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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, January 19, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry and Gerald Schwall, Members

Also Present: Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:05p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (3) 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; and (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body*

Topics of Discussion: Town owned property; Krasnianski vs TOR vs Praetorian Ins.*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye;
Voted 5-0

Call to Order at 7:15p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-28A , \$24,354.51; Payroll: 16-29B, \$80,387.57; Invoices: 16-29, \$179,431.37; Refunds: 16-29R, \$6,430.35. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2016. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:

• Next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be Monday February 1, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

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- Dighton Board of Selectmen will be in attendance at the 2/1/16 meeting
- On 2/16/16 the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee will present its findings and recommendations along with a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen

- ✓ Algonquin Gas Transmission Open House:

Wednesday 1/20/16 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Francis Farm- 27 Farm Road (County Street)
There will be representatives of Algonquin Gas Transmission and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to answer any questions you may have regarding the Access Northeast Project – All interested parties are welcome to attend.

- ✓ The Sexual Harassment Personnel Policy letters have gone out with the wrong email address, an “e” was missing, I sent out the corrected email address
- ✓ Letters on budget for FY2017 have gone out- Cathy Doane will be sending out budget sheets this week.
- ✓ There is a meeting with Don Backlund on 1/28/16 at 9:00 AM to go over MEGA bill, Selectmen Gerry Schwall will attend

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1 SAFE Grant

Chief Barresi present to announce the SAFE Grant. Chief Barresi states that we were awarded with \$4,237.00 in Student Awareness of Fire Education grant and \$2,716.00 in Senior Safe Grant which was started last year to get the seniors on board because of their safety issues being a little different. The seniors may need more help. Since this grant started the children fire deaths have gone down by 70%. Unfortunately Randy Larivee couldn't be here. He spends a lot of time with the schools and the kids. We get a lot of support from the schools. We had two kids from the schools that won an award for the poster contest and I was fortunate enough to attend that ceremony in Framingham. It also gives us the opportunity to provide homes with carbon monoxide detectors who can't afford them. We have them right on our trucks and can put them in immediately. This grant is issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and under written from a few different sources, including the department of fire services. Anyone who needs anything that is supplied by this grant please feel free to call us. Chairman Costello congratulated Chief Barresi on receiving the grants.

- Chairman Costello asked Chief Barresi for an update regarding the new vehicles:

Chief Barresi: The new pumper truck is 80% complete and should be delivered on time in March. The chassis for the new tanker arrived at the factory last week so everything is there and that should be delivered by the second week in March. I have pictures that show it being built from hoses being put on to lights. Selectmen Schwall: How are they delivered? Chief Baressi: they drive them right up.

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Action Item #2 Reappointment of Richard Grenier

On a motion made by Selectmen Perry and 2nd by Selectmen Pimental the board voted to reappoint Richard Grenier as Veteran's Service Officer and Veteran's Graves Officer effective 1/28/16 thru 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3 Cultural Council Appointment

Chairman Costello stated that Susan Robert was recommended by the Cultural Council. On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental and 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais the board voted to appoint Susan Robert to the Cultural Council effective 1/19/16 thru 6/30/18 All Vote 5-0

Action Item #4 Resignations

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais the board voted to accept the resignations of Kelly A. Hamilton-Welzel effective immediately from the Finance Committee (term was to expire 6/30/16) and Diane C. Morris effective immediately as an Election Worker (term was to expire 10/31/16) All Vote 5-0

- Chairman Costello thanked both for volunteering their time. He also announced that if someone would like to be a part of the Finance Committee or an Election Worker please fill out a talent bank form.

- Selectmen Schwall said Kelly will be missed, she was the voice of reason when it was needed.

Action Item #5 Animal Shelter Fire Alarm System

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to table item. Selectmen Vadnais needs to retain more information. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #6 One Day Liquor License Applications

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve a One Day All Liquor License for Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity at 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth, Ma 02769;

Dates of Sale: 3/12/16, 4/16/16, 5/21/16, 9/24/16, 11/5/16, 11/19/16

Transportation of Alcohol: 3/11/16, 3/13/16, 4/15/16, 5/20/16, 5/22/16, 9/23/16, 9/25/16, 11/4/16, 11/6/16, 11/18/16, 11/20/16

From: 6:00PM to 12:00 AM

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve a One Day Wine & Malt License for Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity at 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth, Ma 02769;

Dates of Sale: 8/19/16, 8/20/16, 8/21/16

Transportation of Alcohol: 8/12/16 thru 8/18/16 & 8/22/16

From 6:00PM to 12:00AM on 8/19/16 & 8/20/16

12:00 Noon to 11:00PM on 8/21/16

All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #7 Date of Annual Town Meeting

Vote to set the date for the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 9, 2016 starting at 7:00PM at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, 2700 Regional Road, N. Dighton, MA in the auditorium.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais to approve date, time, and place for Annual Town Meeting All Vote 5-0

Action Item #8 5/9/16 ATM Warrant

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to open the 5/9/16 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for the acceptance of articles from Town Departments and close warrant per our bylaws on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 12:00 Noon. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #9 COA Heating Bill

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve heating system bill for Senior Center to be paid out of the Fuel Heating Line All Vote 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1/19/16 Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: added to Selectmen Pimental's report

Vadnais: added to Selectmen Pimental's report

Schwall: added to Selectmen Pimental's report

Perry: none

Pimental: We should give our Highway Department some guidelines on sanding. Our roads are horrible as far as ice goes. Chairman Costello said they do have a protocol and that didn't get followed. Selectmen Vadnais: I have been approached by tax paying residents. We are having problems with the accepted or unaccepted roads again and they are not being plowed in the developments. I feel as a safety issue for tax paying residents and also school buses to access these roads. I know it was being done then stopped because of political reasons a while back. I feel we have an obligation to these people. Lawson Street is one of the properties. Chairman Costello: These roads should be plowed by the developer until these roads are accepted for public safety. We should enforce it and we don't. We also don't receive Chapter 90 money until the road is accepted. We should pull from the performance bonds that the developers put up, that are on these developments, to treat these streets if the developer is not. Chairman Costello: It has to be four seasons after pavement then they can request the road be accepted. Then the Planning

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Board goes out with the engineer to inspect the property and roadways. I feel we should have the developer put up a bigger bond so they will get the roads accepted quicker and get their money back. Selectmen Schwall: My concern is if there is ever a medical emergency, no one is going to want to hear the street was unaccepted that's why we didn't plow. Selectmen Vadnais: My primary concern is the kids get to school in a safe manner. You brought up a number of other issues that I wasn't prepared to address at this time, but these issues need to be resolved. Chairman Costello: I feel you should utilize their bonds to deal with these roads. Selectmen Schwall: Let's get a plow through to make a path and let the developer clean it up. We can make the road drivable so that a school bus or fire truck can get down it. Chairman Costello: I will talk to Mike from the Highway Department to see if we can resolve this issue.

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42p.m.to reconvene Executive Sessions: Discussions with Dighton Selectmen, Fire Chief, and Chief Barresi regarding safety issues; returning only to adjourn regular meeting, Second by Selectmen Pimental. Schwall – Aye, Perry – Aye, Vadnais – Aye, Pimental – Aye, Costello - Aye

Michael R. Costello, Chairman

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 2/29/16