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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING WEDNESDAY, January 4, 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: At 6:16 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and 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: Legal Zoning Issue; Potential Litigation*

Call to Order at 7:14p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

S.V. : Informed all that John Moriarty had passed away, he will be missed. He dedicated a lot of time to the Town. Ceremony will be on Sunday at William Trip Funeral Home in Pawtucket, RI.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-26A, Withholdings, \$28,863.44; 17-27B, Payroll, \$78,479.07; 17-26 Invoices: \$978.31; 17-27A Withholdings, \$24,640.96. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from November 22, 2016. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Monday January 9, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Tish Vadnais – In lieu of flowers for John Moriarty, you can make donations to the Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly, P.O Box 228 Rehoboth, MA. in the names of Peter and John Moriarty.

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- National Grid has advised they will begin applying herbicides along power line right-of-way that pass thru Rehoboth. Treatment periods will begin January 30 and run thru the end of December 2017.

Town Administrator's Report:

- The Senior Center generator project needs additional time to complete and has requested they extend the date of the contract. Dave Perry stated it should be completed and running by the end of January.
- I have prepared the motions for the 1/23/17 STM and forwarded them to Jay for his review. Bill Cute and Laura Schwall will attend meeting on January 9th to review warrant with the Board.
- All requests have been sent to all departments by the Selectmen's Office for an update listing of all fixed assets. We are awaiting a few to be returned and will compile into one document.
- Conservation Commission has voted to go forward with an Open Space Plan. Under the Community Compact Program one possible selection for a best practice is to complete an Open Space & Recreation Plan.

3.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Retirement of Robert Ashton

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to acknowledge the letter of retirement by the Health Agent Robert Ashton addressed to the Board of Health, effective 2/17/17. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #2: Meet with Members of Board of Health

Karl Drown; Rachel Smith and George Kellum IV were present.

Bob Ashton will be part of the screening and hiring process.

The Board of Selectmen also suggested including; Fire Chief, Building Inspector, and Dave Scanlon from Personnel Board to be part of screening process.

Bob Ashton will fill in when needed.

The Board of Selectmen asked the Board of Health to work on a draft of a bylaw for a comprehensive assessment for health standards.

Action Item #3: Highway Department Update

Mike was not in attendance.

There was a request for signage for the Wheeler Street bridge and there is a petition going around. The Board of Selectmen has suggested that the signs not approved by the Board of Selectmen be taken down. David Perry will have signs removed. We are looking into making a policy on signage.

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Action Item #4: Resignation of Nicole Eastwood DuVally

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept resignation of Nicole Eastwood-DuVally as a police officer effective 1/4/17. All Vote 4-0
The Board of Selectmen thanked her for her service.

Action Item #5: Reserve Officer Appointment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Nicole Eastwood-DuVally as a Reserve Officer for the Rehoboth Police Department effective 1/5/17 – 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: Rehoboth Mini Mart, Inc. Liquor License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve the issuance of a Convenience Store Wine & Malt Liquor License for Rehoboth Mini Mart, Inc. effective 1/4/17 – 12/31/17. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #7: COA Formula Grant for Heating System at COA

The Board of Selectmen received the contract for the COA Formula Grant for the \$50,000 earmarked in the State Budget for the heating system. This a reimbursement for the \$49,730.00 that was paid for have the heating system done. The money will go into the General Fund.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to authorize Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. to sign contract. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #8: Community Compact Program

- ❖ Under Housing & Economic Development Best Practice in the Community Compact Program, Leeann Bradley is currently creating a “Rehoboth Permitting Guide” that fits into this category.
- ❖ Under Sustainable Development & Land Protection, Leeann has expressed a strong interest in developing an Open Space & Recreation Plan. The Conservation Commission has money to complete this project. This will allow the Town to have access to many grants.
- ❖ Under Water Resource Management; Protect Public Water Sources; the Water Commission is currently working on a program.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept Housing & Economic Development, Sustainable Development & Land Protection and Water Resource Management as the three best practices of the Community Compact Program to enter into for FY17 Compact Agreement with the State. All Vote 4-0

Helen to inform Steve Howitt and fill out application.

Action Item #9: REMA Appointments

These two individuals applying to be on REMA are both Certified and attend meetings. They would help man shelters if we opened one. They will also be CORI checked.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to grant a waiver to the bylaw allowing only Rehoboth residents to be appointed to REMA. All Vote 4-0

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On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to appoint both Sherri A. Parker and Joseph A. Borges as volunteers to REMA effective 1/4/17 – 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1/4/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Schwall: none

Pimental: Will the Town Accountant be sending budget items to the different departments? HD: that is one of the items on this weeks department head meeting. The Board of Selectmen will have her on an upcoming agenda to attend a meeting.

Perry: I met with Jon Bonsall of Spectra we discussed all the questions submitted by the citizens. They will be prepared to be here on January 30th. I also spoke with Chris Gauthier and we are going to be bringing up some key points. I would like to forward these questions over to Mayor Dumas of Attleboro as well.

4.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:05 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. 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 1/30/17