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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Chairman; Gerry Schwall, Vice Chairman, Dave Perry, Clerk; James Muri, Member; Michael Costello, Member, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)** (1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual. (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Costello the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Perry aye; Vadnais aye; Muri aye; Costello aye (Vote 4-0)

Selectmen Schwall was not present during the Executive Session. He joined the Regular Session.

Topic of Discussion: Employee Sick Leave Request and Local Cable Access Personnel

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for February 14, 2019: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-32A Withholdings, \$30,244.53, 19-33B Payroll, \$96,069.18; 19-32 Warrant, \$155,512.18; 19-31R Refund, \$16,808.70; 19-32R Refund, \$1652.74. G. Schwall motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Minutes: No Action taken on minutes

Open Forum – Announcements:

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

Executive Session Meeting for 2/12/19 regarding Clerical & Highway Union negotiations- CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER.

Open Meeting Law presentation will be held on 2/13/19 at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Town Offices in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

G. Schwall announced that there will be a meeting on 3/19/19 at the Blanding Library regarding CARCS. State Reps will be present at the meeting. Snow date is 3/26. All are welcome to attend.

Election Day in April will have a Non-Binding Ballot question regarding the natural gas expansion.

J. Muri recognized the good work that Ron Whittemore put forth at the COA in regards to the fuel consumption report.

Laura Samsel of 66 Danforth Street, approached the Board to thank the public for their support to nominate her for the Planning Board.

Chief Trombetta presented Officer DeCastro with a Certificate of Merit and Life Saving Pin for saving someone's life on 2/5/19.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Award of Bid for PD Dispatch Renovations

Board met with Full Scope Contracting to award bid for the Police Department Dispatch Renovations. Start date of March 1, 2019 with completion date of March 10, 2019. Total cost of renovation is \$13,079.00. Board members interviewed the contractors.

Motion made by M. Costello to award bid for the Police Department Dispatch Renovations for \$13,079.00 second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Interview of Candidate for PT Facilities Manager

Board members interviewed Michael Zarzycki for the Part Time (19 hours) Facilities Manager position.

J. Muri motioned to approve the hiring of Michael Zarzycki to the part-time Facilities Manager position contingent upon a pre-employment physical and drug screening. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Hire date: 3/4/19

Action Item #3: Gas Emergency Protocol

Based on a previous discussion on 2/4/19, a draft of the Gas Emergency Protocol was reviewed and discussed.

G. Schwall motion to amend previous motion and added, Fire Department remains on site while work is being done and the utility company is billed for all detail costs. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

All information discussed will be added to the Trench Permit Application.

Action Item #4: Discussion with Algonquin Gas

Board invited Algonquin Gas Company to attend a meeting to discuss appropriate action needed before doing any work in our town.

Present at the meeting was Joe Bruno, Operations Manager from Westwood Office - Algonquin Gas and Jon Bonsall, attorney for Algonquin Gas.

Board discussed safety issues with past work that was done in town, discussed the need to notify our Fire Dept prior to doing any work and recommended that all future jobs in town can be posted on our website, as long as we are given ample time.

Joe Bruno discussed with the board their maintenance schedule through out the year, ways that they can better notify our residents and the safety measures they take when doing a job.

Attorney Jon Bonsall will follow-up with the Board of Selectmen in two weeks.

Action Item #5: Trench Permits

Selectman Costello presented Board with a revised Trench Permit for their review. Discussed reasoning why permit is necessary-state required.

D. Perry motion to approve trench permit application to be used for each trench requirement along with a \$500 fine if an application is not filed, second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

Display a sign at the BOH Dept and Building Dept stating the new Trench Permit Application and requirements along with a notation if a permit is not taken and work has begun there will be a \$500 fine.

Ryan Duvally – Birchwood Drive, approached the Board to clarify that the BOH requires Trench Permits for Perk Tests. Also needed clarification on trench permit, does the town require a permit for each trench opened for one project or one permit for one job? Board answered that the town requires one permit per trench opening.

Action Item #6: Microbrewery Zoning Articles

G. Schwall motion to accept 2 Article placements for the upcoming Town Meeting. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

Send Articles to Planning Board to update wording and return to Board of Selectmen Office.

