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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Michael Costello and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

At 6:00 p.m., on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to enter Executive Session, pursuant to. *MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (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: Highway and Clerical Contract Discussion; Deployment of Police Personnel and Equipment; Potential Litigation

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Schwall aye; Costello aye. (Vote 5-0)

Call to Order at 7:38 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for April 2, 2019: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-39A Withholdings, \$31,432.55, 19-40B Payroll, \$95,277.95; 19-39 Warrant, \$25,496.80, 19-39V Veterans, \$9,923.69. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: None

Executive Minutes: G. Schwall motion to Approve and Hold the Executive Session Minutes from 1/28/19. Second by D. Perry. (Vote 5-0)

Open Forum – Announcements:

Ron Whittemore- 21 Pond Street

Town clean-up is scheduled for 4/22 - 4/28. You can register from the town website and review the guidelines. Bags can be picked up at the COA, Library, Manny's Auto, WasteTech, J&J Materials, LandTech Maintenance, ReMax, Chartley, Monroe Feed & Grain and the Town Hall.

Laura Schwall- Town Clerk

716 voters came out for Election Day to vote on town government, out of approximately 8,000 voters. The non-binding questions was turned down. For more information please visit the town website.

Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

The Board is required to reorganize at the next scheduled meeting following an election.

Selectman Vadnais thanked everyone for allowing him to serve the town. He will be staying on as a member only due to his heavy schedule with working with the state on agricultural issues he can not serve as Chairman on the board.

S. Vadnais motion to nominate G. Schwall as Chairman of the Board, second by J. Muri. (Vote 4-0), G. Schwall abstained.

D. Perry motion to nominate J. Muri as Vice Chairman of the Board, second by S. Vadnais. (Vote 4-0), J. Muri abstained.

S. Vadnais motion to nominate D. Perry as Clerk for the Board, second by J. Muri. (Vote 4-0), D. Perry abstained.

The members were grateful for all the work that Selectman Vadnais has done as Chairman. Wishing him best of luck with the State.

Action Item #2: Review of Draft Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the Articles for the upcoming Town Meeting for both the Annual and Special. Once all is completed, draft warrant will be sent to Town Counsel for review.

Action Item #3: Chapter 90 Project Request

S. Vadnais motion to approve the Highway Superintendent's request to submit the Chapter 90 Project Request for a 4-ton Asphalt Hot Box to MassDOT. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0, M. Costello abstained.

Action Item #4: Application for Special One Day Liquor License

D. Perry motion to approve a Special One Day Liquor License for Robert Lockhart at the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club for April 20, 2019 from 1pm-8pm. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: Approve Volunteer for Council in Aging

J. Muri motion to approve Ms. Denise Staubin as a volunteer in the COA. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: Appointment to the Agricultural Commission

*S. Vadnais recused himself from the discussion

M. Costello motion to approve Patricia Vadnais to the Agricultural Commission, effective 4/2/19-6/30/21. Ms. Vadnais will be replacing the vacated position from Mr. Richard Pray, Jr. He is stepping down due to health reasons. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Action Item # 7: Request to Place Signs on Town Property

J. Muri motion to send a letter to the Antiquarian Society approving placement of signs on Town property subject to the following conditions. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Conditions:

Signs on town property only, not allowed on Rt. 44 without state approval.

Bay State/Rt44 intersection, signs must go behind the Congregational Church

Signs on Right of Way only.

Action Item #8: Approval of Snow Related Invoices as Submitted by Highway Department

D. Perry motion to approve payment of invoices submitted by the Highway Department in the amount of \$1360.00 due to the snow deficit. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: Budget Amendment(s)

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendment for the Police Dept. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Increase Line 012103-57120 Police-Hotel/Meals by \$264.00

Decrease Line 012103-54400 Police-Other Operating Expenses \$264.00

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No Report

Schwall: Last night we received the Dighton Regional School Committee's assessment that was voted on at their 3/26 meeting. Rehoboth's Operating Assessment is \$18,973,649.00 and Capital Assessment is \$860,051.00. Dighton's Operating Assessment is \$10,541,751.00 and their Capital Assessment is less than Rehoboth's by double the amount.

Board of Assessors wanted to make residents aware that there is a group called "Vision Gov Solutions reviewing properties in town for FY2020. They are not allowed on your property. Call the assessors office if you have any questions, 508-252-3352



Does anyone on the Board know why there were would people with hard hats walking on the property behind Horton Estates? A neighbor is concerned. The Board was not aware but will looking into it and report back.


Perry: No Report

Muri: No Report

Costello: National Grid reached out with information on installing charging stations in town. There is no cost to the town. Need to pass along information to the Green Energy Committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:50 PM, second by Selectmen J. Muri. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello – aye.


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

James Muri, Vice Chairman
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David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member



Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 9/30/19