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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

At **5:30 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21A (2)** *To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for union negotiations with non-union personnel. (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 Muri, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Schwall, aye; Costello, 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 May 20th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 19-46A Withholdings, \$32,913.27, 19-47B Payroll, \$110,615.35; 19-46 Warrant, \$49,234.68. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none.
Executive Session Minutes: none.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The continuation of Annual Town Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 28th at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School at 7:00 PM. The Selectmen will be providing a review of the highlights of the May 13th session as part of Action Item 4 of tonight's agenda.

An abbreviated Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:00 PM prior to start of Town Meeting at the High School.

Jake Kramer, of 57 Tremont Street, announced that the 375th Golf Tournament was successful. The Memorial Day Parade will start at 10:30 AM, May 27th. The Memorial Day Service will kick off at 11:30. The 375th Taste of Rehoboth will be from 5-8:00 PM on June 4th at Francis Farm. Tickets available online, at Anawan Pharmacy, Bristol County Savings Bank, or Vino's for \$20 before 5/29, or \$25 after 5/29.

Ron Whittermore, of 21 Pond Street, Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, presented “litter” bags to the selectmen (They will be available at Town Meeting on the 28th) and notes on the town wide clean up.

- 250 residents participating

- 10 dump trucks of trash

- down 33% on amount of trash pick up

- raised \$150 at the last meeting from sale of “liter” bags (to stop liter at it’s source) and spruce trees

Historic Cemeteries poster created by the Cemetery Commission, available at Town Hall.

“Stop the Bleed” training offered by Town Nurse, Jaime Conlon, on June 17th from 6-8:30 at Rehoboth Fire Department Station 3, 104 Pleasant Street. Contact the Town Nurse to reserve a seat.

During Executive Session it was voted to continue Town Accountant contract.

Resident Sara Kanarian turned 100 years old on Friday the 17th of May. By order of the Board of Selectmen, May 28th is “Sara Kanarian Day”.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Discussion with the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee: EMS Week and Recognition

Selectman Perry read the proclamation to recognize Friday, May 24th 2019 as Rehoboth EMS Day and to have such notice posted on the town website.

Discussion:

- Scott Meager, Chairman of the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee, came before the board to recognize the individuals who contributed to the saving of a resident’s life, bringing him back to life after full cardiac arrest, and then transporting him to the hospital.

- Bonnie Meager, 28 Williams St., organized the All Hazards Drill Training Day at Beckwith School, which was a great success.

- Cheryl Withers, 27 Baystate Road, thanked the EMS for their life saving response to her brother’s cardiac arrest.

- Bob Shriver, SCA Association, spoke and handed out awards recognizing their response.

Action Item #2: Discussion with Town Clerk Regarding Town Meeting Check-in Procedure

No motion required.

Discussion:

Laura Schwall reported that 471 voters came to Annual and Special Town Meeting last week. 413 of which were between 6:30 and 7:30 which were easily handled thanks to the new “pole pads” which the town was able to purchase with grant money.

Action Item #3 Discussion with VSO Regarding the Eagle Scout Project at the Veterans Memorial and the Upcoming Memorial Day Activities

Discussion:

Jake Kramer, Veterans’ Service Officer, spoke of the Eagle Scout project to move the Howitzer Cannon, presenting plans and asking for approval to move ahead with this project, to be completed before Veterans’ Day.

M. Costello motioned to allow Jake Kramer to move forward with the Eagle Scout Project and to contact the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #4: Board Review and Comment on the First Session of Town Meeting

Discussion:

Chairman G. Schwall addressed the unfounded statements made by some members of the school committee after the last meeting. He referenced that there are documents that support the truth available at Town Hall.

S. Vadnais motion to empower the Chairman G. Schwall to take any actions necessary to protect the position of the town at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday May 28th. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Waiver for Dawn DuFault

J. Muri motion to approve a waiver to Chapter A, Article VI of the General Bylaws; allowing Dawn DuFault to be appointed as an Associate Member of the Rehoboth Agricultural Commission. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #6: Vote to Authorize Chairman to Sign Danforth Street Closing Documents on Behalf of the Board

J. Muri motion: Pursuant to Article 3 at the May 13, 2019 Special Town Meeting, I move to accept and purchase the property which is that certain parcel of land, as shown on Assessor's Map 44, Lot 29, consisting of approximately 50.61 +/- acres, more or less, (Book 5167 Page 218; Book 16780, Page 185; and Book 24478/Page 28) known as 48 Danforth Street, Town of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from Constance R. Pemmerl, and to authorize the Chairman, Gerald Schwall, to execute and enter into any and all deeds or documents necessary to effectuate the same. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #7: Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule for June- August

S. Vadnais motion to use the schedule as a guide with supplemental meetings as needed. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

G. Schwall stated he will not be able to make the meeting on June 3rd.

Action Item #8: Budget Amendments

D. Perry motion to approve the following Budget Amendments for the Police Department. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Increase Line	012103-52490	Software Maintenance & Upgrade	\$423.00
Decrease Line	011413-53000	Telephone	\$423.00
Increase Line	012103-55840	Detention/Prison	\$300.00
Decrease Line	012103-51960	Initial Equipment	\$300.00

Action Item #9: Special Budget Amendment

D. Perry motion to approve the following special budget amendments for the Assessor's office. Second by SA. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Increase Line	011412-51310	Wages-Overtime	\$20.46
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Decrease Line	011413-53000	Prof & Tech	\$20.46
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Action Item #10: Vote to Appoint Representative to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)

D. Perry motion to appoint James Muri as the JTPG Representative from Rehoboth effective May 22, 2019 through May 22, 2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

D. Perry motion to appoint Gerald V. Schwall as the alternate JTPG Representative from Rehoboth effective May 22, 2019 through May 22, 2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #11: Appointment as Submitted: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful

J. Muri motion to appoint Lorelei M. Kellum to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective 5/20/19 – 12/31/19. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Tish Vadnais acknowledged Abby Abrahamson and wanted to thank her for all she has done.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello:

- Roadwork to be done: Wheeler Street, Mason Street, Sweeney Road will be paved starting Wednesday. Martin Street, Reynolds Ave and Bliss St will be chip sealed, TBA.
- Thank you to G. Schwall for all the extended work and unpaid hours.
- Compliments to his crew on a job well done, replacing the culvert on Sweeney Road.

Muri:

- No report, but also wanted to thank G. Schwall.

Vadnais:

- Regarding the Graduation invitations from two local high schools, he and G. Schwall will be in union negotiations.
- D. Perry will attend the Bristol Aggie graduation on May 30th.
- J. Muri will attend the DRHS Commencement on June 1st.

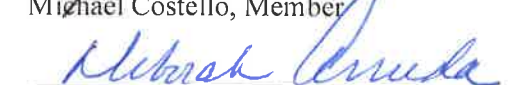
Perry:

- Vacuum truck clean out of our catch basins.
- \$10,500 a month for rental and transportation fee
- Does 20-23 a day. Town has 13,000, 400 of which are now done.
- Keep truck for another month, then we will be 2/3 done, next year do the last 1/3.
- They have never been done this well before, next year the truck won't have to work as hard, and we will see a huge improvement in the water quality and localized flooding.
- This is good preventative maintenance.

Schwall:

- Attended the 90th birthday luncheon at the COA for all the members of the seniors' club turning 90 this year.
- 100th birthday of Sara Kanarian
- Honor the spirit of Memorial Day by showing up to vote on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:37 PM., Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.


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

Approved 3/16/2019