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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, February 1, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Chairman Costello, Selectman Perry, Selectman Pimental, Selectman Schwall, Selectman Vadnais, Patrick Menges, Dean Cronin, Nancy Goulart, Helen Dennen and others.

1.) Call to Order: 6:00 PM

Chairman Costello called the meeting of the February 1, 2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session:

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to enter into Executive Session per MGL 30A §21(2) MGL CHAPTER 30A, §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: Krasnianski vs TOR vs Praetorian Ins; Highway Contract Negotiations Discussion

Roll Call vote: Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Vadnais, aye; Pimental, aye; Schwall, aye.

1.) Call to Order: 7:25 PM

Chairman Costello called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:15 p.m.

Business for Discussion:

WARRANTS: 16-30A Withholdings \$114,289.22; 16-31 Invoices \$79,185.08; 16-31R Refunds \$1,003.89; 15-26B Payroll \$79,361.36

MINUTES: Selectman Pimental made a motion to approve the 7/13/15 regular BOS minutes, seconded by Selectman Schwall (Vote 4-0 Schwall abstained, Perry abstained)

Selectman Pimental made a motion to approve the 9/14/15 regular BOS minutes, seconded by Selectman Vadnais (Vote 3-0 Schwall & Perry abstained)

Open Forum:

Boy Scout Armand Savary and his dad Russ were in attendance. Armand is working on a badge "Citizens of the Community" which involves a visit to a community meeting.

Jane Foster announced 13 dead pheasants were left in roadway near Meadows Drive. Jane requested they not be left on side of roadway but disposed of properly.

Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

On 2/16/16 the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee will present its findings and recommendations along with a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation followed by a question and answer session.

Arthur Tobin came before the Board on behalf of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project looking for a vote of the BOS for "Declaration of Support of Mosquito Control Funding for FY17". Arthur noted that a vote of support does NOT require Rehoboth to raise or appropriate any funds whatsoever, as the DOR Assesses each community its proportioned share of our budget as part of the "Cherry Sheet" local aid distribution.

On a motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to support the figure for the Mosquito Control Project as submitted in the budget. Vote 5-0

Dighton Board of Selectmen on a motion made by made Selectman Menges, seconded by Selectman Goulart voted in support of the figure of \$40,170 for the Town of Dighton. Vote 3-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Cheryl and I met with George Colias of Southcoast Auctions & Realty and went over the properties to be auctioned off. On the list provided by Cheryl there are approximately three properties of value for auction. The remaining on the list are mostly landlocked and of low value. We will be contacting abutters to see if they are interested in submitting a bid. George will be providing a proposal for services.

Selectman Schwall, Cheryl and I met with Don Backlund to review Workers' Comp for the Town. We received a lot of good info from Don and have a greater understanding of how workers' comp premiums are determined.

On 2/9/16 I will be attending a MEGA training program on Essential Workplace Policies at their Annual Membership Meeting and Training Seminar.

There will be a Department Head meeting this coming Thursday at 10 AM.

Scheduled for 2/16/16 meeting: Public Hearing for a Kennel Permit for four or more dogs and application for a new Class II Auto License for 29 Fall River Avenue

Action Item (1): Dighton Board of Selectmen

Chairman Costello welcomed the Dighton Board of Selectmen. Chairman Costello stated that on January 19th both the Dighton and Rehoboth Board of Selectmen met with both Town's Police and Fire Chiefs to discuss deployment of security personnel relative to school safety and we are confident of their services. A statement has been prepared by Selectman Goulart of Dighton to be read publically by both boards. Chairman Costello asked if everyone was in agreement with the statement; response was yes.

Selectman Pimental read the following statement at the meeting:

*JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE BOARDS OF SELECTMEN FROM DIGHTON AND REHOBOTH
JANUARY 19, 2016*

On the evening of January 19, 2016, a joint meeting of the Dighton and Rehoboth Boards of Selectmen was held at the Rehoboth Senior Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies relative thereto. Present in addition to all selectmen from each town were the police and fire chiefs. The meeting was conducted in executive session.

