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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

At **6:03 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; **(6)** To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

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

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 February 18th, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-34B Payroll, \$118,633.75; 20-34A Withholdings, \$31,798.65, 20-33 Warrant, \$4,896,250.33; Refund Warrant, \$4,444.16, Refund Warrant of \$277.63. J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

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

Open Forum – Announcements:

Ron Whittemore, 21 Pond Street, Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee

-3rd Annual Town Clean Up 4/18-26, more info to come

-KRB Committee sponsoring an Earth Day Poster Contest this year.

- First Place is \$10 Cumberland Farms gift card
- Second Place is \$5 Cumberland Farms gift card
- Lorelei Kellum, an 8th grader organized this contest with help from Ms. Faletra, the art teacher.

The Town Clerk has arranged for a presentation to be conducted by Ms. Danielle Boulay from the U.S. Census Bureau during the next BOS meeting on Monday, February 24th. Ms. Boulay will also be at the COA Building on Monday, March 2nd around noon to offer the same presentation. The presentation at the Selectmen's meeting is offered to provide information and will not be open to Q & A during the meeting.

Fireman's Annual Ball will be held on March 21st at Crestwood Country Club. Contact retired Fire Captain Dan Nunes at 508-509-8357 for ticket information.

National Grid now has an app for two-way notification to report power outages. We will be posting information on the Town website.

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday February 24, 2020 at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Promotion of Officer Jasson E. Ferreira to Sergeant

Chief Trombetta came before the Board to respectfully ask that Officer Ferreira be promoted to Sergeant. He is a twenty-year Veteran of the Department and he serves us well.

S. Vadnais motion to approve the promotion of Officer Jasson E. Ferreira to the rank of Sergeant. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

The Board commended Sergeant Ferreira and thanked him for his service to the Town.

7:15 The Board called a recess.

7:23 The Board reconvened the Meeting.

Action Item #2: Discussion with Dean Harrison; Women's Development Corp; Anawan School Project

G. Schwall reminded everyone that this is just a discussion with the Board, not a Q & A or discussion with the public.

Dean Harrison provided the Board with an update regarding the Anawan School Building Project:

- A year ago, we believed we had a location for the well, but the owner asked us to relocate it.
- Since then have tried to negotiate with abutters to purchase an easement to provide the necessary well-head protection.
- Have worked through many obstacles, but still moving forward with approvals and permits
- Need to get approval from DEP because well is near wetlands, need to get radius approved.
- Making sure land is not under Chapter 61A (contact the Assessor's office)
- It has been a long process, next pre application is in the fall. We have secured the easement.

D. Perry suggested speaking to Daniel Roach to see what is needed.

J. Muri told Mr. Harrison to have ZBA invite the Water Commission.

Action Item #3: Request to Extend Class II Auto License; Auto Sales of Rehoboth LLC

Mr. Manuel Salema is the owner of Auto Sales of Rehoboth LLC. Mr. Salema was forced to move from his place of business when the property was sold. In December the Board granted him a 45-day extension to his 2019 License so he could find a new location. Mr. Salema has found a new location on Anawan St.

and is in the process of selling his business due to recently discovered health issues. The prospective buyer is actively pursuing the necessary information to submit her application for a Class II Auto License. As part of the sale Mr. Salema will be selling the name of the business. If the license application is approved by the Board, Mr. Salema will surrender his license. Mr. Salema is requesting a further extension to complete the transaction. It should be noted Mr. Salema has paid the 2020 renewal fee for his license; however, since he has no physical location to operate the business the Board voted to extend the 2019 license with the caveat that he not actively engage in the sale of vehicles until the matter was resolved.

J. Muri motion to approve an extension of the Class II Auto License for Auto Sales of Rehoboth LLC until March 31, 2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #4: National Grid Request to Conduct Public Information Session: Reynolds Ave Substation

Ann Malley from National Grid is requesting the use of the COA Building to conduct a public information /open house for the new Reynolds Avenue substation and that we publicize the event on the Town website.

