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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

At **5:35 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)** (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;* (4) *To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation.* (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.*

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

Roll Call Vote: Perry, aye; Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, 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 3rd, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-31A Withholdings, \$37,373.86, 20-32B Payroll, \$108,461.91; 20-31 Warrant, \$84,669.54. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10th at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road at 7:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Discussion with Building Committee and Vote on Public Safety Building Proposal

J. Muri motioned to approve expending \$225,000 from the sale out of the Real Estate Reserve Account for the purpose of acquiring a modular building from the Town of Dartmouth; and, further to authorize the Chair to take any action necessary to complete the sale on behalf of the town. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: Chief Barresi from the Building Committee joined the meeting.

G. Schwall thanked the Building Committee for all their hard work. Asked Chief Trombetta to join the board while he received the modular unit purchase and use of the building. Gave step by step process of events from past to present time.

Chief Barresi is in agreement with the committee and the committee took a vote to support the Board of Selectmen and the Police Department.

Chief Trombetta stated he is very appreciative of the deal that was made. It is going to help the department tremendously.

G. Schwall stated that the funds established from the sale of the North School and the old Police Barracks and can only be used for a building for the town.

S. Vadnais stated these funds were for public safety per town meeting. There will be no tax increase.

G. Schwall thanked the Board of Selectmen of Dartmouth.

Action Item #2: Discussion with Fire Chief: SAFE Program Grant Award

J. Muri motioned to accept the FY20 S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$3,965 and the FY20 Senior S.A.F.E. Grant in the amount of \$2,348. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Documentation: letter from State Fire Marshall awarding grant

Discussion: Chief Barresi explained the grant and what it does for the community. There has been \$6,313 grant money for students and senior over the last 25 years.

Lt. Laravey and Jr. Fire Fighter Mandy joined the meeting. They attended a seminar that shared a lot of information and they came back and educated others and the community. Spoke to the board on what they have been doing to educate the town.

G. Schwall told Lt. Laravey that his enthusiasm and passion is wonderful.

Action Item #3 Vote to Open Warrant for the May STM and ATM

J. Muri motioned to open the Warrant for the Tuesday May 12, 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned to open Warrant for Tuesday May 12, 2020 Special Town Meeting.

Discussion: G. Schwall stated that the Warrant will close on March 2nd at noon. The Warrant will not close on the 1st because it is a Sunday.

Action Item #4: Vote to Sign Clerical Staff Union Contract

D. Perry motioned to sign the Clerical Union contract. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Vote to Sign Highway Union Contract

D. Perry motioned to sign the Highway Union Contract. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0 M. Costello abstained.

Discussion: G. Schwall stated these are 3-year contracts agreed upon with the Clerical and Highway Unions.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Computer Printer Consumable Program Agreement

J. Muri motioned to approve the Coast to Coast Program Agreement and to authorize the IT Director to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Town. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: Derek Rousseau approached the Board and explained the program savings to the town.

D. Perry asked if Coast to Coast is the vendor?

D. Rousseau stated we have been working with them already. The Town Clerk and the Town Treasure already use them.

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve ACO Designations

S. Vadnais motioned to designate Robert E. Johnson II as Primary ACO for the Town of Rehoboth. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

S. Vadnais motioned to designate Brian McKearney as Assistant ACO for the Town of Rehoboth. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #8: Discussion of Planned Rt 44 & 118 Roundabout

J. Muri motioned to appoint a new subcommittee with ad hoc, 1 member of Planning Board and 1 member of the Board of Selectmen. Second S. Vadnais.

Discussion: J. Muri stated that the Mass Highway reviewed recently the roundabout and residents had questions. The agent suggested a committee review the design. I'm asking the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee.

D. Perry asked if the committee will be helping in keeping information flowing back to the Board of Selectmen and the community? Do we need a committee? Can we flow the information to the Highway Department and they keep a list? Place it on the agenda and forward to the Highway Department.

J. Muri stated he would volunteer to be part of the subcommittee.

S. Vadnais stated that comments will be on the aesthetics, not the design. The design has already been approved by DOT.

M. Costello stated that he has already made suggestions to DOT on the design and they have taken it into consideration.

G. Schwall suggest one member of the Board of Selectmen and 2 members of the public, ad hoc.

J. Muri motioned to amend his motion to appoint one member of the Board of Selectmen and 2 members of the public to the subcommittee and feed all the information to the Highway Superintendent. S. Vadnais second. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry asked can the town do work on the roundabout, to maintain it.

