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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, and Selectman Michael Costello

Remote: Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator, per direction from the Chairman

At **6:00PM** 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;*

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 7:00 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for April 27th, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-43A Withholdings, \$126,637.34, 20-44B Payroll, \$104,368.59; 20-43A Warrant, \$196,444.35; 20-43V Veterans Warrant, \$9,932.98. M. Costello motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Warrants for April 20th, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-42A Withholdings, \$32,709.58, 20-43B Payroll, \$113,934.75; 20-42 Warrant, \$27,686.07. J. Muri motioned to ratify the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Minutes:

Regular Minutes: October 28, 2019

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes with for October 28, 2019. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Regular Minutes: November 18, 2019

D. Perry motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2019. Second M. Costello. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, May 4th at the COA at 7:00PM. 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 the statement which included decisions made over the past few weeks and additional information of importance as received from local, state and federal agencies. As of today, there have been 31 positive cases reported in Rehoboth. COVID -19 Task Force will be adding a financial team. It will include, M. Deignan, Finance Committee Chairman, C. Gouveia, Town Treasurer, R. Oliveira, Town Accountant, D. Arruda Interim Town Administrator, and G. Schwall, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. We will be reviewing again Town Meeting date; it was extended to the end of June, 2020. In order for your vote to count at Town Meeting you must be present. Town Election has been postponed to Tuesday, June 30, 2020. There are two alternative ways to vote in person. You can do an Absentee Ballot, which must be received by the Town Clerk by June 30, 2020. You can also vote by Early Ballot, it is Due to the Town Clerk by June 30, 2020. Both of these must be received by the Town Clerk before the close of the poles on Election day.

D. Perry -There will be no Memorial Day Parade. There will be only a service. This is to keep our Veteran's safe.

M. Costello- Virtual learning will be in place until the end of the school year.

J. Muri- Overdue library books can be dropped off in the box outside the Blanding Library. The COA is still opened for anyone needing help. You can call Lina Sherman. Brad Marshall will meet you by appointment. Meals on Wheels is still running. Bristol Elders has given us permission to extend the program to seniors who are not part of the program. If you are in need of this service please call the COA. Patriot Place has donated food for us. Hannaford's and Big Lots are donating as well. The COA has donated meat which has been hard to come by. There have been many people donating time, resources, and money. Thank you to all.

Action Item #2: Vote Regarding Right of First Refusal RE: Middlebrook Investments, LLC

S. Vadnais motioned to waive the Town's right of first refusal and to notify the attorney for Middlebrook Investments of the Town's decision. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: S. Vadnais stated that the Planning Board and Conservation Commission have passed on first refusal.

D. Perry asked if this was the same lot or a different lot?

G. Schwall replied this is a different lot. We will have to do this for all the lots.

Action Item #3 Vote to Pass 2nd Installment of State Aid to Public Library to Rehoboth Antiquarian Society

J. Muri motioned to pass the second installment of FY2020 State Aid to Public Libraries to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society upon receipt of funds from the Commonwealth.

Discussion: G. Schwall stated that this is in addition to funds that the Town gives to them. The Town Treasurer has received the funds.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Junk Dealer License(s), as Submitted

D. Perry motioned to approve the following Junk Dealer Licenses for the period May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Valenim Mendes, Mendes Antiques, 52 Blanding Road
Gary Jennings, Anawan Antiques, 180 Anawan Street
Daniel Bilezikian, Gallery One Twenty-Five, 125 Tremont Street

Action Item #5 Vote to Appoint Election Worker

D. Perry motioned to appoint David E. Silva as an Unenrolled Election Day Worker in Precinct 3. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

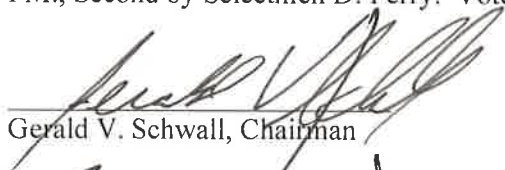
Vadnais: People are walking, biking & jogging in the middle of the road. Please be careful. Some drivers may not see you. Everyone must be vigilant.

Schwall: I have thanked many people through the past weeks. I need to thank my select board. I am very proud to be part of this Board. Some very tough decisions have been made lately and I have had their total support. They all have full time jobs as well as being Selectmen.

Muri: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful, I would like to give a shout out to those helping on their own. We appreciate it, thank you.

Costello: Oil collections are postponed and it will be revisited in May. This will also be added to the town website. Keep Rehoboth Beautiful, asks if residents are walking to carry bags and pick up trash, leave the bags on the side of the road. The Highway Department will come by and pick them up. Please practice social distancing. The landfill is open Tuesday you need to wear mask and gloves.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:30 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vote 5-0



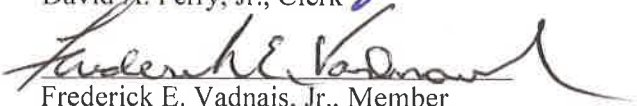
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman



James Muri, Vice Chairman




David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member



Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy McDonough

Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 6/22/2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

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