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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Joseph Tito, Clerk; Susan Pimental; and David Perry

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

1.1) EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 6:00p.m. J. Tito made a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, Section 21; (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel; (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel and if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Second, S. Pimental. Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Tito – Aye; Perry – Aye; Costello – Aye. Voted 4-0

Topics of Discussion: Collective Bargaining, Police Patrolmen Contract; Litigation: Cichocki vs. Rehoboth; REPAC vs. Rehoboth.

Absent: Frederick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman (joined the meeting at 6:10p.m.)

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

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants: 15-29A, Withholdings, \$102,684.07; Payroll: 15-30B, \$86,515.40; Invoices: 15-30, \$35,095.23. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from December 29, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2015. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

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3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: M. Costello stated the next regular meeting of the board of Selectmen will be on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:00p.m. at the Senior Center.

J. Tito noted that the Board approved several sets of Executive Session Meeting Minutes in Executive Session. Those will be held until a later date to be released.

John Huston, President of the Anawan Club was present. He provided an update to the Board regarding construction at 45 Williams Street. Repair work at the Warren Upper Reservoir Dam has started the water level of the Warren Upper Reservoir aka The Anawan Reservoir/Bud Luck Pond will be adjusted up and down starting on Wednesday, January 28th and continue through the winter season. He further stressed the important for the public to stay away from the area while the work is being completed.

M. Costello thanked all the public safety personnel for the extraordinary efforts they did to keep the community safe during the recent snow storm.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that the Wheeler Street Bridge Project has now been advertised. All the temporary construction easements have been secured and filed at the Bristol County Registry of Deeds.

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday, January 26, 2015 at the Public Safety Building for the purposes of hearing reports from emergency personnel and to declare a state of emergency. J. Tito made a motion to terminate the State of Emergency pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

J. Ritter reported there appears to be a leak in the Police Station in the Chief's Office area which should be addressed as soon as possible. The Board had no objections with preparing bid documents.

The Highway Department Equipment Operator position has been posted internally and advertised. The response date is Tuesday, February 17th.

The first half of the feasibility study for the proposed regional dispatch center is now complete. It is anticipated that the consultants will make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, March 9th.

Due a family commitment J. Ritter stated he would not be able to attend the Board meeting on Monday, February 2nd.

J. Ritter reminded the Board they have a meeting scheduled with the Dighton Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, February 11th starting at 7:30p.m. at the Dighton Town Hall.

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The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee meeting had to be cancelled due to weather. J. Ritter asked for new dates? M. Costello and J. Tito agreed to meet on Tuesday, February 3rd. J. Ritter will post the meeting at 6:00p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Housing Production Plan has been drafted and will be presented to the Board shortly.

J. Ritter reported that a resident asked that a stop sign be placed at School Street and Summer Street. M. Costello said there one there at one time and it simply needs to be replaced.

Landfill solar project, he received a call from Aiden Foley at BlueWave who provided an update. The Planning Board should approve their permit on February 4th. The interconnection application has been filed with National Grid and the post closure permit paperwork has been filed with Mass DEP in Lakeville. It is anticipated that Mass DEP will approve the application in early March.

Finally, Town Counsel will be present at the Town Hall next Thursday morning at 11a.m. to being discussions with the developers of the former Anawan School regarding their long term lease. The Board is welcome to attend that meeting and the Department Heads meeting at 10a.m.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: 7:15p.m. Pole Location Hearing – Brook Street:

J. Tito made a motion to table this matter until a date to be determined. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: Community Transportation Plan: Lisa Estrela-Pedro, the Director of Highway Planning and Lilia Cabral, Senior Transportation Planner both the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District provided and overview of SRPEDD services. Specifically, they asked about need transportation projects in Town. M. Costello reminded them that we have a pending project for the redesign and reconstruction of the Rt. 44 & Rt. 118 intersection which would accommodate turning lanes. Anything they could do to expedite that project would be very helpful.

J. Tito asked about bike trails. There are a lot of bicycle riders in town and perhaps a plan could be developed for turning lanes or more signage would help their safety.

Action Item #3: Animal Control Advisory Committee, Review Recommendations: J. Tito made a motion to table this matter until the next regular meeting of the Board. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Call a Special Town Meeting for Monday, May 11, 2015 – Vote to Open and Close the Warrant: J. Tito made a motion to hold a Special town Meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School and to open the Warrant

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for acceptance of article and for the Warrant to close on Monday, March 2, 2015. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: FY16 Budget Discussion: J. Ritter asked if the Board wanted to see the budgets incrementally or all-together. It was agreed the budgets would be presented all together.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments for \$6,868 for Bristol Aggie Tuition and \$1,575 Police; \$271.50 Police: J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 013933-56660 Board of Selectmen Tuition B/P Tri-County by \$6,868.00 and to increase budget line item 013933-56650 Board of Selectmen Tuition Bristol County Agricultural School by \$6,868.00. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 012052-51990 Police Holiday Replacement by \$1,575.00 and to increase budget line item 012052-51560 Police Uniform Allowance by \$1,575.00. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 012103-52420 Police Equipment, Repair and Maintenance by \$271.50 and to increase budget line item 012103-52410 Police Building Repair and Maintenance by \$271.50. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer for \$15,026.25 Fire Department: J. Tito made a motion to approve a request for a Transfer from the Reserve Fund in the amount of \$15,026.25 for the Fire Department to purchase a 20KW emergency generator and all related electrical work for the North Fire Station per a quote received from Superior Power System for \$13,776.25. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Appoint Charles DeBlois and June House to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee: J. Tito made a motion to appoint Charles DeBlois (replacing ZBA member, John Scanlon) & June House (representing the Agcom) to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee for a term from January 26, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Appoint Brandon Hoderny to the Agcom: J. Tito made a motion to appoint Brandon Hoderny to the Agricultural Commission as an Associate member effective January 21, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0-1(Vadnais)

Action Item #10: Discussion Re: Pleasant Street Speed Limit & Curve Signage: J. Tito made a motion to table this item until the next regular meeting of the Board. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #11: Vote to Approve Payment of \$52,785.00 to Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for Blanding Library: J. Tito made a motion to authorize payment of \$52,785.00 to the

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Rehoboth Antiquarian Society in payment of the third and last installment for fiscal year 2015 for support of the Blanding Public Library. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Fire Chief Frank Barresi was present and stressed the importance for residents to keep their mailboxes clear of snow so the responding emergency personnel are able to locate their homes when necessary.

Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer was present and informed the public that she does not have any dogs at the shelter and does not have any missing dogs from Attleboro. Residents should not place notices on Facebook. They should call her directly if they are missing an animal.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: D. Perry stated the importance of having well trained emergency response personnel ready to respond as needed. We saw the high degree of professionalism during the recent snow storm demonstrated by all responding personnel. He thanked all Town staff for their efforts.

J. Tito thanked the hard work of the Highway Department during the storm. He noted the limited resources and reduced budget but Town staff despite these limited resources still take very seriously protecting the public's safety. Snow banks and piles are attractive hiding places parents should watch their children when they are playing outside.

J. Tito noted the recently issued "Summary Judgment" in favor of the Town in the ongoing litigation with REPAC. Go Pats!

M. Costello said there were thirty-five (35) pieces of equipment on the road during the storm. It is estimated to have the Town at least \$51,000.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator
Approved 2/17/15

