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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, January 30, 2017
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: none

Call to Order at 7:14p.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; 17-31B, Payroll, \$75,396.53; 17-30 Invoices: \$163,519.37; 17-30A Withholdings: \$128,232.48; 17-30R Refunds: \$3,524.70; 17-31V Veterans: \$10,462.33. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: D. Perry made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2017. Second, S. Pimental. All Vote 4-0; D. Perry made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2017. Second, S. Pimental. All Vote 4-0; G. Schwall made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2017. Second, S. Pimental. All Vote 4-0; G. Schwall made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2017. Second, S. Pimental. All Vote 4-0;

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Peter Caron announced a new radio talk show on WVBF for Rehoboth and Dighton-HomeTown Talk Radio on Saturday mornings from 11am – 12pm. His son Zachary is his cohost. The show ran for the first-time last Saturday with over 41,000 listeners. This Saturday we have the DR Principal coming in to answer questions on air. Peter invited the Selectmen to attend a show.
- The Planning Board will be hosting an open discussion regarding the drafting of a bylaw relating to the recent passing of Question #4, Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana. The discussion will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

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within the Town Hall, 148 Peck Street, Rehoboth, MA. All interested town residents are welcome to attend.

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday February 6, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Lt. Governor Karyn Polito will sign the Community Compact Agreement with the Town of Rehoboth on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the Seekonk Town Offices at 12:00 noon.
- The budgets went out last Friday.
- Christopher R. Carreiro, Town of Swansea Selectmen, does a talk radio show on WSAR Mon-Thurs. They would like a selectman versed in our municipal complex project to be on radio show. They are looking at Tues or Wed of this week at 3 PM. Location is 1 Home Street in Somerset. They are currently looking at the Sears building at the Swansea Mall to house their Town offices and would like to have an open discussion regarding our project. The Selectmen would be happy to meet with Swansea Selectmen on a one on one, not on talk radio.
- Use of the High School on 2/27/17 has been confirmed to hold meeting with Spectra to answer questions regarding the Gas Compressor Station project.
- I will be meeting with Stefano Loretto of Good Energy this coming Thursday morning to review 2016 & 2017 projections/Next steps.
- I received an email from Steve Howitt regarding route 6 and construction: Helen read email.

3.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Animal Shelter Repairs

Rob Johnson and Richard Panofsky present. The recommendations for repairs came from Tufts University.

John Souza will do work on shelter. He has reviewed the plans. The cats will be separated from the dogs in shelter. Chip Ventura will do the new trench needed.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to move forward with shelter repairs and to be funded by the Animal Welfare Fund. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #2: Perryville Pond Dam & Village Dam Reports

Michael Costello, Highway Superintendent & Rob Johnson, Animal Control Officer present.

David Lenart has submitted reports for both the Perryville Pond Dam and the Village Dam.

The Village Dam is a non-jurisdictional dam and requires only an inspection. Dave has highlighted his recommendations, noting that the work can be performed by our Highway and Forestry Departments working with the Conservation Commission

The Perryville Pond Dam is a jurisdictional dam which requires the Town hire an engineer to perform an inspection and prepare an evaluation report which is submitted to the Office of Dam Safety. The Perryville Dam must be inspected every five years and report sent to state. Mr. Lenart has submitted report to the State.

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Mr. Lenart has provided his recommendations on page 3-1 of his report. Most of the work can be done by our Highway and Forestry Departments again working with the Conservation Commission. We will, however, need to hire an engineer to assist with work.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to allow Rob Johnson and Michael Costello to work with, Conservation Agent, Leeann Bradley to not only effect the proposals and recommendations of the Village Dam as presented but also to provide a timeline for the Board of Selectmen as to when it will be completed. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to allow Rob Johnson and Michael Costello to work with, Conservation Agent, Leeann Bradley to not only effect the proposals and recommendations of the Perryville Dam as presented in report Page 3 Section 1 but to also hire an engineer to oversee the project. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #3: Lindley Road Right of Way Maintenance

Discussion with Rob Johnson regarding clearing and maintenance of Lindley Lane right-of-way. It needs to be made passable for good sized trucks and also remove old dangerous trees.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to move forward with improvements to Lindley Lane. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #4: 4/3/17 Election Warrant Ballot Questions

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to place ballot question on 4/3/17 Town Election Warrant as follows and so notify Town Clerk;

“Ballot Question #1:

