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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, November 1, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Frederick “Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member

Also present: Helen Dennen

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:36 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21;(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel* (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: Police Grievances/Arbitration; Executive Session Minutes *

Call to Order at 7:00p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-17A, Withholdings, \$31,230.61; 17-18B, Payroll, \$83,095.34; 17-17 Invoices: \$53,597.00. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to hold the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2016. Second, G. Schwall All Vote 4-0; G. Schwall made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2016. Second, D. Perry All Vote 3-0 (S. Pimental abstained, not present); S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2016 as amended. Second, D. Perry All Vote 4-0

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3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday November 14, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM. There will be an Executive Session Meeting on November 9, 2016 for contract negotiations.
- Rob Johnson- Animal Inspector- I will be doing barn inspections in the next couple of months. As a citizen- the Congregational Church is having its 10th Annual Homeless awareness weekend 11/11 – 11/13. They will be looking for donations: white socks, coats, can goods.
- G. Schwall- speaking on behalf of Laura Schwall, Town Clerk; early voting started October 23rd and continues until November 4th. 1389 citizens have already voted. 16% of Towns population. Tomorrow will be extended hours from 8AM – 7PM
- The vault needs immediate action; we had another leak.
- S. Vadnais; we received correspondence from Congressman Kennedy regarding letter from Representative S. Howitt on Access Northeast Pipeline. Selectman Vadnais read both letters. Letter from Congressman will be posted on website.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Town's Electric contract with Constellation ends in December 31. David House is reviewing information on other companies. Constellation submitted a new proposal which is competitive. David House will do research and let us know. We need to decide by December 10th.
- I talked to David House regarding the monitoring system at the Highway Department and the COA. David has been trying to get a quote from Fall River Electric to do the monitoring and has been unsuccessful. David recommends and thinks we can do it in house. Kelly Hathaway will be able to do it.
- The Surplus Sale date has been changed to 11/17/16. S. Pimental- I would like to put a scrap value on the items for a minimum bid, all the Selectmen agree. Discussion regarding the Police Department generator and finding a use for it.
- The Town Halls roof is leaking at the heating unit. The roof pitches toward the HVAC unit. We will assess it and then obtain estimates to get it fixed. We need a facilities manager who will take care of the buildings. It is a budget issue and maybe we can put them on a contract for every 6 months. How to obtain a facilities manager to be put on an upcoming agenda. The Board agrees to post note on vault door regarding temperature and not to touch dial.

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4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Superintendent of Streets

On 10/24/16 the Board interviewed the following candidates for the position of Superintendent of Streets: Timothy Conklin of New Windsor, NY; Michael Costello of Rehoboth, MA; Thomas Degnan, Jr. of Round Hill, VA.

The Board of Selectmen had a long discussion regarding the mission statement of Highway Department and what they want the new Highway Superintendent to accomplish and maintain. The Board agrees Timothy Conklin has a lot of skill but was better suited to stay with his current employer. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding Thomas Degnan's and Michael Costello's qualifications. The Board agrees that they are both highly skilled and qualified for the position. After a lengthy deliberation the majority of the Board agreed that Michael R. Costello would be better qualified and a fit for the position.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Michael R. Costello as the Highway Superintendent of Streets for Rehoboth, MA. pending passing a physical and drug screening, a six month probation with a one year contract, and a successful contract negotiation. All Vote 3-1

Action Item #2: Surplus Items

The Board of Selectmen would like a base bid on items listed.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve to dispose items on the listing sheet by bid or auction pursuant MA General Law Chapter 30B. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #3: Bette Dyer Resignation

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept the resignation of Bette Dyer as an Election Worker effective 10/24/16. All Vote 4-0

The Board thanked Bette.

Action Item #4: Lease Purchase Agreement for Highway Trucks

On a motion made by S. Pimental to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign lease purchase agreement with Ford Motor Credit Company for lease/purchase of three 2017 International 7400 Trucks for three payments of \$175,527.18 each, Second by G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Community Compact Program

This gives the ability for municipalities, that are fiscally conservative, to earn extra points when applying for grants. We would need to choose 1-3 categories from the "Best Practices" list that better fits the needs of Rehoboth in able to join program. The Board will schedule it on a workshop agenda for an upcoming meeting.

Action Item #6: January 23, 2017 Special Town Meeting

The Board agrees to keep Special Town Meeting to the Municipal Complex. Can put in housekeeping articles only. Snow date will be January 30, 2017. Moderator will be contacted to learn more about weather cancellation of meeting.

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Open Forum:

Tish Vadnais: Discusses Ballot question #3 regarding battering cages for animals. Tish asks the residents to educate themselves before voting. The egg and pork prices will go up. This should not be on the ballot. Tish also mentioned looking into metal roofing for the Town.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

11/1/16 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Brian McKearney: He is working full time and he is requesting benefits. He works for Forestry and Animal Control for a total of 34 hours weekly. The Board agrees the Town is obligated to give a full time employee benefits.

The Board agrees to nominate Brian McKearney as the Assistant Animal Inspector at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Schwall: Cheryl and Roberta met with 2 bank representatives to talk about bonding the municipal complex and utilize some of the pilot money. To not trigger a taxable event, each year at Town Meeting we would need to allocate a certain amount of dollars to service debt.

- I want to thank Bill Maiorano, Chief Barresi, Sgt. Todd, and Rob Johnson regarding the table top exercise. It was about winter storms and worthwhile going.
- There have been concerns about dumpsters being too close to the road. The Board of Health will be informed to resolve the situation so no one gets hurt.
- Abby Abrahamson emailed: Regarding the trash receptacle placement and what are we doing with it. We need to hear more details from her regarding the Town of Mansfield and where they are getting their sourcing from.

Pimental: none

Perry: none

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 10:01 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway, Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 12/19/16