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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, and Selectman Mike Costello

Remote: Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator, took notes from home, per Chairman

At 6:00 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. (4) To discuss the deployment of security personnel.

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.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for March 30, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-40B Payroll, \$100,031.00; 20-39A Withholdings, \$129,312.79, 20-39 Warrant, \$21,062.12. 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:

Keep Rehoboth Beautiful has announced the postponement of the planned town wide cleanup until fall. Details will be provided on the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful website and the Town website. Although the organized cleanup project is postponed, I would like to suggest individuals grab a plastic bag and honor the great work of this group by going outside and filling a bag or two. You can even take a couple of people with you so long as you practice social distancing. Let's all do our part. People can help by picking up trash while walking.

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday April 6th, 2020 at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road. Members of the public may observe the Board's deliberations by watching live on Channel 9 or stream from RehobothTV.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Taskforce Update

G. Schwall read an update on the weekly happenings regarding COVID-19 in the town.

- Services that are available, online licensing/ permitting, Meals on Wheels, Rehoboth Food Pantry
- Town website's COVID webpage has links to trusted sources with up to date information
- Election has been rescheduled to June 30th
- Annual Town Meeting has been rescheduled to June 16th and June 23rd.
- Available telephone number/email for any residents that needs help or cannot contact employees, will go to G. Schwall
- Thank you to Town Hall employees for cooperating with the changes.
- Thank you to Town Nurse Jaime Conlon for all you have done.
- Thank you to first responders and teachers
- Thank you to all who have volunteered and dropped off things such as masks, gloves, respirators

M. Costello relayed that the schools are closed until May 4th.

- Schools are ready to teach remotely and will have devices for families that don't have them and internet.
- Grab and Go lunches still available

J. Muri:

- Meals on Wheels are running, but could use more volunteers, in case they are overwhelmed with requests. Those that are under 60 and healthy are welcome.
- Go to the Town website for a Talent Bank Form

D. Perry spoke to Jake Kramer, our Veteran's Service Officer, regarding working with veterans, he is available for anyone who needs it.

S. Vadnais:

- Agriculture is working hard, especially those in the food business, flowers, not so much.
- Working with Governor as to which parts of Agriculture are essential
- If your horse is boarded at stable, the guidance is that you please do not visit them during this time. If you "rough board", which means you are responsible for feeding them, then you are allowed.

G. Schwall:

- We have a resident who is making surgical masks and volunteered to make some for the town.
- If you have elastic or cotton fabric to donate, contact Town Hall.
- If you are interested in sewing your own, she will share the information.

Action Item #2: Electric Aggregation Plan Conference Call Update

The agenda was amended to remove this item, as we did not receive the information soon enough.

Action Item #3: Ratify Vote to Postpone Annual Town Election

J. Muri motioned pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 and because of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to executive order 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, and its implications on election administration, the Rehoboth Annual Town Election scheduled for Tuesday April 7, 2020 is hereby postponed to Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

This motion needed to be ratified to include new language.

This will be posed in all three precincts by constable on March 31st, 2020

Action Item #4: Vote to Sign Annual Town Election Warrant

J. Muri motion to vote signing Annual Town Election Warrant. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Costello:

- Many people are walking and riding bikes, others need to slow down their vehicles
- Please help our local restaurants with take outs when you can
- But stay vigilant and abide by the social distancing rules

Schwall:

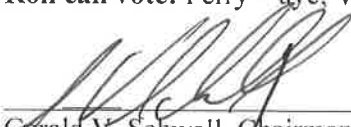
- Thank you to M. Costello for your assistance with sourcing things as Highway Superintendent
- Thank you to D. Perry for your outsourcing and help as well.
- Reach out if you need help. We are all in this together.

Perry: no report

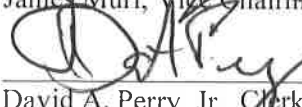
Muri: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:30 PM. Second by Selectmen J. Muri.

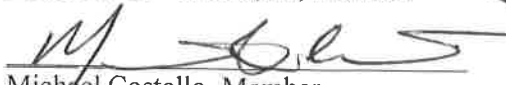
Roll call vote: Perry – aye; Vadnais – aye, Costello – aye, Muri, aye; Schwall - aye. Vote 5-0.



Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 6/15/2020