M. Costello motion to approve National Grid to utilize the COA Building on March 10th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a public information session/open house for the new Reynolds Avenue substation. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Request to Sign CCC Municipal Notice

The Board has approved the Host Community Agreement with CommCan, Inc., who is looking to open a location on Barney Avenue. Presently working through the steps. Planning Board has approved. There are milestones for licensing that they need approval on. This is one of them. The CCC has notified the Town that the applicant is proceeding and has provided the CCC with all the necessary information for them to move on with the licensing. The CCC asks that we sign the attachment and send back.

J. Muri motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the attached Cannabis Control Commission Municipal Notice on behalf of the Town. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #6: Request to Accept Comcast Quarterly Payment

The quarterly payment from Comcast is \$56,642.69 and covers the period from October to December 2019.

D. Perry motion to accept the October – December 2019 quarterly payment from Comcast in the amount of \$56,642.69. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #7: Discussion Regarding Use of Speed Camera in School Zone

S. Vadnais motion to engage in further discussion with Representatives to discuss program. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

M. Costello explained use of camera and procedure

- First 30 days, only issue warnings, then after this period they will issue tickets
- Company will work out paperwork, sending violation and fines to person, and collecting fees
- Portion of fine goes to courts and town
- Average ticket is \$200

J. Muri remarked that the program pays for itself and will free up officers' time

D. Perry stated that he is usually opposed to such things, but this is a safety issue and school zones are 20mph. He raised the questions:

- Are there service fees involved?
- If we don't bring in enough money, do we get penalized?

G. Schwall asked M. Costello to please find out from the representative and ask if they can give us a copy of the agreement prior to the meeting to review with counsel.

Action Item #8: Discussion Concerning Proposed Language for Nonbinding Ballot Question

Selectman Vadnais has suggested a nonbinding question to be added to the April ballot asking voters if they support a revised maximum speed limit in all unposted areas of the town.

S. Vadnais motion to approve placing a nonbinding Question on the April 7, 2020 ballot. The Question to read: "Do you support a maximum 35 MPH speed limit on all otherwise unposted streets within Town of Rehoboth." Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

S. Vadnais- Time frame to get this done is very time consuming, many steps to follow.

D. Perry – By having a speed limit posted, our Police Department can impose it much easier.

Action Item #9: Discussion Among Board Members Concerning Response to Received Correspondence

Board discussed issues pertaining to emails that are sent in and how they need to be directed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Robert Gagne, Simmons Street

- Concerned about safety on the roads around Reservoir Avenue
- Noticed that these roads have grown very narrow, forcing large trucks to drive closer to the center of the road, causing a dangerous situation for opposing traffic

M. Costello

- Highway Department trucks are doing road cut backs on Pine Street now, and will be doing Homestead Ave. soon.

D. Perry

- Rob Johnson, the Tree Warden, has a pretty aggressive program with National Grid, cutting back trees
- But if there is a specific area, I'll pass it on to him.

S. Vadnais

- Rob Johnson is the elected Tree Warden and has jurisdiction over the cutting and pruning of any public tree.
- The Board of Selectmen nor The Highway Department have little to do with it.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Costello: no report

Schwall:

- Reminder that tomorrow is the first budget workshop for budget reviews with BOS and Financial Committee to meet with department heads to review town budgets.
- This is open to the public, but not open for public discussion
- It will be televised
- 2/26 adding library for budget review as J. Muri has asked to


Perry: no report


Muri: no report

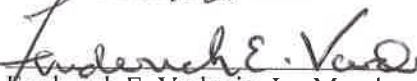
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:08 PM. Second by Selectmen D. Perry.

Roll call vote: Perry – aye; Vadnais – aye, Costello – aye, Muri, aye; Schwall - aye. Vote 5-0.



Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


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 6/1/2020