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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Absent:**

At 6:33 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 nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.*

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

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

**Call to Order at 7:08 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for February 24th, 2020:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-34A Withholdings, \$122,125.17, 20-35B Payroll, \$108,913.50; 20-34 Warrant, \$10,867.24; 20-35V Veterans Warrant, \$8,798.88. J. Muri motioned to ratify the weekly Warrants as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: May 6, 2019

J. Muri motion to approve the regular meeting minute with edits for May 6, 2019. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0. M. Costello abstained.

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Mr. Ron Whittemore of Pond Street representing the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee.

Mr. Whittemore stated that this is going to be the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the poster contest. This involves Beckwith Middle School and Palmer River. The contest starts on February 24, 2020 through March 25, 2020. There will be 2 winners per grade. First place is a \$10.00 gift certificate to Cumberland Farms and second place is a \$5.00 gift certificate to Cumberland Farms.

Town wide clean-up will be April 18, 2020 through April 26, 2020. Thanked the Highway Department for their help.

G. Schwall stated that the Fireman's Ball is on March 21<sup>st</sup>. For tickets call Dan Noons at 508-509-8357.

There will be a budget workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the COA.

March 11<sup>th</sup> the Board will meet with DRRHS to review their budget.

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road at 7:00PM.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item #1 Discussion with Town Moderator**

Mr. Bill Cute of 89 Hillside Ave and Town Moderator was present.

Mr. Cute stated an issue had arisen. Last July he had attended a meeting with Chairman Schwall, M. Costello, and others, to discuss the towns' share of the regional school assessment. I did not cast a vote, just attended as Moderator. In January I was approached by the State Ethics Commission regarding a complaint brought against me. Weeks later I received a letter from the Commission with some suggestions. At all meetings I have made it clear my involvement with the school system in town. It has not changed. I enjoy serving as Moderator for the town and would like to continue. My reputation is very important and I will protect it.

G. Schwall thanked the Moderator for attending the meeting with us. I did check with the Ethic Commission to make sure we were not violating the law by having you there. This complaint bothered me greatly, it's not right.

D. Perry stated to Mr. Cute, my first meeting with you as moderator was a great meeting. You have respect for this town and yourself. I have the upmost respect for you.

M. Costello stated he knew how Mr. Cute felt because he has been there. It's unfortunate that people hide behind their complaints. We don't accept any complaints without a signature. You have the upmost character.

S. Vadnais stated that you are the 5<sup>th</sup> Moderator that I have worked with. You are honest, fair and work well with all.

J. Muri stated to everyone out there, we need to learn to be civil, agree to disagree.

#### **Action Item #2: Unites States Census Presentation by Town Clerk, Laura Schwall, and US Census Partnership Specialist, Danielle Boulay**

Ms. Laura Schwall, Town Clerk was present.

Ms. Schwall stated that early voting is this week from February 24, 2020 through February 28, 2020. The Town Hall is open Monday – Thursday from 8AM – 4PM, and Friday from 8AM – 12PM. This is for Early Primary voting.

Danielle Boulay from the US Census Regional Office was present.

Ms. Boulay explained the importance of the Census with her presentation to the Board. She gave step by step information to upcoming events for the Census for the town.

M. Costello asked where is the hardest part of getting information.

Ms. Boulay replied that it is from people who tend to forget to input information on small children, under the age of 4, because they are not in school yet. Also, from the elderly because they are afraid of scams.

Ms. Schwall gave the current Census for the town. Town Census is due January 31, 2020. Over 5000 were sent out. 1573 homes have not replied yet and broke it down by precinct. Requested that people please send them back.

Ms. Boulay stated that they are working with the town, schools and senior centers in the coming weeks to help get the word out.

G. Schwall stated that the Board will assist in this. Ms. Boulay will be at the COA on March 2, 2020 at 12PM to present to seniors. There will be a counting committee formed starting with the Department Heads, the COA director, Veteran's Agent, and the schools.

**Action Item #3 Discussion with Green Energy Chair, Carolyn Panofsky**

J. Muri motioned to approve moving forward with the project as recommended by the Green Energy Committee. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:** Ms. Carolyn Panofsky of Fairview Ave, representing the Green Energy Committee was present. She spoke to the Board regarding the final steps to get funding allocated. Provided the Board with a list of steps and places where the grant will be used. She explained the spreadsheet she provided. The Board discussed ways to move forward.

