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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, JULY 6, 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

**Roll Call Vote:** Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, 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 July 6, 2020:** D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 20-54B Payroll, \$56,272.94; 21-01B Payroll, \$97,174.29; 20-53A Withholdings, \$85,677.51; 20-53 Warrant, \$77,509.92; 20-53R Refund Warrant, \$6.55; 21-01 Warrant, \$1,113,195.89. D. Perry made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

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

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road.

The Board will also be scheduling a Meeting for Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> in order to wrap up any open business from FY20, if needed. Budget Amendments or Reserve Fund Transfers.

**Town Administrator's Report**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Promotion of Officer Thomas Ranley to Sergeant**

G. Schwall motion to approve the promotion of Officer Thomas Ranley to rank of Sergeant. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall spoke to the promotion.

Chief Trombetta spoke regarding Officer Ranley's 22 years with the Police Department, his service on regional SWAT team and his significant role as a team leader, and his contributions to the department. Chief respectfully asks that Officer Ranley be promoted this evening.

Chief Trombetta is seeking approval of the BOS to fill the position left open by Jasson Ferreira's promotion to Sergeant a few months ago. Has someone in mind that is a Reserve Officer, but do not have a start date. Would like to come in next week with Reserve Officer Jones to be appointed at meeting 7/13, with a to be determined start date.

G. Schwall asked, can he be appointed in two places?

Chief Trombetta stated that he will not be working until he is finished in East Providence.

**Action Item #2: Annual Town Election Results and Debrief**

Town Clerk Laura Schwall was present to share the results of the June 30<sup>th</sup> election and provide a debrief on the process followed on Election Day and the restrictions she was required to follow per the State. She reported that there were 1396 total voters, which is 15% of our total voting population, compared to most recent school committed contested race without a debt exclusion and that race we received 375 or 3% of the voting population. So, we had over 1000 more voters this election. She thanked everyone who participated in voting, the Election Workers, G. Schwall, Derek Rousseau, Lynn Shaker, and Odete, M& S Cleaning, Lucille Amaral, and Postmaster for all they did throughout the process, as well as various departments.

G. Schwall noted that the September and November Elections will be more difficult. We will need help from the State to support us. Asking the Board to reach out to Senators and Representatives for help.

Board thanked Laura for her work.

**Documentation:** Official Results Total Town Tally

**Action Item #3: Vote to Accept CARES Act Award**

G. Schwall explained to the public/Board the CARES Act and how much Rehoboth was eligible to receive.

- Filed paperwork in the beginning of June.

- Two opportunities, now and then in October.

- \$112,000 of the \$426,487.00 has been earmarked to replace windows and doors (front and back), to comply with CDC, DPH, etc. (windows that open to circulate air and touchless-open doors)

- Will need to be done ASAP, money needs to be spent by 12/30/2020.

G. Schwall is asking the Board what they would like to do and what direction they would like to take.

G. Schwall motion to accept the CARES Act fund from the Commonwealth of MA for the amount of \$426,487.00. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

M. Costello motion to have G. Schwall continue working with the State and CARES Act and review with the Board. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

D. Perry stated that G. Schwall is the best person to continue with this project.

**Action Item 4: Vote to waive Building Permits ONLY for the PSB Modular Units**

Per Bill McDonough and with the Board's approval, the building permit fees will be waived for the PSB project. All other permits will proceed as usual, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, etc.

M. Costello motion to waive (all) Building Permit fees for the Public Safety Modular Units project. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

M. Costello questioned why not waiving electrical/plumbing/mechanical fees, will confirm with Bill McDonough.

D. Arruda stated that it is just for building permits.

D. Perry stated that even if we do it "in house", the contractors still need a permit and the inspectors need to get paid. We are not waiving permits, just the fees.

M. Costello wanted to make clear that he has a septic installers license for the Town.

Any renovations on PS Modular would be a separate project.

**Action Item 5: Vote to extend the Interim Town Administrator's contract**

Originally Debbie Arruda's interim appointment was to end on 6/30/2020. However, due to the pandemic and all the changes that have transpired since March, the Board has agreed to extend her appointment until December 31, 2020.

G. Schwall motion to vote to extend Interim Town Administrator's contract from 7/1/2020 to 12/31/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

J. Muri relayed that she is doing a terrific job and we are extending because no budget yet.

G. Schwall added the reason for extension is a week after Debbie was promoted, COVID hit and we have been buried with work. She has not had a chance to learn the job of Town Administrator.

**Action Item 6: Reserve Fund Transfer**

None submitted.

**Action Item 7: Vote to approve Special Budget Amendments, as submitted**

The Town Treasurer is requesting an additional \$500 to cover Medicare expenses.

D. Perry motion to vote to approve Special Budget Amendment:

Account Number	Department	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
019193-51770	Treasurer's	Medicare	\$500	
011463-57120	Collector's	Hotel/Meals		\$500

Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:**

The world is going through a lot with Police Department defunding and dismantling. I'm asking that the Police Department budget is looked at and that they have everything they need.

-S. Vadnais- They entire Board would like to review the budget and work with Finance Committee. Training is very important.

-G. Schwall- I work with the Police Department as liaison on their budget. Martina has been doing a wonderful job. They use their money very wisely. Training is very important to us and them.

Still moving on the modular units, will move furniture out of building (units) and monitors.

G. Schwall, M. Costello and D. Arruda will work together on bid extension.

**Muri:** Working with Library to see if they need some things to reopen – COVID related

-G. Schwall we need an invoice for their July payment that we have to pay, 50%.

