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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2018
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Gerald Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Michael Costello, and Town Administrator Helen Dennen

Absent: Selectman James Muri

Executive Session: Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.:

It was voted to enter into 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 detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for November 19, 2018

M. Costello motioned to approve the weekly warrant: 19-21B Payroll, \$100,463.02; 19-20A Withholdings, \$28,192.88; 19-20 Warrant \$4,509,687.48; 19-21V Veterans, \$8,572.53. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

Minutes:

Regular Minutes: none

Executive Minutes: none

Open Forum – Announcements:

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center.

Town Administrator's Report:

Jay has been given the permission to move forward with the title searches on Lindley Road 7 Sprague Road. They should be completed by January. Work will include title searches including photocopying, probates, etc.

Dighton BOS will be in attendance at the meeting on 11/26/18.

Chair of the Water Commission has advised they have an applicant they would like to present to the Board at a joint meeting of the WC and BOS for appointment to fill the position vacated by Kathleen Conti. Joe is checking on date of joint meeting which will be either 11/26/18 or 12/3/18.

Mass Highway representatives will be in attendance at the 11/26/18 meeting to make a presentation on their recommendations for the Routes 44 & 118 intersection.

Scoping Recovery Meeting will be changed to either 12/3 or 12/4. Bill Maiorano is waiting for confirmation from the state.

Town Offices will close at noon on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday and will remain closed for the remainder of the week. Offices will re-open on Monday 11/26/18.

Would like to table budget amendments on the agenda tonight until further notice.

M. Costello motion to table Action Item #4. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Anawan Lions Tree Lighting 12/8 at 3:00PM at Redway Plain.

- Have asked to use Lighted Board/sign to announce. They asked Bill Maiorano and he is okay with it, but M. Costello is not, feels it should only be used for Town events/warnings/information.

- Board discussed and decided to only use for Town Information purposes.

M. Costello motioned to allow the electronic sign to be used for Town information purposes only. Second by G. Schwall Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall addressed the Town Administrator regarding the letter in the correspondence about taking land out of Chapter 61A on Perryville Road. It was received in the Selectman's office on November 8th and they are informing us that they are closing on Nov 30th. This needs to vote whether or not we want to purchase that land and exercise our right of first refusal and it has become commonplace past practice that we reach out to Planning Board, Conservation, Community Preservation, Agricultural and Natural Resource Preservation Council and we get their opinion on this before we make our decision. The Commonwealth allows 120 day for us to respond.

S. Vadnais withdrew himself from the room.

G. Schwall motion to instruct the Town Administrator to send letter to the land owner informing them that they do not have our approval to close on November 30th and that we will provide written response to them on or before March 3rd which is 120 days from the date of notification. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0 S. Vadnais recused himself.

Discussion:

D. Perry question regarding roll back taxes on all three parcels going back 5 years when taking out just a portion of Chapter 61 land.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Review Proposed Amended and New Personnel Policies Updates and Job Description for Deputy Chief of Police

Dave Scanlon of the Personnel Board was present to review the policies to be updated with the Board. Policy 1.0 General Provisions, Policy 21.0 Sick Leave, Policy 22.0 Vacation, Policy 30.0 Summary of Employee Benefits, Policy 32.0 Requests for Accommodation, Policy 36.0 Dress Code (New Policy) were covered. No action was taken at this time. The Planning Board will take the Selectmen's input as well as any employee input and develop the final draft which will go before a public hearing sometime in January, at which time the selectmen will vote on the final draft.

G. Schwall motion to approve the job description for the Deputy Chief of Police. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

Action Item #2: Discussion with Animal Advisory Committee & ACO Re: Electric fence Bylaw

Animal Control Officer Rob Johnson and Richard Panofsky of the Animal Advisory Committee were present to discuss the draft for an Electronic Dog Confinement Fence Bylaw that they have been working on. They presented their recommendations and the Board gave their suggestions.

Action Item #3: Discussion Re: MMA Finance Management Seminar

Mike Deignan, Finance Committee Chair, has expressed interest in attending the MMA Suffolk Municipal Finance Management Seminar being launched in March 2019 which was created in response to feedback from local officials across the Commonwealth. Attendance by Mike has the support of both Chairman Vadnais and Vice Chairman Schwall. The program will be held on Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 from 9:00am to 4:00pm in Westborough, MA. The cost to attend the seminar is \$800.00.

M. Costello motioned to approve covering of cost of our Finance Chairman attending the seminar. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais was not in the room during the vote.
Amended to add meals & milage. Hold on amendment.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for \$1,000 for BOS Contracted Services

This item has been tabled.

Action Item #5: Discussion Re: Invitation from BP Regional School District to MSBA Grant Program Information al Breakfast Meeting

The BP Regional School District has advised that on 1/31/19 they will be holding a breakfast meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to review the grant Program to modernize their facility. They are extending an invitation to local leaders to attend to be informed of progress to date with the MSBA and assist members communities with information.

This is being provided to the Board in the event anyone would like to attend. Our representative on the BP School Committee is Jim Clark and he has received a copy of this invitation.

Action Item #6: Discussion with Finance Committee Chair Mike Deignan Re: Snow Removal Deficit Spending

Mike Deignan, Finance Committee Chairman, was present to discuss snow removal deficit spending with the Board.

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve repairs to Police Department Cells

G. Schwall motion to approve the expenditure of in the amount of \$5,045.00 for repairs to the Police Department cells per quote from Rennie Detention Systems to AET Home(town) Repairs. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall -found out about compliance issue with police cells. Rennie -bring into compliance Video is in place and state approved that piece. Rennie has since decided that they weren't going to do this type of work. So, we had to find a firm that will do that repair, at that dollar amount, with in a couple of weeks. AET Home(town) Repairs can do scope of work for same price.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

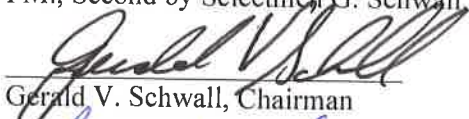
Schwall: Request the presence of the selectmen at town hall tomorrow to sign to set the tax rate.

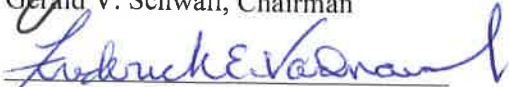
Perry: Happy Thanksgiving

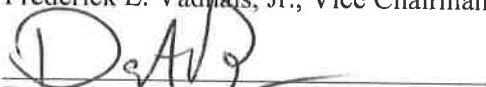
Muri: absent

Costello: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:05 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall, Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; and Schwall – aye.

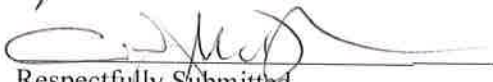

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

absent
James Muri, Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 12/21/2020