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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY February 12, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body \*

**Topics of Discussion:** Land Negotiations\*

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

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for February 5, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-32A: Withholdings, \$26,23.53; 18-33B, Payroll, \$96,927.02; 18-32 Invoices, \$90,644.53; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve Regular Session Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2018. Second G. Schwall, All Vote 5-0; In Executive Session the Board of Selectmen approved and held Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2018.

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**Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Monday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 PM at Senior Center 55 Bay State Road Rehoboth MA.
- MassDot will be conducting Retroreflective sign replacement & upgrades at various locations of Town starting today, February 5 from 7AM – 3:30PM; work will continue for approximately 5 months and they will be mostly off road in breakdown lane/shoulder.
- We have appointed a new ad hoc committee to work on energy issues for the Town of Rehoboth and are in need of volunteers. The new Green Energy Committee has several goals but the first order of business would be to pursue Green Energy Community status under M.G.L.c. 25A § 10. If you would like to volunteer please go on Town of Rehoboth’s website click on volunteer opportunities to fill out a talent bank form or go to the Town Offices.
- Chief Barresi & Lt. Larrivee announced SAFE Grant was awarded. Lt. Larrivee discussed community high risk program; identifying residents that are at high risk (seniors, disabled, etc.). Also discussed how he meets with the Seniors and also the school children from preschool to eighth grade to go over public safety.
- D. Perry informed residents that the Selectmen have signed an option to buy agreement with Steve Dorrance regarding the 15-acre piece of property on Anawan Street.

**Town Administrators Report:**

- Emergency pothole repairs will be done on Rte. 44 from Dighton line to Seekonk line starting today and will finish in approximately 1-2 days.
- The resurfacing project for Route 44 in Rehoboth is scheduled to be advertised in November of this year.
- Myself and Mike Costello met with Risk Assessment Manager from Glatfelter Insurance and Backlund Insurance. Glatfelter was impressed with our practices and we are doing everything she would recommend. She did have recommendations for the Town Offices and gave advice for the 375<sup>th</sup> events. She would also attend a 375<sup>th</sup> parade meeting to offer help.
- I will be attending the MEGA meeting on Thursday 2/15/18.
- Information on Sprague Road was sent to Jay Talerman for review.
- Next ZBA meeting will be 2/22/18
- Reminder there is a meeting with the School Agreement Review Committee and Finance Committee this Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center.

**NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Discussion w/ Abby Abrahamson on Litter Prevention Initiative & Keep Rehoboth Beautiful**

Abby has requested the use of the Town Seal for Keep Rehoboth Beautiful barrels.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to allow the Litter Prevention Initiative and Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Subcommittee to use Town Seal for barrels. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve the use of Town Seal on the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful logo replacing star on map with seal. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve replacing Veterans Memorial barrel with Keep Rehoboth Beautiful barrel. All Vote 5-0

Abby read a concerned residents email regarding the Planet Aid bins, on private property, overflowing with couches and items. The Board of Selectmen will take care of issue. It was asked that she forward email to Gerry Schwall to return an answer to concerned resident.

The Rehoboth Town Business Association has agreed to sponsor town wide litter clean up from April 22 – 28.

**Action Item #2: 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Contracts**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted that Town Administrator Helen Dennen to sign contracts relating to 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. All Vote 5-0

G.S. described the contract that the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee wants to sign with the Sun Chronicle regarding advertisement for 375<sup>th</sup> events. The Board of Selectmen agrees to sign contract.

**Action Item #3: Timetable for FY2019 Departmental Budgets**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Tentative Date</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Police Department	3/15/18	
Fire Department	2/26/18	
Highway Department	2/20/18	
Forestry	2/20/18	
Building Department	3/12/18	
Board of Health	3/12/18	

**Action Item #4:**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to accept Quarterly Payment from Comcast in the amount of \$60,938.99 for PEG Funding. All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #5:**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Lauri Henderson, Pat Martin to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee effective 2/12/18 – 12/31/18. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Nancy Muri to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee effective 2/12/18 – 12/31/18. Vote 4-0 (J. Muri abstained).

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**Action Item #6: Resignation of Planning Board Member**

On February 5, 2018 Michael R. Costa resigned from his elected position on the Planning Board. His term was to expire on April 4, 2022. Michael started as an Associate member on May 18, 2016 and became an Appointed Full Member in January 4, 2017, then went on and became an Elected Full Member April 3, 2017.

S. Pimental read resignation letter.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept Michael R. Costa's resignation effective 2/12/18. All Vote 5-0

Discussion ensued in regards to filling position.

**Action Item #7: Discussion Re: Facilities Manager Job Description**

J. Muri met with Dave Scanlon and drafted a Facilities Manager Job Description. The Board of Selectmen decided it should be a part time position & have procurement training. Discussion ensued.

**Action Item #8: Reserve Fund Transfer**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve request for transfer from the Reserve Fund as follows and forward to Finance Committee:

Into Line #:	Department	Balance in acct.	Amount of Transfer
011513-53069	BOS- Town Counsel-Special Counsel	\$8,045.31	\$17,629.54

All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #9: Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve budget amendment below:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
014203-52410	HWY-Building R/M	\$1,100.00	
014203-57320	HWY- 1 Day Conference		\$500.00
014203-55000	HWY-First Aid		\$150.00
014203-54200	HWY-Office Supplies		\$250.00
014203-53010	HWY-Medical/Physical		\$200.00

All Vote 5-0

**Open Forum:**

Ron Whittemore: Facilities Manager discussion reminded me of fact that we need a comprehensive maintenance schedule for generators. H.D. Carol in the Selectmen's Office sets up a service schedule.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**  
**2/12/18 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** We accepted their invitation to be a Sister City.

**Schwall:** The 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball video is on the Town website, enjoy watching. Our Ambassador to Lagoa has spoken personally to Lagoa's Mayor. They may be stopping by the Town Offices in March.

**Pimental:** The 375<sup>th</sup> kick off, raised funds just shy of \$4,000.00.

**Perry:** none

**Muri:** I met with Planning Board last week regarding recreational marijuana bylaw. The State has given us a temporary moratorium in place until 5/31/18. The Planning Board is working on a replacement bylaw. \*\*Skip & I attended Bristol Aggie meeting on upgrades; a \$104 million-dollar project which will be bonded for 30 years, costing the Town an additional \$4,330 per student. Discussion ensued. \*\* We will be doing workshops for the plan of a new public safety building & town offices starting on February 28 7PM Senior Center. \*\* The Highway has new electronic time clocks that go directly for the accounting office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:50 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri – 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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James Muri, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway  
Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 3/19/18