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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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, Interim Town Administrator.

At 5:34 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (2)** *To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel; (3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a determinantal effect on the litigation 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; Muri, aye; Costello, aye; Vadnais, aye, Schwall, aye, Vote 5-0

**Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for March 9th, 2020:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-36A Withholdings, \$29,814.41; 20-37B Payroll, \$115,350.80; 20-36 Warrant, \$79,391.79. J. Muri motioned to ratify the weekly Warrants as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

**Warrants for March 16th, 2020:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-37A Withholdings, \$31,372.27; 20-38B Payroll, \$104,720.16; 20-37 Warrant, \$127,066.03. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

**Minutes:**

Regular Minutes: May 20, 2019

J. Muri motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2019. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Regular Minutes: June 10, 2019

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 10, 2019. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Regular Minutes: June 24, 2019

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 24, 2019. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

G. Schwall wished a belated Happy Birthday to Gert, she turned 98 last week.

G. Schwall stated that Bill Dalpe is in need of fish counters in a week or 2. If you are available call Bill directly or call the Board of Selectmen's office and leave your information and we will get it to Bill.

G. Schwall brought the public up to speed on COVID – 19 and the task force that has been put in place. All municipal buildings are closed to the public starting March 16, 2020. Read a letter to the public to let them know what steps have been taken and how to contact people in the event they need assistance. Assigned Board of Selectmen to certain task for additional support to departments.

M. Costello – Schools.

J. Muri – COA and Library.

D. Perry – Veterans.

S. Vadnais – Animal Control

G. Schwall – Public Health & Safety, Town Hall.

G. Schwall asked S. Vadnais if animals can get Covid-19?

S. Vadnais stated that he has reached out to the state and they are looking into it, but was told animals can get it, but cannot transmit it to others.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item #1: Discussion with Town Planner RE: Proposed Ground Water Protection Bylaw**

Item to be rescheduled.

#### **Action Item #2: Discussion with Good Energy, LP RE: Electric Aggregation Plan**

Item to be rescheduled.

#### **Action Item #3: Vote to Approve and Sign Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth**

M. Costello motioned to approve and execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth, Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

M. Costello motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign documents related to the acquisition of the modular units from the Town of Dartmouth. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:** J. Muri explained to the public what was being purchased. A 6,800 sq. ft. building to be placed in an appropriate location in Town. This is a great deal for the town. The building comes with all the furniture. Thanked the Chairman of the Board for all his hard work. Thanked the Police Chief for executing and moving forward on the deal. Also thanked the Building Committee and Ted Rouwse. This vote allows the Chairman to sign other paperwork if needed.

M. Costello stated he needed some direction on having some piles of materials he needs to restock. He would like to open the road in the back of the Dorrance property to be able to place the piles for future use. He will speak with Ted Rouwse. He gave a brief explanation, based on plans that he provided the Board, where he was proposing the driveway. D. Perry and M. Costello will work together to review the options and work with Ted Rouwse.

#### **Action Item #4: Vote to Award Overhead Door Replacement Contract to HQI Door Company**

J. Muri motioned to award the contract to replace the overhead doors and related parts in Station 1 in the maximum amount of \$29,200 to HQI Door Company, 54 Commercial Street, Raynham. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #5: Vote to Submit Nomination of Inspector of Animals.**

S. Vadnais motioned to nominate Robert E. Johnson II and Brian McKearney as Inspector of Animals, Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #6 Request to Conduct New England Harvest Half Marathon Through Rehoboth**

J. Muri motioned to approve the New England Harvest Half Marathon to pass through Rehoboth on October 11, 2020 in accordance with the plan provided and with special conditions set forth in the letter to organizing entity, including language about Corona Virus and that the event could be cancelled. Marking on the roads need to be made with marking paint and all signs are to be removed a few days after the event. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #7: Request to Waive Building Permit Fee for Rehoboth RYBSA**

J. Muri motioned to waive the building permit fee associated with the construction of an equipment shed for the Rehoboth Youth Baseball and Softball Association. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** He has not received an answer on the nuisance dog complaint. He is waiting on the Animal Control Officer. Asked M. Costello to look into Ray McKearney's property. In front of the house there is flooding going on, on the road.

**Schwall:** Going to end where I started regarding the Covid-19. "Bring it on". Rehoboth will get through this, this is not a snow day, with schools being closed. You still need to stay home. We all need to be responsible and do our part.

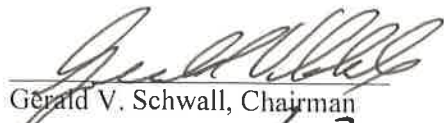
**Perry:** no report

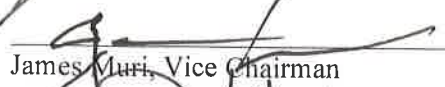
**Muri:** The Public Library is closed to the public. They are only opened for pick-up of materials from other libraries. G. Schwall stated this will be posted on the website.

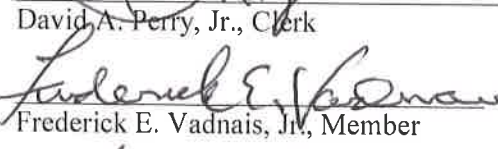
**Costello:** Work has begun this week on Rt. 44 project of repaving, tree trimming and brush cut backs. Expect delays.

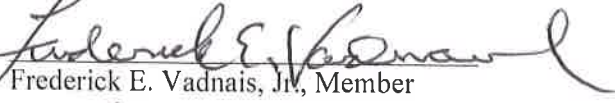
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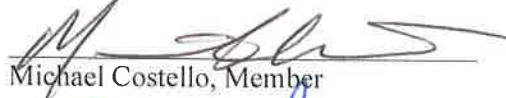
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S, Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:43 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vote 5-0

  
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

Interim Town Administrator

Approved 6/1/2020