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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Absent: Selectman Jim Muri

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (2)** to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. (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;

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye. Vote 4-0

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for November 12th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-19A Withholdings, \$30,384.09, 20-20B Payroll, \$104,687.26; 20-19 Warrant, \$76,680.22. S. Vadnais motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 9/30/19
Executive Session Minutes: none.

S. Vadnais motion to approve the September 30th Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The Municipal Building Study Committee will be holding an information session at the COA Building on November 19 beginning at 7:00 PM. This is an opportunity to get the latest information and ask questions.

Letter from the Board of Assessors read into record.

Document: NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS OF REHOBOTH PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, November 18th at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion with Green Energy Committee Chair RE: Energy Reduction Plan
SRPEDD was unable to get the data for the Board to review this evening so we will table this and hope to bring back next week, 11/18/19.

Action Item #2: Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Request for Information Pertaining to the DRRSD FY20 Budget

G. Schwall read the letter to public for the record and explained that the town is gathering information for an official response to be sent in before the 11/18 deadline, at which time they will share with the public.

Anyone can voice their opinion and send a letter directly to DESE.

Contact information for DESE can be found on the Town website.

Document: Letter from DESE

Action Item #3: Request to Approve Street Names

Ryan DuVally is requesting approval to rename the streets in the Bliss Street project; formally known as Manitook Estates. The Assessor's Office is in favor of the renaming.

D. Perry motion to approve the following street names, September Way, October Road, November Lane, December Drive. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

BOS have last say on street naming, to make sure names are not too similar, in order to avoid confusion in regards to public safety, and to make sure that they are in keeping with our type of community.

Manitook Estates will now be "Autumn Estates".

Action Item 4: Request to Accept Comcast Quarterly PEG Payment

D. Perry motion to accept the Comcast quarterly PEG payment in the amount of \$56,680.45. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

Action Item 5: Review of Request from Planning Board

With further discussion with the Town Planner, we realized that this item did not need to be addressed. Should have been removed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello:

1. Received a letter regarding the Hornbine Road lines needing to be repainted

- 36 miles already done this year at a cost of \$216-\$480 per mile
 - This year Attleboro- to Swansea on Route 118, as well as Tremont Street, plus side streets
 - We try to even out the North% and South% to be painted
 - Will re-do in spring, we have to hire out. Bids will go out
2. Received a request to look at the Route 6 intersection
- After DOT review not feasible for street lights at this time
 - We will revisit issue as things have changed
 - G. Schwall working with Representative S. Howitt
3. Hickory Ridge Road- Received a letter from Mr. Roach regarding lowering the speed limit.
- We cannot just change speed limits
 - Must follow DOT process, through the State
 - Suggested to have a petition in hand
 - The current unmarked limit is 40 miles per hour
 - BOS suggest to bring up at next Annual Town Meeting as bylaw change to 35 miles per hour; last time at ATM it was voted down
 - G. Schwall will put into ATM folder for 2020
 - M. Costello will work with DOT to try to change Hickory Ridge Road limit

Vadnais: Legion project is almost completed.

- Some finish landscape left, spring 2020
- This project began because of concerns from the public
- Thank you to Kevin McBride engineer for his help
- We feel we have listened to all concerns, have made some corrections
- Highway department helped a lot

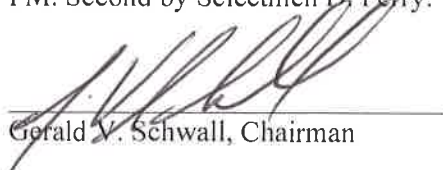
Schwall:

- We would like to reiterate to the School Committee that we urge the School Committee to accept the appropriation that was voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May, again in July, and most recently in the October Town Meeting.
- Acceptance of the \$18 million is recommended by the Finance Committee and will prevent any future intervention on behalf of the State. It would be in the best interest for all.
- Social media posting by School Committee member, regarding illegal meetings with Board of Selectmen and State Reps. Addressing – State Reps, Town Hall reps and counsel met to go over “facts” – to help us understand- statutory method and other questions. If you feel we have violated open meeting law, encourage you to file a complaint.

Perry: No report.

Muri: Absent.

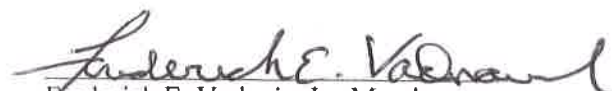
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:47 PM. Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Costello – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

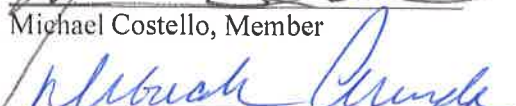
Absent

James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator **Approved 5/11/2020**