This statement is issued to the residents of Dighton and Rehoboth and is meant to summarize the information that can be made public. We were pleased with the content and detail presented in response to our questions. A Police Emergency Response Protocol was developed by Chief Robert MacDonald and Chief James Trombetta that outlined what occurs when there is a police response required at the Regional High School.

Fire Chiefs Antone Roderick and Frank Barresi explained their roles if called to the Regional High School whether it is for a fire call or in response to a police matter. Due to the varied circumstances to which the fire departments may respond, a specific protocol was not developed. Instead, the fire chiefs explained how they train and work together in an ongoing effort to maintain respective Mutual Aid Agreements not only between Dighton and Rehoboth, but also among neighboring communities and the Bristol County Control.

Both the police and fire chiefs explained how the chain of command is effected when a response is required at the regional high school. School administrators have been trained so they know what actions will be taken and their respective roles during an incident. This training is reviewed and updated each year so that the protocols are current. It is important for everyone to understand that when a building is placed in lockdown, it is done to provide the utmost protection for our children, employees and facilities. Also critical is that there is not a mass public response to an incident that could hamper the effectiveness of our police and fire departments.

As a result of this meeting and discussion, the towns will conduct joint police department training similar to what is done by our two fire departments.

Your boards of selectmen are confident that based on the information provided at this meeting, our public safety departments are prepared to handle any circumstance that may arise. It is clear that in addition to mutual aid, our respective police and fire chiefs have numerous agencies and organizations at the local, state, and federal levels to call on if a situation warrants it.

Selectman Vadnais stated the meeting was very productive, we questioned our police and fire chiefs and happy with their answers and joint training efforts. As Towns we have grown very close together. We showed in meeting a united front and that we have a good plan.

Dighton Selectman Goulart noted that the statement does not address Bristol Agricultural School, but that a similar protocol is in place to take care of those students.

Selectman Vadnais noted that the Regional Agreement Review Committee information was already presented to the Dighton Selectmen and public, further noting that there are some areas we disagree, seek some common ground and respectfully disagree on areas. Goulart: Bottom line is both Towns will have to agree and this is a place to start. Costello better we go into Town Meeting in agreement.

Perry commented on joint statement which sums up issues and we got educated on protocol satisfied; details may be missing because we can't say everything.

Selectman Cronin commended the Rehoboth Board for their positive attitude over the last 2 ½ years; noting there has not been a lack of communication between the two Towns.

Selectman Menges stated it has been a pleasure working with the Rehoboth BOS who support consensus of two Boards on things that affect both communities is essential to achieve a consensus. Selectman Menges announced he would be leaving as Selectman; not running again and would be all done in May.

Selectman Goulart presented the Board with information on the MHEC purchasing program. Dighton currently uses program for the purchase of all sorts of supplies and material—no membership fee. It was started by five colleges and has expanded; aides Mass Libraries.

Selectman Pimental requested a copy be sent to the Antiquarian Society for their review.

Chairman Costello thanked the Dighton Board for attendance and noted it has been a pleasure to have you here. Selectman Menges stated he would not be at the next quarterly meeting.

Chairman Costello moved action item #6 Request for Letter of Support up for discussion:

We have received a request and petition from the residents of The Preserve for a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen to be sent to the US Post Office to have door to door mail delivery instead of central delivery points (groups of mailboxes).

Michael Levinson of Linden Lane came before the Board stating that this a new sub-division with five houses currently being occupied. Mr. Levinson felt that central delivery mail points were a safety hazard requiring individuals to walk 5 to 6 house lengths sometimes in the dark to get their mail. The size of the house lots and the fact that the roadway is being used as a cut-thru are additional factors. We are looking for support from the Board to send a letter recommending support of our request to have door to door mail delivery.

Selectman Pimental stated she would be in support and mention it was a nice way to identify your street number in an emergency situation.

Selectman Perry stated he had read all points and asked if the location was discussed with the Planning Board to which he was advised that it was not a Planning Board decision but rather a US Postal Service decision.

Selectman Vадnais suggested we give our Police Chief the opportunity to look at this and give us a report on public safety viewpoint. Selectmen Perry agreed.

