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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, January 9, 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; 17-28B, Payroll, \$86,449.57; 17-27 Invoices: \$110,040.31. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** none

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Chief Barresi – Eagle Scout Ryan Johnson Troop 17 in Mansfield, DR 2016 graduate-asked Chief Barresi if he could do a scout project testing & replacing smoke & monoxide detectors batteries, especially for elderly. He replaced 266 batteries and installed 10 carbon monoxide & 10 smoke detectors. He did an outstanding job and this could save someone’s life someday. Ryan is also a junior firefighter in college and wants to be full time when he graduates. Chief Barresi also thanked Lt. Larravee. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ryan.
- Next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday January 17, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Blanding Library is sponsoring a free puppet show performed by Sparky’s Puppets called “Stories from Snowy Lands” on Saturday 1/28/17 at 11AM. Program runs approximately 1.5 hours.
- Rehoboth Animal Advocates: Pasta Night, gluten free and vegetarian options available. Saturday January 28, 2017 from 4:30PM – 7:30PM at Senior Center; adult tickets \$12, child is \$6; contact Cheryl 508-212-0146 for tickets. Snow date Saturday 2/4/17

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**Town Administrator's Report:**

- Letter from Dr. Azar requesting one selectmen and one finance committee member attend meeting with a team from Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Their goal is to identify district & school practices that contribute to increasing student performance, as well as areas to improve.  
On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve Chairman Vadnais and Selectmen Pimental attend meeting with the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education January 18, 2017 at DR High School
- I have meeting on 1/25/17 at 2:30PM with Don Backlund & Mark Cuddy of FB Insure for a six-month review of our insurance & actual costs vs budgeted amounts. Selectmen Schwall cannot attend.
- I sent off the application for the Community Compact Program to Lt. Governor Polito's office and they have received it.
- I forwarded questions regarding Compressor Station to Senator Timilty, Representative Howitt & Seekonk's selectmen's office with an invitation to join us on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Dumas received them a few weeks ago.

**3.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Review of Special Town Meeting**

Discussion with Moderator Bill Cute & Town Clerk Laura Schwall to review 1/23/17 Special Town Meeting Warrant and motions for articles.

Moderator Cute asked all residents to please read the entire warrant prior to attending meeting so that you may have all your questions answered.

Article 3, regarding Municipal Complex, is only to have enough votes to place article on Town Election Warrant in April. Article will require a 2/3 vote.

In the event of a snow storm January 30, 2017 will be snow date and notification from Moderator after talking to Public Safety Department will make the decision.

350<sup>th</sup> coins were found in Otis Dyer, Jr., S. Vadnais stated that they can be passed out at the Special Town Meeting at close of meeting.

**Action Item #2: Stephen B. Brooks Jr. Resignations**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept resignation of Stephen B. Brooks Jr. as a member of the Economic Development Committee and as an Election Worker effective immediately. All Vote 4-0

The Board of Selectmen also acknowledged his resignation as a member of the Planning Board. A letter of thanks will be sent.

**Action Item #3: Joint Meeting of Planning Board & Board of Selectmen**

Bob Moitozo, Bill Costa, Tom Ennis, Jim Muri present

Jim Muri opened Planning board meeting.

The Planning Board nominated Michael Costa, now an associate member, to be appointed as a voting member until election. He was described as a valuable member.

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On a motion made by J. Muri Second by B. Costa it was voted to appoint Michael Costa to the Planning Board as a voting member to fill Stephen B. Brooks, Jr. vacancy effective 1/9/17 – 4/3/17  
All Vote 4-0

Michael Costa was sworn in by Laura Schwall.

Jim Muri made a motion to adjourn the Planning Board Meeting at 7:40PM., Second by Bill Costa.  
Ennis – aye; Muri – aye; Moitozo – aye; Costa – aye

**Action Item #4: Hazelton Golf Club, LLC.**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve request by Joseph Moniz of Hazelton Golf Club, LLC. to remove all individuals listed as members on the license application and have Joseph Moniz only to have a financial interest. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Personnel Board Interviews**

Dave Scanlon, Chair of Personnel Board present.

D. Scanlon has interviewed both Craig Chapmen & Richard Panofsky and recommends that they be appointed as new members to the Personnel Board. Craig stated that he would like to be involved in the Town to hopefully have a positive impact for the Town in which he is raising his family. C. Chapman has a lot of experience in politics in other towns. He feels that he can bring a lot of positive input to the Personnel Board through his past years of experience on a retirement board and dealing with job descriptions, policies and procedures.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Craig Chapman to the Personnel Board effective 1/9/17 – 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Richard Panofsky to the Personnel Board effective 1/9/17 – 6/30/19. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #6: Highway Department Update**

Mike Costello, Highway Superintendent present.