M. Costello replied yes, under a permit the Highway Department has with Mass DOT.

J. Muri stated that anyone interested should send in a Talent Bank Form to the Selectmen's office.

Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Special Licenses, as Submitted

D. Perry motioned to approve the following Special Licenses for Dean Botelho on behalf of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity. The licensed premises for all events is 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth, MA. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Event Date	Transportation Date(s)	Type of License	Hours of Sales
2/29/20	2/28/20 & 3/1/20	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
4/4/20	4/3/20 & 4/5/20	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
5/16/20	5/15/20 & 5/17/20	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
9/12/20	9/11/20 & 9/13/20	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
10/24/20	10/23/20 & 10/25/20	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
8/14,15,16/20	8/7/20 thru 8/13/20	Wine & Malt Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM
1/23/21	1/22/21 & 1/24/21	All Alcoholic Beverages	6:00PM – 12:00AM

Action Item #10: Vote to Approve Auctioneer's License

D. Perry motioned to approve an Auctioneer's License for Dean Botelho to be used on August 14 and 15, 2020 at 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth, MA. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

G. Schwall stated there was an issue with the live feed. There was a vote taken during action item#1 that should be repeated. The Board vote to purchase a modular building from the Town of Dartmouth. This will not have any impact on taxes. It will be the new home of the Police Department. The source of the funds was from a Real Estate Reserve Account. The purpose of the monies in that account is for building a Public Safety building.

M. Deignan of 5 Slater Street and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

M. Deignan stated the ongoing budget situation for the town for FY21. Chapter 70 increased, the estimates charges are less, there is more in new growth. 45% increase compared to last year at this time in renewable receipts. Town is at 35% and the school is at 65% more revenue. Based on appropriations from May Town Meeting.

G. Schwall asked the Board if they wanted to meet with Department Heads on a different night than Mondays.

The Board stated yes. Start with two nights and go from there.

G. Schwall stated he would put a schedule together. Wednesday 2/19/20 & 2/23/20 at the COA.

The Board approved those dates.

M. Deignan – There are substantial increases in area for the town in FY21

- Health Insurance

- Contract Renewals

- Pension Assessments

Carol Williams -What are the dates for the next BOS meetings?

Board replied Monday February 10th and Tuesday February 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Schwall: Selectman Muri and I are attending an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on 2/9/20. J. Muri read the citation for Robert & Sebastian Meyer. G. Schwall stated this is open to the Board of Selectmen and the community.


The ACO has mandatory training. Please follow up with the supervisor and the assistant on training.

Perry: no report

Muri: Attended the Roundabout meeting with M. Costello. It was a useful presentation.

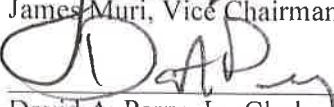
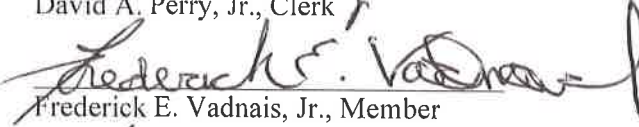
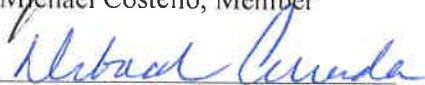
Costello: If anyone has questions regarding the roundabout please call or come in to see me; I have plans to review.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:26 PM., Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

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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 5/18/20



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PETER J. OSTROSKY
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

January 17, 2020

Chief Francis T. Barresi
Rehoboth Fire Department
334 Anawan Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769

Dear Chief Barresi:

I am pleased to inform you that your FY 2020 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior SAFE grant applications have been approved for funding. The Rehoboth Fire Department has been awarded \$3,965.00 for your S.A.F.E. grant and \$2,348.00 for Senior SAFE.

Be sure to alert your treasurer and to check with them to ensure receipt of the funds. We expect the funds to be electronically distributed within the next few weeks.

All grantees are required to submit the FY 2019 year-end report to DFS by January 31, 2020. If there are any unexpended funds, the grantee may apply for a one-time 6-month extension, which will be part of the year-end report form. At the close of the single 6-month extension, all unexpended funds must be returned to the Commonwealth. At this time, any prior year remaining funds must be returned to the Commonwealth.

Twenty-five years ago, the Administration advocated for the creation of the S.A.F.E. Program. Since that time average annual child fire deaths have been reduced by 76%. Six years ago, the S.A.F.E. program was expanded to offer funds to local communities in support of senior fire prevention training. Seniors are the most vulnerable of populations at risk of fire related deaths. Senior SAFE is aimed at educating seniors on fire prevention, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire. It is our hope that with this opportunity we can recreate the success with our older population that we have had with children.

I thank you for your commitment to the S.A.F.E. program and for your continuing efforts to promote fire prevention for all citizens. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cynthia Ouellette at (978) 567-3381 or the S.A.F.E. staff at (978) 567-3388.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Ostroskey
State Fire Marshal

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