On a motion made by Selectman Vадnais, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to table request until the Police Chief issues a report which will place more weight on a letter from the Board to the US Postal Service. Vote 5-0.

Chairman Costello stated the residents of the Preserve

Action Item (2): Signage Request for Tremont Street

We have received a request for signage on Tremont Street between 41 and 47 Tremont Street warning drivers that “Bridge Freezes Before Roadway”. It was noted that the Acting Highway Superintendent recommended not putting up the sign. Selectman Schwall felt a sign might help. Chairman Costello felt if it was a large bridge he could see putting up a sign. Selectman Pimental recommended getting a summary of accidents at the location for the last year to review before making a decision. Item tabled until report received.

The Board noted that a discussion is needed on recommendations of protocol to install a stop sign and for evaluating whether a particular area needs a stop sign.

Action Item (3): Chapter 90 Reimbursement Requests for Salt Shed Project

Tabled until paperwork received.

Action Item (4): Snowplowing Discussion

Discussion with Acting Superintendent Mike Tyler regarding snowplowing policies and procedures.

Unaccepted sub-divisions:

The Preserve – Linden Lane/ Willow Way

Iddlewoods – Off Pleasant Street – 5 houses in Rehoboth – mostly in Swansea

Hillside Estates – Medalist Drive

Selectmen Costello advised Mike Tyler to develop a policy with Swansea on certain roadways. Selectmen Vadnais: The problem is timeliness. The developers are plowing but there is lack of requirement as to the time these roadways are plowed. The school buses are out at 6 am. We have three tiers of how roadways are prioritized and we will clean them accordingly so that they are drivable in the meantime. We are further going to meet with the Planning Board to discuss the responsibilities of these developers and come up with some agreement to solve this problem. Selectmen Costello: To let you know, when a developer accepts a subdivision, they are responsible for maintaining roadways, drainage and safe passage of streets, until it is approved as an accepted roadway at the Town Meeting. Resident from 2 Willow Way asked if her road would be considered as well. Selectmen Costello said yes it is off Linden Lane and will be included. Selectmen Perry: We have no control over how well or how often the developer maintains these roadways. We will talk to the developer and see if we can have this issue taken care of from this point on.

Selectmen Perry: Mike Tyler I noticed after the last snow storm, there were no trucks out on the roads for hours. Then when they went out it was 100% salt. Too late and 100% salt which we are not supposed to be using. I witnessed an accident and the ambulance had a hard time getting to it because the road conditions. I would have rather seen overtime to plow the slushy roads from sand and salt, then have the Town pay for 100% salt and we need to protect the shallow wells. Selectmen Vadnais: Dave you covered the subject in detail but let me make it clear that under no circumstances do we use 100% salt. This is a policy that was set a long time ago by the Board of Selectmen. If the Chairman, on behalf of the Board, tells you to increase the mixture then you have permission to do so. Chairman Costello: I believe it was a misunderstanding between Mike and myself. I had directed him to increase the salt ratio because I had complaints of icy roads. Selectmen Perry: I believe it is a judgement call for the Highway Superintendent but to not exceed a 60/40 ratio. Selectmen Schwall: The Board of Selectmen received an email stating that we are micromanaging the Highway Department not allowing Highway to do their job. My response was because of the wells which is what I was always told. It's great to have the streets down to pavement, but if someone's well gets poisoned because of it, we haven't done our job. Tyler: I would like to be all on the same page so if someone asks me I can tell them that it was a decision we all made. Public safety is first.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental to approve the Sand – Salt ratio to be 3/2 as a temporary measure and not to exceed. Also to send letters to Water Commission and Conservation Commission to allow for their input and guidance on this matter. All Vote 5-0

Action Item (5): Animal Shelter Volunteer Coordinator Position

Three candidates for the position of Volunteer Coordinator for the Animal Shelter came before the Board to be interviewed: Pamela DiRenzo and Diana Alexander and Karen Frenier who wish to share position.

