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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, January 8, 2018
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Frederick “Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member; James Muri, Member

Also present: Helen Dennen

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:00 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; (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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: REPAC Litigation; Highway Grievance*

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

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for January 8, 2018: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-27A: Withholdings, \$30,111.65; 18-28B, Payroll, \$92,583.06; 18-27 Invoices, \$71,442.14; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: none

Town Administrator’s Report:

- Total number of 375th tickets sold to date is approximately 100
- The Board requested I contact National Grid representative and ask her to attend upcoming meeting of the BOS. I spoke with Ann Malley, our rep at National Grid. I will be sending her info I provided to the Board. She will research information needed for discussion with Board and we will schedule a date for her to come in.
- Reminder next ZBA Meeting will be 1/18/18 and they have been starting at 6PM.

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Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Senior Center 55 Bay State Road Rehoboth MA – Town Offices closed Monday January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 375th Anniversary Committee: Dinner Dance Ball, Saturday January 27, 2018 @ Hillside Country Club, Cocktails @ 6:30PM / Dinner @ 7:30PM, Tickets are \$60. pp: 3 dinner choices (beef, chicken, or vegetarian), MUSIC: DANCING: RAFFLES, Costumes encouraged: Dress for your favorite time period! There will be fireworks courtesy of Hillside Country Club! Please purchase/ reserve tickets by January 17 through BallTickets@Rehoboth375.com or Kelly Hathaway @ Town Office/ Board of Selectmen's Office, this is a fundraiser to help with 375th parade in October 2018
- Boy Scout Troop 13 Rehoboth Cordially Invites the Board of Selectmen to Attend: The Eagle Scout Court of Honor for:
David Bauman, Nathaniel Bell, Benjamin Bellavance, Austin Caruthers & Daniel Furze
January 14, 2018 @ 1:00PM at Mount Carmel Parish Center 1040 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk-Refreshments following Ceremony
- Wednesday will be meeting with the Regional School District Study Committee & the Finance Committee at 6:30PM.
- Senator Paul Feeney will be holding a meeting this Thursday 7PM at the Blanding Library regarding: compressor stations, LNG tanks, etc.: Carolyn Panofsky: Rep. Howitt, elected officials from Seekonk and Attleboro will be in attendance at the Blanding Library as well.
- G.S. thanked everyone and their response to the recent storm. All the fire stations were manned, REMA used COA as a warming station, police were working in tough conditions, and ambulance committee was ready and prepared. D.P. thanked Mike, crew, and subcontractors that were out working on the roads. It moves up morale when we receive thank you letters and compliments from the citizens.

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Discussion Re: Veterans Service Van Agreement & Policy
On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to table item for more clarification in agreement and bring back on a future agenda. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: 1/29/18 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Discussion ensued regarding articles on warrant.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve & sign the 1/29/18 Special Town Meeting Warrant. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3: Approve & Sign Grant of Dyer Land to the Conservation Commission

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted;

Pursuant to G.L. c.40, §8C, and of every other authority appertaining, we, the undersigned Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rehoboth, hereby approve those interests in lands conveyed to the Rehoboth Conservation Commission by deeds of Betsey D. Dyer, Personal Representative of the Estate of Everett Otis Dyer, Jr., dated January 8, 2018 and recorded herewith in the Northern Bristol County Registry of Deeds. All Vote 5-0/ The Board of Selectmen thanked the Dyers.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1/8/18 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Concerned resident; Chris Rapp had a concern about his lawn. Where the road ends it does not mean that's where the resident's property starts. D. Perry will be looking into this in hopes to resolve the issue.

- ACO Report: rounded up water buffalo, only in Rehoboth.

Schwall: Tax bills: our tax rate went down, assessments went up. Values had to be increased due to houses selling for more than they are assessed. MA mandated recertification is done every year. This is called interim certification. Rehoboth's assessment to sale ratio was under the 95% therefore values had to be increased.

Pimental: Great job by Highway, the roads were great!

Perry: none

Muri: Good job Highway

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:55 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri – aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

James Muri, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway
Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 2/12/18