Shall the Town of Rehoboth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition Two and One-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a Municipal Government Complex Facility, which is proposed to house the Town Offices, Police Department, Fire Department, REMA and Ambulance, on Town owned land at the current site of the Public Safety Facility (334 Anawan Street), including all costs incidental and related thereto? All Vote 4-0

Chris Gauthier present. He would like the wording formed by the CARCS Group to be put as the non-binding question. The question was similar to that of the Board’s so they agreed to allow wording.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to place a non-binding ballot question on the 4/3/17 town Election Warrant as follows and so notify the Town Clerk;

“Non-Binding Ballot Question #1:

Do you approve of the Gas Compressor Station proposed to be built in Rehoboth by Spectra Energy Algonquin Pipeline Transmission, LLC. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Algonquin/Spectra Informational Meeting

The meeting with Spectra has been rescheduled for Monday 2/27/17 due to more questions presented and time is needed to answer them. It will be at 7:00PM at the DR High School. Mayor Dumas of Attleboro, Rep. Steve Howitt along with many other officials from surrounding towns will be present. Chris Gauthier: CARCS has a new meeting location on Thursdays at the Anawan Grange at 7PM. The Board and Chris discussed what FERC has to go through regarding permits and protocols. Chris went, with his family, to the Burrillville Compressor Station and his daughter cried hearing the low frequency noise and is afraid that the horses will be affected by it. Chris wants to make it as difficult as possible for them to build a compressor station. S.V. we are looking into having a bylaw that allows us a second opinion on scientific material or technical information that has been proposed to us. The Board of Health is in the process of collecting examples of other bylaws from surrounding towns to be able to present a bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting. Leslie Gouveia, Victoria Lane: I am sick about this. This is not a done deal. We will keep meeting and sending letters to Governor Baker and try to stop this Compressor Station from happening.

Action Item #6: Jim Muri Request/ Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana

Jim Muri Planning Board member. We will be having an open hearing to discuss marijuana law that was proposed by the State, Wednesday night, 7PM at Town Hall. I would like the Board of Selectmen to have a limit on permits provided by putting it on the warrant for be accepted. J. M.: We are working on zoning for this like we did for medical marijuana.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to place a zoning bylaw on the annual town meeting warrant calling for a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments in Rehoboth. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #7: Personnel Policies & Financial Impact on Town

S. Pimental is ok with what Attorney Gay stated in his letter regarding scope of Personnel Board's authority to make policies and/or decisions having a financial impact on the Town. The letter will be forwarded to the Personnel Board for guidance.

Action Item #8: National Grid Sub-Station Project

Mike Costello present.

- 1) The first plan would be placement of the sub-station with lines running from the sub-station out to Reynolds Avenue. This would require going thru wetlands and National Heritage land. This is their preferred plan. Access to the sub-station would be an easement thru our driveway near the pump house.
- 2) The second plan would be placing duct banks underground along Nike Court driveway going out to Peck Street. This is their alternative plan if they cannot go thru the wetlands for some reason. Access to the sub-station would be an easement thru our driveway near the pump house.

M.C. Nothing will be over head, only near the sub-station. They will restore everything to its natural heritage. This will help us out greatly.

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On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to take under consideration request from National Grid placing underground duct bands along Nike Park and Peck Street. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #9: Appointments

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Derek Rousseau as a Records Access Officer for Rehoboth Community TV effective 1/30/17 as an indefinite appointment. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Helen Vitale as a member of the Board of Registrars effective 4/1/17 – 3/31/20. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #10: Budget Amendment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011243-57320	BOS-Town Administrator 1 Day Conference	\$355.00	
011243-57110	BOS-Town Administrator Mileage		\$355.00
012203-55802	Fire Hose & Pump	\$547.52	
012203-52430	Fire Vehicle R/M		\$547.52

All Vote 4-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1/30/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Dave Scanlon contacted me regarding hiring contractors. I would like to request that the Personnel Board give us a recommendation on how we should conduct ourselves with private contractors.

Schwall: I received emails regarding signs for political campaigns and the Town does not have an ordinance for a time line. It is ok to have political signs put up this early.

- I also received an email about signs put up on Horton Estates. M.C. It is private and the police cannot enforce these speed limit signs. They are small signs, not DOT approved. No signs were ever approved by the Board of Selectmen for that development.

Pimental: none

Perry: The COA generator is installed and will be inspected tomorrow. The electrician, Paul Gigliano, is meeting me in a week. The duct work company will be here Wednesday at 3:30 regarding recycling the air.

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- 4.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:57 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. 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 2/13/17