction it was about to collapse. Thank you to the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department for a great job. And a big thank you to John Ferreira who donated all the equipment and gravel stone used, we saved about \$40,000.00 on that. I would like to send him a formal Thank you also. All the money we spent will be reimbursed by Chapter 90

Five years ago Wheeler Street bridge closed. It will cost a total of \$280,000.00 in material and approximately \$2.5 million to complete and a year to finish. Selectmen Vadnais also thanked Selectmen Perry for a job well done.

Pimental: none

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m. Second, S.Vadnais. Voted 4-0

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Michael R. Costello, Chairman

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

ABSENT
Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved on 2/1/16