G. Schwall asked Ms. Panofsky to work with J. Muri prior to moving forward with the funding.

Ms. Panofsky discussed the new Police Department being included, but the state said the building has to be in town. It will be on a future plan.

**Documentation:** Energy Conservation Measures Data spreadsheet

**Action Item #4: Appointments, as Submitted**

D. Perry motioned to appoint Carol J. LeBaron as an Election Worker – Democrat in Precinct1, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motioned to appoint Joseph E. Cherepowich to the Economic Development Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motioned to appoint Odete Lacourse to the Town Events Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motioned to appoint Elizabeth Fischbach to the Town Events Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motioned to appoint Dawn Crooks to the Town Events Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

G. Schwall recused himself.

D. Perry motioned to appoint Laura L. Schwall as the Interim Municipal Hearing Officer, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

**Discussion:** D. Perry discussed if the board should move forward with Ms. Schwall's appointment due to upcoming town changes. The Board said to move forward as listed.

**Action Item #5: Discussion Regarding the Roundabout Beautification Committee**

J. Muri motioned to amend his original motion to include the following members, 2 ad hoc members, 1 Tree Warden, 1 Highway Superintendent, 1 Board of Selectmen member. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to appoint Fred Thaler to the Roundabout Beautification Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to appoint Kevin A. Braz to the Roundabout Beautification Committee, effective 2/24/2020 – 6/30/2020. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:** The Board discussed ways and steps on how to move forward with the new committee.

J. Muri stated that the talent banks that were received are people he has spoken with and they have strong backgrounds.

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

Ms. Tish Vadnais asked about the Roundabout Committee, will there be soil? If there is please include the Garden Club. They may be able to help.

Mike Deignan of 5 Slater Street representing the Republican Town Election Committee.

M. Deignan stated that there are 3 candidates for Board of Selectmen, 4-5 candidates for the School Committee. Requested to hold an event, to be recorded, for the uncontested racers for Board of Selectmen and School Committee. Giving one hour to each category with questions and answer session. Also, requested to have Mr. Luke Travis as the moderator.

S. Vadnais suggested having a 3-person panel. One person being Luke Travis and one person from each committee.

G. Schwall stated that the Board would take this into consideration and report back to you.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** no reports

**Schwall:** no reports

**Perry:** no reports

**Muri:** no reports

**Costello:** no reports

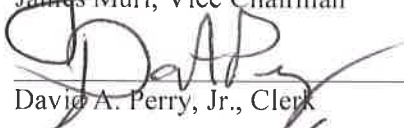
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:25 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vote 5-0



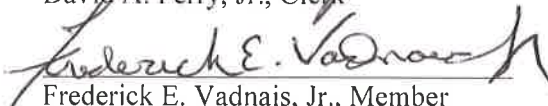
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman



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  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Approved 5/26/20  
2/24/2020