M. Costello: The highway department was able to take care of this past weekend's snow storm with 25 outside trucks, 10 town trucks, 7 seasonal workers, 4 town drivers and 1 mechanic. The crew was relieved by 6:30AM Sunday morning. M.C.: I feel everyone did a great job. We have a bylaw that states it is against the law for private plows and homeowners to put their driveway snow out onto the roads. We need to set up a fine to enforce this law. We are not responsible to sprinklers or lawns damaged within the 40foot right-of-way of the Town. The Town will only replace damaged mailboxes if the resident sees the truck damage mailbox and need a description or license plate of the truck and or the plow driver must have reported it to the Highway Superintendent. Mailboxes need to be 2 feet off road. This storm cost us approximately \$30,000.

G. Schwall told M. Costello that the entire crew did a wonderful job. M. Costello will look into how to proceed forward with fining for snow put on roads. We will be getting new trucks in soon. M.C.: I have been investigating Chapter 90 and towns comparable to us are receiving more money than we are. I am hoping to update the statistics and receive more money.

I am working on a grant from the State to fund bridge repairs and restorations.

The Board and Mike have agreed to look into a sign policy.

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Mike thanked G. Schwall & Laura for bringing donuts to the highway department Saturday morning and Vino's for making dinner Saturday night.

**Action Item #7: Animal Shelter Repairs**

Tabled – Until Animal Control meet with Animal Advisory Committee.

**Action Item #8: Designation of Animal Control Officer**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to designate Robert E. Johnson II as the Animal Control Officer pursuant to MGL, C.140, §151 for 2017 per request from Mass Animal Fund. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to designate Brian McKearney as the part-time Assistant Animal Control Officer pursuant to MGL, C.140, §151 for 2017 per request from Mass Animal Fund. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #9: Appoint Records Access Officer for Police Department**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to rescind appointment of James Trombetta as Records Access Officer for the Police Department. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Norman Todd as the Records Access Officer recommended by Chief Trombetta for the Police Department effective 1/9/17 – indefinite. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: ABCC Annual Report**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve and sign Calendar Year 2016 Liquor License Annual Report to the ABCC for the Town of Rehoboth. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #11: Reserve Fund Transfer**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for Facilities Maintenance of \$950.00 to be transferred to Line #011873-52412 Senior Center Building Repair & Maintenance and forward to Finance Committee:

Funds will be used for:

- \$950.00 Carbon Monoxide Detectors & installation

All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #12: 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
011253-53000	BOS-Contracted Services-Prof/Tech	\$1,000	
011253-52910	BOS-Contracted Services-Custodial		\$1,000

All Vote 4-0

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**Action Item #13: One Day Special Wine Only Liquor License**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve a One Day Special Wine Only Liquor License for Kathleen Greenberg of Rehoboth Congregational Church for a concert/fundraiser on January 20, 2017 from 6 – 10PM at Goff Memorial Hall, 124 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA, liquor transfer dates 1/19/17 & 1/21/17. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #14: Approve extension for COA Generator**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve extension to the contract date for Senior Center Generator installation to 2/28/17 due to delay in delivery of the Automatic Transfer Switch. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #15: Application for an Annual Auctioneer's License**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve application from Edmond A. Tessier via Pauline Warren owner of Polly Warren Antiques for an Annual Auctioneer's License to be used at 380 Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, MA. Effective 1/9/17 – 12/31/17 All Vote 4-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**1/9/17 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** added to G. Schwall's

**Schwall:** I would like to consider tying the Town buildings and Schools delay or closing hours. On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to set COA and Town buildings to Schools schedule for inclement weather and storm closings; discussion S.V. mentioned it is not always due to bad road conditions for school closings. D.P. I think it is a great idea but it needs to be refined. S.P. I definitely think we should have some system in place. G.S. I would like to extend the same concern to our town employees as the school does for theirs. Discuss at another time to refine and put more thought into it. G. Schwall withdraws his motion.

**Pimental:** added to G. Schwall's

**Perry:** I will put together a list of rules for the Spectra meeting coming up. All the questions have been forwarded to the correct people. I will talk to Chief Trombetta to make sure there is an Officer at the door to hold order and make sure the building is not over capacitated. The Board make seek other venues to have meeting.

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- 4.0) **ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:52 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway,  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 2/6/17