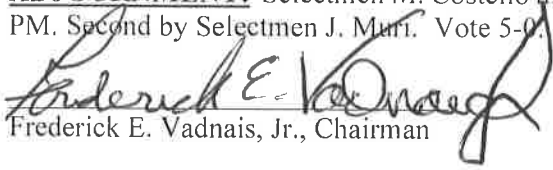
**Perry:** Will supply box truck if needed for moving the furniture at Dartmouth modular, if needed.

**Schwall:**

1. Worked with Mike Deignan on final FY20 encumbrances. He will work with D. Arruda and R. Oliveira to finalize budget.
2. Next step with moving speed limit to 35 mph vs 40 mph
  - a. -S. Vadnais – Don't know if we need to bring to Town Meeting but will research. Will work with M. Costello and D. Perry. Once all facts are gathered, we will place it as an agenda item.
3. Barney Ave response: Gentleman send me an email regarding an intersection. If a traffic light is not possible any time soon, he suggested some ideas:
  - a. -Ask electric company to relocate pole that is in line of sight.
  - b. -Ask residence to cut back hedges to clear line of site
  - c. -Ask businesses- parking spots block line of site, ask them not to use them to help.
  - d. -Resident would like to be part of virtual meeting
  - e. Board agreed that a light is the answer but these suggestions would help.
4. Resident spoke to G. Schwall regarding roadwork and material produced. "Microplanning" material, residents have asked if they can have some. M. Costello responded that they can approach the foreman and speak to them, it is Town owned material so they can have it.


**Vadnais:** Spoke to Bill Cute about Town Meeting, update many obstacles to cover. Would like to speak to Board and Town Clerk on Monday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> to update Town why we can't have it yet. Board agreed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:40 PM. Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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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 8/10/2020**

*add to minutes*

OFFICIAL RESULTS TOTAL TOWN TALLY  
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TOWN ELECTION APRIL 7, 2020 - Postponed Annual Town Election to June 30, 2020									
ELIGIBLE VOTERS = 9,579	ACTIVE VOTERS =	9,045							
VOTES CAST:		1,396							
PRECENT: %		15%							
	Precinct I	Pct-1 EV	Precinct II	Pct-2 EV	Precinct III	Pct-3 EV	✓	TOTALS	
<b>MODERATOR (1 YR) (ONE)</b>									
BLANKS	50	27	52	24	46	21		220	
WILLIAM J. CUTE, JR.	218	131	305	148	246	122		1170	
WRITE-IN	4	1	1	0	0	0		6	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1396</b>	
<b>SELECTMAN (3 YRS) (TWO)</b>									
BLANKS	99	66	117	76	127	37		522	
JAMES J. MURI	158	99	219	106	176	95		853	
DAVID A. PERRY, JR.	169	95	228	110	165	89		856	
LAURA DIAS SAMSEL	114	58	146	50	116	58		542	
WRITE-IN	4	0	6	2	0	7		19	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>2792</b>	<b>2792</b>	
<b>TAX COLLECTOR (3 YRS) (ONE)</b>									
BLANKS	59	35	66	30	58	19		267	
CHERYL A. GOUVEIA	213	124	292	142	234	124		1129	
WRITE-INS	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1396</b>	
<b>ASSESSOR (3 YRS) (ONE)</b>									
BLANKS	77	47	93	50	80	35		382	
RICCARDO BINETTI	194	112	264	122	212	108		1012	
WRITE-INS	1	0	1	0	0	0		2	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1396</b>	
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<b>DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL</b>								
<b><u>DISTRICT SCHOOL COMM (3 YRS) (TWO)</u></b>								
BLANKS	33	9	16	17	25	9		109
ANTHONY F. ARRIGO	118	68	140	61	119	60		566
RICHARD S. BARRETT	118	85	187	87	143	73		693
ELLEN M. CORVI	142	66	162	73	122	77		642
AARON D. MORSE	133	90	209	106	175	67		780
WRITE-INS	0	0	2	0	0	0		2
<b>TOTALS</b>	544	318	716	344	584	286	2792	2792
<b><u>HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YRS) (ONE)</u></b>								
BLANKS	258	155	343	172	289	133		1350
STEPHEN SILVA	3	4	5	0	3	10		25
WRITE-INS	11	0	10	0	0	0		21
<b>TOTALS</b>	272	159	358	172	292	143	1396	1396
<b><u>PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS) (ONE)</u></b>								
BLANKS	73	44	89	43	88	32		369
EDWARD J. BERTOZZI, JR.	197	115	268	129	204	111		1024
WRITE-INS	2	0	1	0	0	0		3
<b>TOTALS</b>	272	159	358	172	292	143	1396	1396
<b><u>PARK COMMISSION (5 YRS) (ONE)</u></b>								
BLANKS	81	45	97	46	87	33		389
JOHN DAVID KRAMER	190	114	259	126	205	108		1002
WRITE-INS	1	0	2	0	0	2		5
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<b><u>WATER COMMISSIONER</u></b>								
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<u>WATER COMMISSIONER (3 YRS) (TWO)</u>								
BLANKS	162	93	191	92	182	74		794
PATRICIA VADNAIS	193	115	260	126	207	103		1004
KATIE E. EYER	188	110	263	126	195	109		991
WRITE-IN	1	0	2	0	0	0		3
TOTALS	544	318	716	344	584	286	2792	2792
<u>BALLOT QUESTION #1 - NOT-BINDING - SPEED LIMIT 35 MPH ?</u>							✓	TOTALS
BLANKS	21	4	30	12	23	7		97
YES	170	111	224	95	170	87		857
NO	81	44	104	65	99	49		442
TOTALS	272	159	358	172	292	143	1396	1396
<u>FINAL TOTALS - ALL THREE PRECINCTS</u>							✓	TOTALS
TOTAL VOTES CAST/PRECINCT	272	159	358	172	292	143		1396

Attested True Copy:

*Laura L. Schwall*

Laura L. Schwall, CMC/CMMC