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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Mike Costello and Helen Dennen, Town Administrator.

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)** (1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual; (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: Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Muri, aye. Vote 5-0

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

Selectman Vadnais asked for a moment of silence for Bill Saunders, longtime resident, friend and former Veterans Service Agent of the Town who recently passed.

Veteran's Agent Jake Kramer and representatives from the American Legion payed their respects with a memorial presentation honoring Mr. Saunders.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for January 31, 2019: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-31B Payroll, \$111,291.57; 19-30A Withholdings, \$133,561.97, 19-30 Warrant, \$61,699.67. J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none.
Executive Session Minutes: none.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The Board of Selectmen will be hosting an Open Meeting Law presentation on February 13th at 3:30 and 7:00 PM at Town Offices in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome. The Open Meeting Law will be discussed by Town Counsel Jay Talerman. The Board strongly encourages all chairmen and vice chairmen of any of our town committees and boards to attend.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 4th at 7:00 PM at the COA on 55 Bay State Road, Rehoboth.

Town Administrator's report:

- There is a letter to be signed for the Firemen's Ball
- Received an email from Mallory Aronstein, the Town Administrator in Dighton, regarding a joint meeting for TRANE presentation
- Received an email from Ryan DuVally asking if there needs to be one application for all four properties, or one for each property. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Presentation on Green Communities & Stretch Code

Carolyn Panofsky, Green Energy Committee Chairperson, gave background information on the formation of the Green Energy Committee and listed its members. She explained that the Town is pursuing "Green Community" status.

Seth Pickering, the Southeast Regional Coordinator for the Green Communities Division of Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, joined her to present information regarding the program, covering the qualification criteria and requirements.

- There are 240 Green Communities in the State.
- Rehoboth's estimated designation grant amount would be about \$150,000.
- Designation Grant = \$125K + population and per capita income formula
- Then eligible for more, competitive grants
- Stretch Code applies to new construction, not renovations, repairs, or additions
- The Stretch Code is not much of a "stretch" anymore, as building codes are moving in that direction

Building Commissioner Bill McDonough spoke to the Stretch Code requirements.

David Pereira, Chair of the ZBA was also in attendance.

M. Costello made the motion to direct the Green Energy Committee to develop the necessary by-law that would have to come before the Town at Town Meeting. J. Muri seconded the motion and added that they should hold an information session before Town Meeting. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Review of Foreclosed Properties List from Tax Collector

Cheryl Gouveia, Tax Collector has submitted a list of three properties for the BOS to review which have been foreclosed on for tax taking by the Town. Judgements have been issued by the court, but they have one-year rights of redemption from the date of the judgement.

Mason Street – judgement entered 7/10/18

- The owner was unaware of the foreclosure and has agreed to come in and pay a portion of the taxes on 1/28/19; therefore, Cheryl requests no action be taken by the Board since full balance will be paid by 3/31/19 per the owner.

The following two properties are vacant land:

- Winthrop Street – judgement entered 7/3/18
- Calisto Drive – judgement entered 11/2/18

Cheryl is looking to Board for guidance on whether once we reach the one-year mark from the judgement date, would Board like to auction properties or seek an alternative disposition for the properties.

The Board reviewed the properties and discussed possible uses if said properties were not redeemed.

The Chair deemed no vote necessary at this time.

Action Item (3): Special Legal Counsel Bill

G. Schwall motion to pay Special Counsel legal bill to David Gray's Office in the Amount of \$1,336. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Action Item (4): Daniel Roach Appointment Town Planner/Conservation Agent

D. Perry motion to appoint Daniel Roach as Town Planner/Conservation Agent effective February 1, 2019 to June 30th, 2019. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Appointments & Election Worker Appointment

D. Perry motion to appoint Gina Woodrum to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective January 28, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

D. Perry motion to appoint Nancy Muri to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective January 28, 2019 to June 30, 2019. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

D. Perry motion to appoint Nancy Muri as an Election Worker, Unenrolled Precinct II, effective January 28, 2019 to October 31, 2019. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

Action Item (6): ABCC Annual Report

D. Perry motion to approve and sign the annual report for the ABCC. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Budget Amendment

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendment. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0. M. Costello abstained.

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
014203-52410	Highway Building R & M	\$550.00	
014203-53410	Highway Telephone		\$250.00
014203-55000	Highway First Aid		\$100.00
014203-57320	Highway 1 Day Conference		\$200.00

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendments. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

011873-52413	BOS Fac Maint. PSB/Repair	\$6,000.00	
011873-52409	BOS Fac. Maint. Other Repairs & Improvements		\$6,000.00

Action Item (8): TRANE Presentation

S. Vadnais relayed that Dr. Azar has asked to be considered for presenting to the BOS the school district's performance contract with the TRANE Corporation.

G. Schwall suggested that we put it off till after Town Meeting as the agendas are very full from now until then, and we would like to see some overview prior to the presentation.

D. Perry questioned why they didn't present this before the project started, as opposed to now, when the project is nearing completion.

J. Muri said he would like to see the engineering drawings.

G. Schwall motion to inform Dr. Azar that we will consider providing dates in the future, prior to us providing we would like to see contracts, an executive summary, and engineering drawings of what will be presented, for review and education, and post for our residents as well as on our website. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Francis Farm Contract Agreement for 375th Committee

Jake Kramer, presented the latest version of the contract for Francis Farms. Odete has made minor changes.

M. Costello motion to table until Town Counsel Jay Talerman has time to review it. J. Muri seconded. Vote 5-0.

Clarification that it is the Town Event's Committee, not the 375th Committee.

Discussion:

There are different owners, which is why there is a different contract than before.

G. Schwall said to make sure the Town is indemnified. As far as the deposit question, we were told we can't.

J. Kramer stated we would like this contract to be a template for future events.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

none

Department Head Reports:

Selectmen Reports:

Muri:

- Will have a site walk through the new building on Old Anawan with Steve Dufrane, on Saturday
- Members of the board are invited to join him

Schwall:

- Enjoyed the Rehoboth Animal Advocates pasta dinner on Saturday night. Well done.
- Asked Helen about union negotiation dates

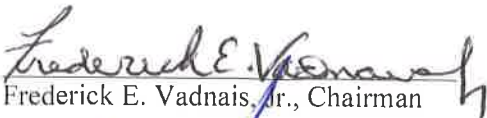
Vadnais:

- Missed the pasta dinner because he was at the Little League fundraiser for their trip to Cooperstown.

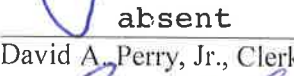
Perry: no report

Costello: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Schwall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:40 PM, Second by Selectmen Muri. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye. Vote 5-0.

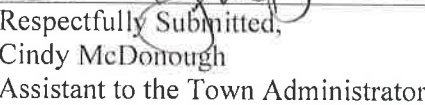

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


absent
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Gerald V. Schwall, Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 07/27/2020