Selectmen Costello: You are all aware of what this position consists of. You all saw the policy. I reviewed the recommendations from the ACO, Assistant ACO, and the Animal Advisory Committee. Why do you two (Diana Alexander & Karen Frenier) want to share this position? Karen Frenier: We want to join our skills together. We would be working together. Selectmen Costello: Pamela you have worked with Jane before and you know what is expected to do around the shelter? Pamela: Yes Selectmen Costello: You have a working relationship with Jane and you would be able to keep that? Pamela: Yes; Selectmen Costello: Diana/Karen How would you interview a volunteer, together or separate? Diana/Karen: Together.

Selectmen Vadnais: What are your ideas on the development of tasks and duties? If we appoint you tonight what are your program ideas? Pamela: Creating a surrender program and finding the animals a home. Karen: Socialization of animals is important and hopefully to have people in there to be with the animals. I heard there are a lot of feral cat colonies and I would like to work on that. The cleaning of the shelter also. Diana: I feel that someone should be at the shelter to answer phones or to welcome someone coming in to drop off something. To attract volunteers because a lot of people in this Town still don't know there is an animal shelter. We may receive more donations. We also need a foster program. Selectmen Pimental: What is your experience in managing people? Pamela: I was an instructor at Camp Ramsbottom for eight years. Karen: I was a unit secretary at Miriam Hospital, and coordinated patient care with the nurses and doctors. Diana: I am currently the volunteer coordinator at Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center. I recruit and train about 50 volunteers. Selectmen Pimental: In my opinion I feel it might be problematic to have the both of you at the same time as a volunteer coordinator. Selectmen Perry: I am at a quandary. I feel that one person should perform the job. I see the Animal Advisory Committee chose the two ladies and the ACO chose Pamela. I think I might have to abstain. Selectmen Schwall: Selectmen Pimental touched on an important subject; job sharing in a new position will be difficult especially if a volunteer is not comfortable with one they will go to the other. The ACO will now have two people to work with. I share Selectmen Pimental's concerns. Selectmen Costello: I feel that you are all qualified for the position. I do have concerns about the shared position. I feel I must support Pamela DiRenzo because of the relationship with the ACO. I am hoping that she will have the same relationship with the Animal Advisory Committee. I feel it is important to have a strong relationship with the ACO because they are working in close contact with each other.

On a motion made by Selectmen Perry 2nd by Selectmen Schwall the board appointed Pamela DiRenzo as the Volunteer Coordinator on a yearly term 2/1/16 - 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Perry: I feel you are all qualified but as a business owner I believe two for the position is too much.

Action Item (7): One Day Liquor License Applications

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve application for a Wine Only One Day Liquor License for:

Werner Horlbeck-- Rehoboth Antiquarian Society

ADDRESS OF LICENSED PREMISES: Goff Memorial Hall, 124 Bay State Rd.

EFFECTIVE DATE (S) OF LICENSE: 2/13/16; 3/5/16; 4/9/16

For Transportation of Liquor: 2/12/16 & 2/14/16, 3/4/16 & 3/6/16, 4/8/16 & 4/10/16

AUTHORIZED HOURS OF SALE: 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Vote: 5-0

Action Item (8) One Day Auctioneers License

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry it was voted to approve application for a One Day Auctioneer’s License for 8/20/16 & 8/21/16 from Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity for use at 43 Broad Street for their annual feast event. (Vote 5-0)

Action Item (9) Library Payment

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, it was voted to approve payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for \$6,347.00 for the first half of the state support the Town has received for the Blanding Library. (Vote 5-0)

Action Item (10) State Primary Election Warrant

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to approve and sign the Election Warrant for the 2016 Presidential Primary Tuesday, 3/1/16 from 7 AM to 8 PM to cast votes for:

- Presidential Preference
- State Committee Man
- State Committee Woman
- Ward or Town Committee

Voting will take place at all three precincts. (Vote 5-0)

Action Item (11) Budget Amendments

The following Budget Amendments were approved by the Board (Vote 5-0)

| Line # | Department | Increase by: | Decrease by: | Vote: |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 011873-52415 | BOS Fac Maint-SFS/Repair | \$1,290.00 | | MTA SP |
| 011873-52135 | BOS Fac Maint SFS/Gas | | \$1,290.00 | 2 nd SV |
| | | | | |
| 011873-52132 | BOS Fac Maint-Sr Center/Repair | \$900.00 | | MTA SP |
| 011873-52132 | BOS Fac Maint-Sr Center/Gas | | \$900.00 | 2 nd SV |

Selectmen Costello: I feel there is a lot of duplicate stuff being done.