Action Item #7 Request from Planning

Planning Board requesting recommendations/comments on the plans for Heritage Realty sub division on Plain Street from the Board and Gravel Committee

D. Perry motion to take no action, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

J. Muri motion to amend previous motion, to send letter to Planning Board letting them know a Gravel Permit is not required. Vote 5-0

Action Item #8 Surplus Property

G. Schwall motion to approve surplus items from the Fire Department, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Items as follows:

12 Stream light Litebox flashlights. As is

12 Kenwood TK-380 portable radios in various states of disrepair along with 6 portable bank chargers.
As is

Selectman Costello asked to add the Crown Victoria, it was left off the list.

G. Schwall amended motion to add a 2004 Crown Victoria -Previously Fire Inspectors car, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Action Item #9 Comcast Check

D. Perry motion to accept check from Comcast PEG for \$57,650.69 for period ending 12/31/18, second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Action Item #10 Electric Bill for 2 South Old Anawan Road

G. Schwall motion to execute a letter from National Grid to change the Dorrance Property address for future bills from 350 Anawan Street to 2 South Old Anawan Road. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Action Item #11 COA Volunteer

J. Muri motion to approve Patricia Messier as a COA volunteer, effective immediately, second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #12 Agricultural Commission Appointment

G. Schwall motion to appoint Joan Ayotte to the Agricultural Commission as a member to fill a vacancy. Effective dates of 2/11/19 – 6/30/21, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #13 Letter of Complaint RE: Gas Installations in Eastwood Estates

Zachary Martin from 95 Hillside Avenue and an abutter to Eastwood Estates-Phase II was present and discussed his concerns with the work being performed at Eastwood Estates in regards to the gas line installations. The Board assured Mr. Martin that the moratorium was not lifted, however the buyers of the properties had signed Purchase and Sales agreements stating they would have natural gas hook ups. The Board proceeded to explain to Mr. Martin about actions that are in place that will not allow future lines to be placed in Rehoboth until Columbia Gas notifies the Town that they have rectified the problem.

Action Item #14 Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund

G. Schwall motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfer of \$1619.87 for the BOH vehicle repairs, second by J. Muri.

Discussion:

M. Costello - Why did they not bring the vehicle to the Highway Department and have them look it over? The mechanics can do a lot of the necessary work and it would be less expensive.

G. Schwall amended previous motion to Table the request for further review, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Tracy Manzella of 214 Chestnut Street approached the Board regarding gas installations. Can any contractor come into our town to do work without sitting with the Board?

At this time the moratorium is in effect in our town as well as state wide. We will have a Non-Binding question in April's election. We are also working out the wording in the bylaw.

Laura Samsel of 66 Danforth St. approached the Board again and wanted to apologize for her past emails that were negative towards the members of the Board of Selectmen and other town employees. By not approaching the Board in person she feels she has started a negative use of emails for others in town.

Carolyn Panofsky from Fairview Ave approached the Board to inquire on inviting the gas companies to come in and have a Q & A with our town. Board recommended that Carolyn invite them to one of the Green Energy Committee meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No Report

Schwall: Issue brought to the attention of the Health Agent from last week's meeting has been addressed. Farmer's Market will take place this summer; Board awaiting rules and regulations from AgCom.

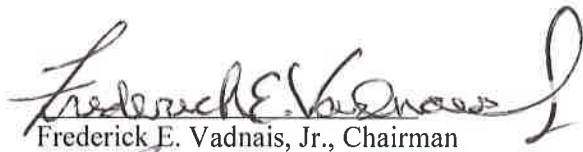
Perry: Dr. Azar announced the TRANE Corp. presentation and proposed that touring the facility would be better served than attending a Board meeting. We need a public setting and it is important to be able to debate.

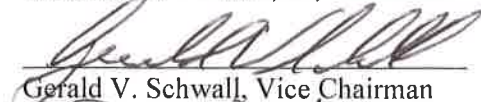
G. Schwall is waiting for information from Dr. Azar that has been requested, but not received
S. Vadnais is also waiting for copies of their annual audit report, has yet to receive it. We did receive Bristol-Plymouth's report and we didn't even ask for it. We should make this an action item for next week's meeting.

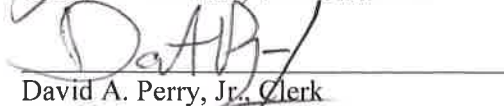
Muri: No Report

Costello: Be careful with storm tomorrow. School has early release at 10AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:53 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


James Muri, Member


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Michael Costello, Member

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Deborah Arruda", written over a horizontal line.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 4/8/19