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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Gerry Schwall, Vice Chairman, Dave Perry, Clerk; James Muri, Member; Michael Costello, Member, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Absent:** Frederick "Skip Vadnais, Chairman;

At 6:30 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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:** Perry aye; Muri aye; Costello aye, Schwall aye, Vote 5-0

**Topic of Discussion:** Clerical and Highway Union Negotiations; Highway Union Arbitration

**Call to Order at 7:19 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for February 21, 2019:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 19-33A Withholdings, \$27,285.65, 19-34B Payroll, \$95,626.77; 19-32 Warrant, \$4,516,669.27; 19-33R Refund, \$5,915.62. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry.  
Vote 4-0

**Minutes:** No minutes

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

The Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS) will be hosting an informational event on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM at the Blanding Library. Snow date is March 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will feature two guest speakers, Bob Ackley from Gas Safety, Inc. and Boston University Professor Dr. Nathan Phillips. CARCS will also be giving a brief presentation on the 2018 baseline air and well water testing results, as well as their plans for 2019. Elected officials from the Commonwealth and surrounding municipalities will also be in attendance.

Michael Costello announced on March 9<sup>th</sup> the American Legion will be having a Ham & Bean dinner. Tickets are \$12

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 Job Description Review**

Board reviewed and voted on the below listed job descriptions as follows:

**Assistant to the Town Administrator**

J. Muri motion to approve the job description for Assistant to the Town Administrator, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

**Office Administrator to Highway/Conservation/Planning Board**

D. Perry motion to approve the job description for Office Administrator to Highway, Conservation and Planning Board, second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

\*J. Muri amended the motion to add Zoning Board of Appeals, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Office Administrator to the Board of Health/Accounting**

J. Muri motion to approve the job description for Office Administrator to the Board of Health and Accounting, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #2: FY2020 Budget Review**

The following FY2020 budgets have been submitted for the Board's review and consideration:

**Agricultural Commission**-J. Muri motion to approve budget as proposed, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Computer Maintenance** J. Muri motion to approve budget with minor revisions, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

**Emergency Management** J. Muri motion to approve budget, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Historical Commission** J. Muri motion to approve budget, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Town Accountant** J. Muri motion to approve budget, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

**Town Planner** J. Muri motion to approve budget, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Contract Approval for Town Events Committee "Taste of Rehoboth"**

M. Costello motion to Table-no contract received, second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: ABCC Change of Premises Amendment for MFB Foods d/b/a Rehoboth House of Pizza**

Owner Mike Benjamin is moving seating from Unit 3 to both Units 2 & 3, but keeping to 24 Seats. Both Building Dept and Board of Health have approved.

M. Costello motion to Table until applicant is able to come before the Board and answer some questions regarding the layout. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Common Vic License: Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc.**

M. Costello motion to approve Common Vic License application for Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc., second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #6: Appointments:**

D. Perry motion to appoint Lorraine Botts as an Election Worker in Precinct 2, Republican, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to appoint Deborah Arruda as Alternate Procurement Officer, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7 Request from Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center**

M. Costello motion to approve Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center to conduct a 5K road race on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, with a start time of 10am, subject to adherence to the police detail requirements as specified by the Police Chief. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

M. Costello motion to approve Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center to place signs at the following town owned locations and subject to the following conditions:

- Intersection of Routes 118 & 44
- Corner of Route 44 & Bay State Road-
- Corner of Route 11 & Bay State Road
- Corner of Route 118 & Brook Street
- Along Route 44 at the Palmer River & Beckwith Schools

**Conditions:**

- Signs can only be placed on land owned by the TOR
- Signs must be removed by Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Signs should not obstruct line of site (**place behind Congregational Church**)\*
- **Get permission from the school to place signs at Beckwith Schools.\***

\*M. Costello amended the motion to include specific placement of signs and acquire permission from the school. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #8 Budget Amendment:**

D. Perry motion to approve budget amendment, second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

Increase account # 012103-53850 Purchased Services by \$1950.00

Decrease account # 012103-54400 Other Operating Supplies by \$1950.00

**Action Item #9 Reserve Fund Transfers**

D. Perry motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfers and forward to the Finance Committee for review and consideration. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

From the Board of Selectmen: Transfer \$7000.00 from Reserve Fund into Account # 013933-56650 Other Tuition.

\*This is necessary to cover the shortfall in the FY19 budget allocation of \$74, 095. The actual cost for 35 students is \$81,095 (or \$2,317 per student)

From the Treasurer: Transfer \$4000.00 from the Reserve Fund into Account # 019133-57000 Unemployment.

\*This is necessary to cover unexpected unemployment costs not included in the FY19 appropriation.

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

- Mike Deignan, 5 Slater Street-concerned with financial requests from the regional school. Unapproved assessment is an 8.11% increase from last year, \$1.422 million dollars increase. Capital has doubled since 2018 from \$400K to \$806K. Total increase for operating and capital assessments is \$2.2 million dollars. Back on May 21 2018 a motion made by Selectman Muri to investigate the school's financial books by setting up an audit. It was seconded by Selectman Perry. However, no audit has taken place and I strongly encourage one needs to be done.
- G. Schwall – Based on a meeting from last week discussion and possible interviews will be taking place soon.
- Anna Deignan – 5 Slater Street-If you are having a due diligence process I can provide you with a name of a certified forensic auditor.
- G. Schwall – Thank you and please provide the Board of Selectmen's office with that information.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** Absent

**Schwall:** No Report

**Perry:** No Report

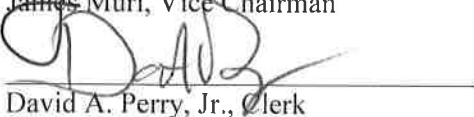
**Muri:** No Report

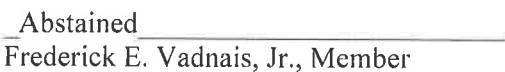
**Costello:** No Report

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:19 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall - aye

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

  
James Muri, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
Abstained  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member

Absent

Michael Costello, Member

Deborah Arruda

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Approved: 4/29/19**