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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**At 6:00 p.m.**, on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Costello, it was voted to enter Executive Session, pursuant to. *MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (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.*

**Topics of Discussion:** Litigation update; SOA/MassCop 208 Contract

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

**Call to Order at 7:14 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for September 30, 2019:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-14B Payroll, \$101,901.67; 20-13A Withholdings, \$38,415.47; 20-13 Warrant, \$2,646,119.91; 20-13V Veterans, \$9,732.77. J. Muri motion to approve the weekly warrant for 9/30/19 as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: J. Muri motion to approve with edits Regular Minutes from 4/2/19, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Minutes from 9/9/19, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

J. Muri motion to approve and hold Executive Minutes from 9/9/19, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Carolyn Panofsky – 291 Fairview Ave

Art in the Village new season is soon to begin. First concert on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All are invited.

Carolyn as the Green Energy Committee chairperson was able to gather some information regarding the grandfathering of town vehicles, a question that was asked by selectman Muri. As long as the current vehicles fall under the Green Energy policy the town does not have to replace them; they all do. When it is time to replace any of them, the town will have to purchase more efficient ones.

Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA.

**Town Administration Office Updates:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 Negotiate Host Community Agreement with Ellen Rosenfeld of CommCan, Inc.**

Also present was Attorney Blair Bailey, representing the Town of Rehoboth

J. Muri motion to approve the Host Community Agreement as negotiated between the Town of Rehoboth and CommCan, Inc. Correcting hours of operation as being Monday-Saturday 8AM-10PM and Sundays Noon-8PM. Final copy to be prepared by Counsel, executed by Ellen Rosenfeld, President of CommCan, Inc. and returned to the Board of Selectmen for signature at the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #2: Update on Town IT Projects**

Derek Rousseau update the selectmen about the projects that he has been working on and those that have been completed, and any future projects that he will be working on.

M. Costello motion to approve the Chairman to sign the necessary documents required to change the Town's domain name, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #3: Discussion Regarding the Reconstruction of Bay State Road/Moulton Street Intersection**

Discussion between the selectmen and Ms. Rebecca Smith of 45 School Street regarding her concerns with the new intersection layout. Many residents are concerned with the layout, not being able to see oncoming traffic from Northbound and entering the intersection on the Southbound side is difficult. Highway Superintendent states that once the cones are removed and everything is completed and in it's place it should not be an issue.

Jeff Greenberg 135 New Street:

Spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding the safety of the new design.

Phil Warren 89 Bay State Road:

Was concerned because the area is considered to be a "scenic" road and with all the construction felt that it would be changing the characteristics of the area. G. Schwall spoke to the Historic Society and nothing is being disturbed, only asphalt and some rocks are being moved and/or removed.

S. Vadnais spoke to everyone's concern and stated that the reason this is being done is for the safety of the people leaving the Legion Hall. Currently, when leaving the building you are in direct way of the oncoming traffic.

Rachel Smith 130 School Street:

Understands the changes are being made for the safety of the people at the Legion Hall, but suggests that the end of the road be pushed forward a bit more. It would help to see oncoming traffic.

Both S. Vadnais and M. Costello assured Rachel that adjustments have been made.

**Action Item #4: Vote to Accept the October 29<sup>th</sup> STM Warrant as recommended and forward to the Finance Committee for Consideration**

Finance Committee will hold an information session regarding the upcoming STM Warrant on 10/3 at the Senior Center at 7PM.

M. Costello motion to approve the October 29<sup>th</sup> STM Warrant as submitted and forward to the Finance Committee for their review and consideration. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #5: Approval of Appointments as Submitted**

D. Perry motion to appoint Christopher Hoskins to the Cultural Council effective 9/23/19-9/22/22. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

D. Perry motion to appoint Elizabeth Alcock to the Cultural Council effective 9/23/19-9/22/22. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais: No Report**

**Schwall:** People concerned that George Solas has been removed from the School Committee and replaced with Mike Costello. That is not the case, what has happened is Mike Costello is now the Liaison to the School Committee, replacing myself.

**Perry: No Report**

**Muri: No Report**

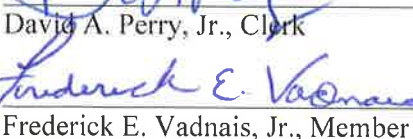
**Costello:** In the Board of Selectmen's packets was a Storm Removal Survey that the Highway Dept participated in. It was a statewide survey for all highway departments and DPWs. Rehoboth was rated very well and comparing us to the others, we do a lot with less. I was very satisfied with the results.

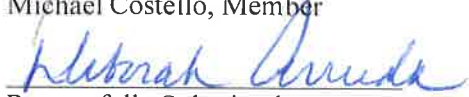
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:30 PM, second by Selectmen J. Muri. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello – aye.

  
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: 11/12/19**