Criterion 3 Step 4: Complete Table 4 - ECMs

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Click here to view a sample version of this table			Table 4 Energy Conservation Measures Data																	
ECMs			Status		Energy Data						Financial Data						Reference Data			
Building/Site Name	Energy Conservation Measure Name	ECM Type (select one from drop-down)	Status (select one from drop-down)	Status Date (Completed with month/year or planned month/year)	Projected Annual Electricity Savings (kWh)	Projected Annual Natural Gas Savings (therms)	Projected Annual Oil Savings (gallons)	Projected Annual Propane Savings (gallons)	Projected Annual Gasoline Savings (gallons)	Projected Annual Diesel Savings (gallons)	Projected Annual Cost Savings (\$)	Total Installed Cost (\$)	Green Community Grant (\$)	Utility Incentives (\$)	Net Cost (\$)	Funding Source(s) for Net Costs	Source for Projected Savings			
Town Hall	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		26,920	0	0	0	0	0		\$20,336		\$7,815	\$18,421		Energy Source Audit			
Town Hall	Smart Thermostats	Building Control	Planned		0	0	0	558	0	0		\$4,564		\$0	\$4,564		Energy Source Audit			
Town Hall	Plug Load Controllers for Window ACs	Building Control	Planned		1,800	0	0	0	0	0		\$2,282		\$270	\$2,012		Energy Source Audit			
Town Hall	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	2,994	-3,541	0	0		\$38,036		\$0	\$38,036		Energy Source Audit			
Town Hall	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	647	0	0		\$5,325		\$0	\$5,325		Energy Source Audit			
Annex	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		5,610	0	0	0	0	0		\$4,625		\$525	\$4,300		Energy Source Audit			
Annex	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		470	0	0	307	0	0		\$11,767		\$0	\$11,767		Energy Source Audit			
Annex	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	730	-888	0	0		\$15,975		\$0	\$15,975		Energy Source Audit			
Annex	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	324	0	0		\$3,043		\$0	\$3,043		Energy Source Audit			
Blending Library	Smart Thermostats	Building Control	Planned		0	0	0	1,058	0	0		\$7,607		\$0	\$7,607		Energy Source Audit			
Blending Library	Plug Load Controllers for Window ACs	Building Control	Planned		3,000	0	0	0	0	0		\$3,804		\$450	\$3,354		Energy Source Audit			
Blending Library	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		85	0	0	1,515	0	0		\$15,214		\$0	\$15,214		Energy Source Audit			
Blending Library	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	3,458	-4,206	0	0		\$38,036		\$0	\$38,036		Energy Source Audit			
Blending Library	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	647	0	0		\$5,325		\$0	\$5,325		Energy Source Audit			
Council on Aging	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		24,335	0	0	0	0	0		\$21,921		\$8,540	\$20,381		Energy Source Audit			
Council on Aging	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		2,378	0	0	1,232	0	0		\$52,527		\$0	\$52,527		Energy Source Audit			
Council on Aging	VFDs on AHU Supply Fans	Pump/Motor/Drive	Planned		9,066	0	0	0	0	0		\$15,214		\$4,200	\$11,014		Energy Source Audit			
Council on Aging	Refrigeration Controls	Refrigeration	Planned		8,914	0	0	6	0	0		\$12,771		\$3,209	\$9,562		Energy Source Audit			
Animal Shelter	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		2,630	0	0	0	0	0		\$1,946		\$260	\$1,686		Energy Source Audit			
Animal Shelter	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		0	0	0	890	0	0		\$21,785		\$0	\$21,785		Energy Source Audit			
Animal Shelter	Smart Thermostats	Building Control	Planned		0	0	0	151	0	0		\$761		\$0	\$761		Energy Source Audit			
Animal Shelter	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	1,268	-1,542	0	0		\$18,257		\$0	\$18,257		Energy Source Audit			
Highway Department	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		10,839	0	0	0	0	0		\$10,511		\$1,923	\$8,588		Energy Source Audit			
Highway Department	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	1,170	-1,423	0	0		\$22,821		\$0	\$22,821		Energy Source Audit			
Highway Department	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	432	0	0		\$4,564		\$0	\$4,564		Energy Source Audit			
Public Safety Buildings	LED Lighting	Interior Lighting	Planned		27,829	0	0	0	0	0		\$28,962		\$8,890	\$20,072		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #2	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		85	0	0	1,515	0	0		\$15,214		\$0	\$15,214		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #2	Smart Thermostats	Building Control	Planned		0	0	0	512	0	0		\$4,564		\$0	\$4,564		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #2	Plug Load Controllers for Window ACs	Building Control	Planned		1,800	0	0	0	0	0		\$2,282		\$270	\$2,012		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #2	Oil to Propane Condensing Boiler Conversion	Fuel Conversion	Planned		0	0	1,721	-2,093	0	0		\$38,036		\$0	\$38,036		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #2	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	647	0	0		\$5,325		\$0	\$5,325		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #3	Smart Thermostats	Building Control	Planned		0	0	0	1,058	0	0		\$4,564		\$0	\$4,564		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #3	Plug Load Controllers for Window ACs	Building Control	Planned		1,800	0	0	0	0	0		\$2,282		\$270	\$2,012		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #3	Weatherization	Weatherization	Planned		272	0	0	647	0	0		\$21,431		\$0	\$21,431		Energy Source Audit			
Fire Station #3	Pipe Insulation	Hot Water	Planned		0	0	0	432	0	0		\$4,564		\$0	\$4,564		Energy Source Audit			
TOTAL Projected Savings					121,590	0	11,342	-1,214	0	0	0	\$01,941	0	\$4,714	\$07,227					
TOTAL MMBtu SAVINGS					1,881	414.86508	0	1576.536	-110.474	0	0									