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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Mike Costello, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais and Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator

At **6:10 p.m.** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21 (a) 6.** *To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.*

**Roll Call Vote:** Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 5-0

**Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for July 9, 2020:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; 21-01B Payroll-Correct, \$97,173.39; 21-01B Payroll-Rescind, \$97,174.29. M. Costello made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:** 21-01B Rescind vote from 7/6/2020, over by \$0.90. Vote correct amount of \$97,173.39.

**Warrants for July 13, 2020:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; 21-02B Payroll, \$116,915.15; 20-54A Withholdings, \$17,526.46; 21-02A Withholdings, \$26,759.54; 20-54 Warrant, \$436,800.46; 21-02 Warrant, \$310,572.00; 21-02R Refund Warrant, \$1,468.23; 21-02R1 Refund Warrant, \$1,000.04. M. Costello made a motion to approve the weekly warrants as read. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: none  
Executive Session Minutes: none

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road. There will be no meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to union negotiations.

We are also scheduling a meeting for Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at the Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room to vote on any FY20 remaining Budget Amendments. That will be the only business discussed.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Reminded any restaurants that would like to have outdoor seating that they need to submit their application to the Board of Selectmen for approval before opening.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Action Item #1: Vote to Appoint Reserve Officer to Patrolman**

J. Muri motion to table action until Chief Trombetta can advise Board how to move forward. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Appointments, as submitted**

Mr. Michael O'Hern was previously appointed as Constable with a classification of "Special" but it should have been "Regular." He is asking to be re-appointed with the correct classification.

D. Perry motion to vote to rescind previous appointment for Michael O'Hern as Constable with the classification of "Special". Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to appoint Michael O'Hern as Constable for the Town of Rehoboth with a classification of "Regular". Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

### **Discussion:**

G. Schwall stated all Constables are "Special" as they do work outside of Town, this is his request.

From our meeting last week, we have received a few volunteers interested in helping with the upcoming Elections. Thank you for stepping forward.

D. Perry motion to approve the following election workers effective 7/13/2020 to 10/31/2020:

Louise Morrish- Unenrolled, Precinct 1

Nicole Morse- Unenrolled, Precinct 2

Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item #3: Vote to Accept Grant for PSB**

In June, G. Schwall was able to secure a \$20,000 grant for the Public Safety Building. The funds have been received. Thank you to Rep Howitt and Feeney for their help.

G. Schwall motion to accept the \$20,000 grant for the Public Safety Building. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

### **Discussion:**

D. Perry thanked G. Schwall for all his work.

### **Action Item 4: Vote to Approve Outdoor Seating Plan**

The BOS office has received an application for outdoor seating for KP Grille. The Building Inspector has approved the seating plan and BOH has been in contact with KP Grille as well.

M. Costello motion to approve the Temporary Outdoor Seating Plan for KP Grille, LLC, effective July 1, 2020 through November 1, 2020, or when the State of Emergency is lifted, whichever comes first. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item 5: Vote to Approve August Spending Plan**

As the Board approved the July Spending Plan, the Accountant has put together an August Pending Plan based on the Town's FY20 budget and any additional payments that occur in the month of August.

G. Schwall motion to table until Wednesday 7/15/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall explained his concerns that M. Deignan and the Board have not had time to review. We can vote on Wednesday.

**Action Item 6: Vote to Approve Utility Installer's License**

We have received a request from Columbia Gas/NiSource to perform work on 109 Broad Street. Superintendent Costello has reviewed and received all necessary permits and fees.

M. Costello motion to approve Utility Installer's License from Columbia Gas with Chris MacDonald as the competent installer. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall spoke to head of Columbia Gas. We do not need to charge for application if Columbia Gas is doing the work. If they are having a subcontractor doing the work, then they do. In this case Columbia Gas has sent payment in.

**Action Item 7: Vote to Accept Agreement with Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library and vote to make the July grant payment**

To accept the yearly agreement between the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society and the Town of Rehoboth, and agree to pay \$252,019.00 in three installments.

J. Muri motion to accept and sign the agreement with the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society effective July 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to amend the previous motion from July 13 to July 1, 2020. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to allow the Treasurer to pay the first installment of \$126,009.50, which represents 50% of the total amount due. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

D. Perry questioned the three installments, G. Schwall explained that they are not three equal installments.

**Action Item 8: Vote to Accept Special Budget Amendments, as submitted**

Due to the split payroll last week with FY20 wages and FY21 wages, a shortfall occurred in the BOH wage line.

D. Perry motion to accept Special Budget Amendment for the Board of Health, as follows. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Account Number	Department	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
015112-51140	BOH	Wages PT	\$63.76	
015113-57110	BOH	In State Mileage		\$63.76

**Action Item 9: Vote to Accept Reserve Fund Transfers, as submitted**

None were submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

None

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Muri:** Thank God we are in Phase III.

**Perry:** Steve Dorrance would like to donate an office trailer to the Town. He used as an office.

**Costello:**

-Trailer is decent needs cosmetic repairs. Could use towards COVID-19 if pandemic gets worse used for Police or Transfer Station office, as current one needs repair. \$15K is asking price/donation. Board members can check it out, his accountant needs to come up with value. Letter from Board to accept

-Bill Maiorano spoke to me back in June, that he is retiring on June 30. Was not aware of this. Began to look into and asked Fire Chief to take position. Why did we not know if G. Schwall knew 3 months ago.

-G. Schwall stated that as liaison to REMA/FD, I was working with Bill Maiorano and Chief to find replacement. I am working with them and may even volunteer my services to help with Grant Writing. Bill has not even sent in a letter of resignation to the Town. He is in no rush and it is not an easy position to fill. One concern is do we dissolve it and bring it under Fire Department responsibility; we are still in discussions.

-D. Perry- It seems that Bill is willing to help until position is filled.

-S. Vadnais suggested we work with Bill Maiorano and Fire Department to move forward.

-M. Costello is very upset that he heard the news from Bill Maiorano and not G. Schwall after 3 months.

**Schwall:** no report

**Vadnais:**

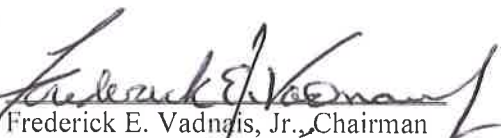
-Met at site of chicken issue to assess the situation again, and find out farmer's intent

-The farmer will need a "farm plan" in order to expand.

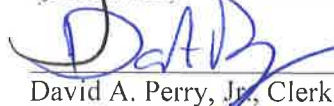
-Asked J. Muri if he had any information on the chicken issue and thanked him for passing his concerns to BOH

-D. Perry explained what has taken place in the last few weeks and who has been involved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:06 PM. Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
James Muri, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

Gerald V. Schwall, Member

  
Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Approved 8/17/2020**