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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Michael Costello, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)** (1) *To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.* (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 Costello, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 4-0
Selectman Muri was absent.

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 29th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-04A Withholdings, \$38,939.44, 20-05B Payroll, \$99,261.68; 20-04 Warrant, \$1,075,229.20. 20-04V Veterans Warrant, \$10,609.42 S. Vadnais motioned to ratify the warrant listing for July 29th as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Warrant for August 5th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-06B Payroll, \$99,095.67, 20-05A Withholdings, \$29,162.24, 20-05 Warrant, \$123,376.96. S. Vadnais motion to approve the following Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Minutes:

Regular Minutes: 3/18/2019, 3/11/2019.

Executive Session Minutes: 3/11/2019, 3/18/2019.

S. Vadnais motion to approve the regular minutes for 3/11/2019 and 3/18/2019. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

S. Vadnais motion to approve and hold the Executive Session meeting minutes for 3/11/2019. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

S. Vadnais motion to approve and hold the Executive Session meeting minutes for 3/18/2019 with updates. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-0.

Open Forum – Announcements:

On Sunday August 18th at noon the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity will hold a procession down Route 44 from the Seekonk line to Wilmarth Bridge Road to Broad Street. The Selectmen and their families have been invited to participate. Traffic will be detoured for this yearly event.

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 19th here at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Discussion with Board of Health – Part Time Transfer Station Manager Position

S. Vadnais motion to vote to ratify the vote of the Board of Health to hire Robert E. Brown, Jr. as the Part Time Transfer Station Manager effective August 12. Hiring is contingent upon the results of the pre-employment physical and drug testing which is scheduled for August 9th. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Karl Drown, Board of Health, discussed reason for new hire being the replacement of Mr. Carney who retired. Of the three candidates, Robert Brown has been nominated by the Board of Health.

S. Vadnais remarked that he is overqualified, but a good fit.

Action Item #2: 7:15 Public Hearing – National Grid Pole Petition

S. Vadnais motion to open public hearing. Second by D. Perry.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 4-0

Al Garrin, National Grid, explained that the work will increase the stability and reliability of the level of updates being done in this area.

S. Vadnais motion to close public hearing. Second by D. Perry.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 4-0

S. Vadnais motion to approve Pole Petition as requested by National Grid. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

-G. Schwall reported that Highway, Police, and Tree Warden rule that the installation on Tremont Street, near Bella Woods, is satisfactory.

-A member of the audience asked when the broken pole at Ash Street pole will be repaired/replaced.

-Al Garrin said Verizon removes, National Grid installs.

-M. Costello let her know that she can contact him, and he will contact Verizon to have the matter addressed.

Action Item #3 Vote to Set Override Election Date

S. Vadnais motion to approve override ballot question as it was prepared by Town Counsel. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

M. Costello motion to set tentative election date as September 17th for override vote if needed. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

-G. Schwall stated that it was voted in Executive Session to approve the proposed compromise agreement that was negotiated between the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee representatives and that we will turn it over to the representatives to bring to the School Committee.

-New information has come to our attention that is helping with this agreement.

-Katherine Cooper, Chairman of the School Committee, start working with the budgets early on and avoid any disconnect

-M. Costello, the new liaison to the school committee, is committed to constant communication and starting earlier so that next year will be easier.

-G. Schwall will be meeting with Senator Lewis, the chairperson on the Senate Committee on Education Reform, – Senator Feeney called to invite him to a small group discussion on regional school districts and the impact on they have on the municipalities in trying to fund budgets, both on the municipal side and the school district side, because the current legislation doesn't address regional school districts.

-G. Schwall invited School Committee Vice Chairman Rachael Dingus, Chairman Katherine Cooper and liaison M. Costello to join him at this discussion.

-Hoping to discuss certain mandates, issue by the state, be funded by the state.

Action Item #4: Discussion with Ellen and Mark Rosenfeld RE: Proposed Marijuana Project

S. Vadnais motion to approve the application of CommCan, Inc. to move forward to draft a Host Community Agreement. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

M. Costello motion to authorize chairman to work with Town Counsel on the draft for the Host Community Agreement to bring before the Board. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Request to Issue Hawkers and Peddlers License

Motion to table the approval until Mr. Mello appears before the Board.

Action Item #6: Approve Extension to Cell Tower Leases with Crown Castle

M. Costello motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the 1-year extension with Crown Castle for the cell towers located at the town offices, north fire station, and public safety building. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

D. Perry motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement by the Highway Superintendent and reviewed by the Town Accountant. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 3-0. M. Costello abstained.

Action Item #8: Request for Comment: Form M "The Preserve – Phase 2"

S. Vadnais motion to schedule the Gravel Committee hearing for August 19th at 6:30 PM. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

M. Costello - must review project beforehand.

S. Vadnais – Gravel Committee meeting necessary, vote needed before approving Form M

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No report.

Schwall:

A state vehicle will be parked at Town Hall during the day. The individual works at the DOT on the night shift. The state vehicle needs to be parked at a municipality when not in use.

Perry: No report.


Muri: No report.

Costello:

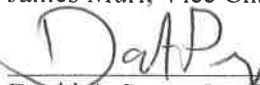
- North end of Town, trees down/damage because of the microburst; full power back on by 6:00-7:00AM. Areas effected included: Short St., Peck St., Frances St., and County at New St.
- The road sweeping and catch basin cleanings produce material that we need to handle once collected. A local person has agreed to take the material and save the town from having to pay to dispose of it.

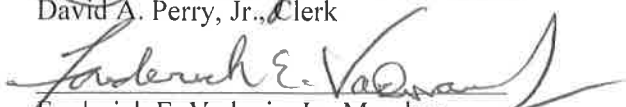
D. Perry motion to sell the material to an approved vendor as approved by DEP. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 3-0. M. Costello abstained.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:27 PM., Second by Selectmen M. Costello. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

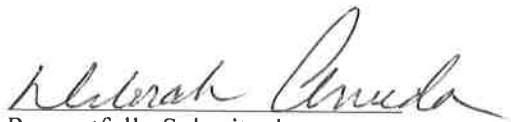

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

Absent
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 3/23/2020