

**Town of Rehoboth-Rehoboth Board of Selectmen-Minutes of Regular Session Meeting on November 30, 2015 at Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center** **Page 1 of 5**

Present: Chairman Costello, Selectman Perry, Selectman Pimental, Selectman Schwall, Selectman Vadnais (absent), Stephen Silva, Ron Whittemore, Helen Dennen and others.

Chairman Costello called the meeting together at 6:32 PM

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted by roll call vote to enter Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21: (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; Police Unions Collective Bargaining  
Roll Call vote: Perry aye; Schwall aye; Costello aye.

**1.) Chairman Costello called the regular meeting back to order at 7:28 p.m.**

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**Business for Discussion:**

**WARRANTS:** On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, the following warrants were approved – Vote 5-0:

16-21A Withholdings \$110,273.74; 16-22 Invoices \$93,978.74; 16-22B Payroll \$79,204.29; Veterans \$10,312.78

**MINUTES:**

Regular Minutes for:

- 3/10/14 MTA Pimental – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vadnais Vote: 3-0 (Schwall & Perry abstain)
- 2/5/15 MTA Pimental – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vadnais Vote 4-0 (Schwall abstain)
- 3/16/15 MTA Pimental – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vadnais Vote 4-0 (Schwall abstain)
- 11/16/15 MTA Pimental – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vadnais Vote 4-0 (Schwall abstain)

Executive Session Minutes for 11/5/15 were approved in executive session and voted to hold for release

**Announcements:**

The next regular Selectmen's Meeting will be held December 14, 2015 at the Senior Center at 7 PM.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Interim Town Administrator Dennen updated Board on following items:

- Town Clerk Laura Schwall is requesting the Board set date for the 2016 Special Town Meeting so she may include in her calendar to be included with census form. She asked the Board to consider either 10/17/16 or 10/24/16. On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to set the date for the Fall Special Town Meeting for 10/17/16. Vote 5-0
- A new website training workshop will be held on Thursday, 12/3/15 starting at 8 AM until 10AM, Assessor's Office and BOS Office will be closed. There will be someone available if someone needs assistance. Individual sessions will run from 10:30AM to 4PM. During these sessions the department will be closed to the public.
- I met with Don Backlund and Mark Cuddy of FB Insure and received insurance binders with all of our policies for FY2016. They are pleased that we have not had any new claims.
- The new copier was delivered and is set up.

- I met with Susan Cunniff of the United Way. She wanted to introduce what UW offers to the community. If you need help anyone can dial 211 or visit [www.mass211help.org](http://www.mass211help.org) for assistance with heating fuel assistance, housing assistance, counselling emergency shelter, health care, basic needs, food, shelter, clothing, etc. She is looking for Town employees to pledge anywhere from \$1 to \$20 per week as a payroll deduction. I suggested just a donation. She would set up a info session to speak to employees if we would like.
- I spoke to Sean Cronin of Lt. Governor Polito's office regarding the Community compact Cabinet Program. He told me to go on website to look at program. Selectmen Schwall: If we do set up a meeting, make sure we work with Rep. Steve Howitt.

**Action Item (1): Highway Seasonal Employees**

Mike Tyler present; Chairman Costello: I have gone through all the information and it is agreed that we raise all seasonal employees to \$20 per hour, and equipment classifications \$10 per hour (example: Pick up truck is \$65 so it will be \$75).

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to accept seasonal employees raise to \$20 per hour and equipment classifications to \$10 per hour All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry is was voted to accept seasonal criteria from the Mass Department of Labor Workshop All Vote 5-0

The Salt Shed construction is supposed to start tomorrow weather permitting.

