

**January 23, 2017 Board of Selectmen Regular Minutes – DR Regional High School – Room 211, 2700 Regional Road, N. Dighton, MA**

**Present:** Selectman Pimental, Selectman Schwall, Chairman Vadnais, Selectman Perry, Attorney Jay Talerman, Helen Dennen, Richard Barrett, Mike O’Hern

**6:00 PM Executive Session**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall the Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §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: Potential Litigation Issue

Roll Call Vote: Pimental aye; Schwall aye; Perry aye; Vadnais aye

**1.) Call to Order: 6:25 PM Open with Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Chairman Vadnais called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 6:25 p.m.

**WARRANTS:** 17-29A Withholdings \$24,478.33; 17-29 Invoices \$149,266.99; 17-30B Payroll 82,168.05

**MINUTES:** None

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Dennen advised Board she would like to attend the MEGA meeting & training seminar on Wednesday, 2/8/17 from 8:30 am to 1 PM in Norwood, MA. Training session will be on workers compensation requirements. Board approved attendance.

The Board was advised that our submission for joining the Community Compact Program had been approved per a phone call from Lt. Governor Polito’s office today. Lt. Governor Polito would like to make presentation of a certificate to the Town of Rehoboth for joining the Community Compact Program. Ceremony will take place at the Seekonk Town Offices on 2/2/17 at 12:00 noon. They would welcome attendance by Board members and/or Town Administrator. Selectman Perry stated he would be available on that date and could attend on behalf of the Board.

Board was advised Dennen had meeting with Robert Watjen of National Grid regarding proposal for easement on Town Offices property for a sub-station to be constructed on land adjacent to town owned land. Mike Costello, Leeann Bradley and George Cardono on behalf of Park Commission were also in attendance. Mr. Watjen will be following up with more info and would like to come before the Board to make presentation and would like Board to consider forming committee to review proposal.

**New Business – Action Item #1: Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry it was voted to approve the following budget amendment (Vote 4-0):

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011873-52973	BOS Facilities Maint-PSB/Water	\$200.00	
011873-52133	BOS Facilities Maint-PSB/Gas		\$200.00

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**New Business – Action Item #2: Procurement Officer Training**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry it was voted to approve Helen Dennen attending Procurement Officer Training classes in Boston as follows (Vote 4-0):

March 21, 22, 23 – Supplies & Services Contracting           Cost: \$595.00

April 25, 26, 27 – Design & Construction Contracting       Cost: \$695.00

**New Business – Action Item #3: 1-23-17 Special Town Meeting**

The Board briefly discussed that tonight’s town meeting vote would determine if a question is placed on the April Election Warrant as a debt exclusion for the new municipal complex.

**BOS REPORTS**

**Selectman Perry** discussed meeting with Algonquin Gas had been changed to 2/27/17 and changing meeting location to the Palmer River School. Selectman Perry advised Board, given the number of applications received, he recommends the Highway Superintendent Costello be allowed to review applications received for the Highway laborer position and put forth approximately five applicants for the Board’s review. Board noted they would like to review applications prior to receiving recommendation from Superintendent Costello.

**Chairman Vadnais** reviewed correspondence received from Attorney Gay’s office regarding any financial impact on the Town by the Personnel Board. Chairman Vadnais requested an agenda item be placed on the 1/30/17 Selectmen’s agenda to discuss letter.

**Recess to Special Town Meeting**

Selectmen Pimental motioned to recess to Special Town Meeting, seconded by Selectman Schwall. Vote 4-0

**Adjournment**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved 1/30/17