Ron Whittemore: We are one month into the year and already have 3 times with no heat. It is the wrong unit for this building and it is costing us money. Selectmen Costello: I would like to get a number of proposals to replace this unit.

Action Item (12) Town Accountant Job Description

On a motion made by Selectmen Schwall 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to approve and sign job description for Town Accountant created by the Personnel Board and reviewed by the present Town Accountant, Cathy Doane. All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Schwall: We will be interviewing in a couple of weeks, it is a very busy time for Cathy Doane right now.

Action Item (13) Mobile Home Request

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve placement of a mobile home on 79 Chestnut Street for a period of six months, or thru 7/28/16 owned by Olive Ribeiro. All Vote 5-0

Action Item (14) Resignation E. Deva Mills

On a motion made by Selectmen Schwall 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to accept resignation of E. Deva Mills as an Election Worker effective immediately. All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Schwall: Expressed appreciation from his wife Town Clerk Laura Schwall who could not attend to Ms. Mills for all the years she has given to the Town. She will be sorely missed.

Action Item (15) Reserve Fund Transfer

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to approve the Reserve Fund to be transferred to Line 012451-51130 Electrical Inspector Salary for \$5,000.00 for purposes of funding through to Town Meeting. All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Schwall: I believe we should do enough to get us to Town Meeting in May.

Old Business:

Action Item (1) Animal Shelter Fire Alarm System

Discussion tabled from 1/19/16 meeting

Selectmen Vadnais: We have to get the building to code. The money will be coming out of the Animal Welfare Fund.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais 2nd by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to approve and award bid proposal from Home & Commercial Security for installation of a fire alarm system at the Rehoboth Animal Shelter for: \$1,995.00 plus applicable permits; \$89.85 per quarter for UL Fire Monitoring x 2 = \$179.70; \$9.00 for annual inspection. All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Costello: We are also looking into the hot water heater that needs repairing, for washing clothes, hands and dirty dog dishes for sanitary reasons.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental 2nd by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve up to \$1,000.00 to repair or replace hot water heater in the Animal Shelter, funds would be taken from the Animal Welfare Fund. All Vote 5-0

Additions: Reserve Fund Transfer from Police Department

(Item Tabled for further information)

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Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: Gerry the Cell Tower Antenna is it 30 ft. short? Selectmen Schwall: We will make this an agenda item for the next meeting. I am disappointed that the vendor we chose did not do its due diligence.

I want to wish Laura well on a quick recovery and my wife well; she goes in Thursday for minor surgery.

Vadnais: The Governor has made a decision on the appointment for the Rehoboth Housing Authority, it is Neal Harrington. Welcome back Neal.

Schwall: Meeting with Backlund: We found opportunities that will prevent us from receiving unexpected big bills at the end of the year. We also found out we had some employees that were misclassified. Cheryl will be sending information over to the insurance companies and we might be able to save some money. We had set a policy for any purchases over \$1,000 to be brought in front of the Board; Was that policy ever sent to the Department Heads? Selectmen Costello: We need to revisit this issue at the next meeting. Then once we agree, we will send it out to all the Department Heads.

We are having trouble with some departments on getting compliance with the Sexual Harassment Training. We need the Board to get in touch with their departments and inform them that this is important. Helen will present a list of town employees that are not compliant. I want to recognize Warner Horlbeck for all he has done for the Town and wish him and his family well. He is moving closer to his grandchildren.

Pimental: Opioid Addiction: I believe we should support the Good Samaritan Rule- if someone is addicted they won't be afraid to call. I believe it is a huge problem. If someone is over dosing and they have drugs on them they will not get arrested if they call the police for help. Inform Chief Trombetta: We support the Good Samaritan Rule.

Perry: none

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m. Second by Selectmen Schwall. Schwall – Aye, Perry – Aye, Vadnais – Aye, Pimental – Aye, Costello - Aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Michael R. Costello, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 4/5/16