**Action Item (2): Wheeler Street Bridge**

Ronald Chappell present; is requesting that the Wheeler Street Bridge be dedicated to his family or his Grandfather a WWII Veteran, Ronald is a Vietnam Veteran. Selectmen Vadnais explained that the Board would like to forward this information to the Historical Society and the Veteran's Agent for review and research the family all the way back to 200 years. The family has been on that street for 200 years.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Pimental is was voted to send this information to the Historical Society and the Veteran's Agent to research the military history of the family as far back as they can and return information to Board of Selectmen All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Vadnais told Ronald Chappell that the bridge is about 3 years away and Helen will get back to him as soon as we collect the information.

**Action Item (2A):**

Chief Baressi discusses using another auction site. Baressi: I have had discussions with Somerset and New Bedford in regards to this GovDeals site and they highly recommend it. It brings in a lot more money than a standard auction would. I would like to use Engine 5 as a test and see what transpires. The site does get about 5 – 7% to run the site. As far as setting up in the site, Somerset uses a PayPal account which is easy to do if the Town wants to set one up. Selectmen Vadnais suggests that Selectmen Schwall oversee the process and he agreed.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to accept using GovDeals and setting up an account to sell equipment. All Vote 5-0

**Action Item (3): FEMA Contract**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Costello to sign FEMA Contract for \$6,313.52 for reimbursement for January 26-28 Blizzard All Vote 5-0

**Action Item (4): One Day Liquor License**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve application for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for the South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on the following dates: 1/8; 2/5; 3/4; 4/1; 5/6; and 6/3/16 from 6PM to 9PM All Vote 5-0

**Action Item (5): Budget Amendments**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve the following budget amendments:

Line #	Department	Increase by:	Decrease by:
014273-52429	BOS Gas Town Vehicles Repair	\$1,000	
014273-54120	BOS as Town Vehicles Diesel		\$1,000
013933-56660	BOS Other Tuition Tri County	\$4,640	
013933-56650	BOS Other Tuition Bristol Aggy		\$4,640

All Vote 5-0

**Action Item (6): License Renewals**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve Common Vic License Renewals for the attached businesses All Vote 4-0 Selectmen Schwall abstained

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve Junk(Antique) Dealer License Renewals for the attached businesses All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve Class I Dealer License Renewals for the attached businesses All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve Class II Dealer License Renewals for the attached businesses All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve Class III Dealer License Renewals for the attached businesses All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Vadnais stated how he was impressed with the inspection reports from Detective Casey.

**Action Item (7): Resignation of John Moriarty as a Member of the Planning Board**

Selectmen Pimental read John's resignation letter. He is resigning due to health reasons. The Board of Selectmen thanked him for his time and commitment. Chairman Costello asked Helen to put a letter together for the Planning Board and we can set up a joint meeting if they have someone in mind to fill the position.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to accept John Moriarty's resignation as a Member of the Planning Board immediately All Vote 5-0

**Action Item (8): Special Town Meeting Follow Up; Helen Advised**

- ✓ The generator for the Highway Department is on its way.
- ✓ The letter went to Rep. Howitt for the Conservation Easement for Plain Street
- ✓ Per Selectmen Schwall: The police antenna equipment was ordered and they have the okay to start working when it arrives per Selectmen Schwall

**Other Business:**

Chairman Costello: We have received an email from Lisa Mead from Talerman and we have to vote to sign the Estoppel Certificate.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Costello to sign the Estoppel Certificate All Vote 5-0

**Open Public Forum:**

No comments from public

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** I called John Santos regarding a dumpster on the road near Highway Department and he will handle matter.

**Schwall:** None

**Perry:** None

**Vadnais:** Have we heard anything from Ashton or Santos regarding complaint about illegal car sales: not yet

The Animal Advisory Committee is preparing on how to go about hiring a volunteer for the shelter. They went into Executive Session, Helen please advise them that they cannot go into Executive Session. This process has to be in open session. Helen stated that she already notified them in writing after talking to town counsel.

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**BOS Meeting**  
**November 30, 2015**

**Adjournment:** On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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Michael R. Costello, Chairman

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Dennen & Kelly J. Hathaway

Approved on 2/29/16