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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, February 27, 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: At 6:33 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; (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; (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: Police Union Locals 208 & 209 Contract Negotiations; PILOT Agreement for 295 Tremont Street*

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

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Authorize Deficit Spending for Snow & Ice Removal for FY17 (needed to be done prior to approval of Warrants)

On a motion made S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to authorize, under MGL c. 44, sec. 31D, deficit spending for snow and ice removal effective through 2/23/17 for FY 2017 in amount of \$50,229.71. All Vote 4-0

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-33A, Withholdings, \$25,975.62; 17-34B, Payroll, \$120,085.52; 17-33 Invoices: \$4,111,131.08. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0; S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-34A, Withholdings, \$132,901.40; 17-35B, Payroll, \$181,234.82; 17-34 Invoices: \$58,003.66; 17-34R, Refunds, \$805.58; 17-35V, Veterans, \$8,417.59. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall.

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Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2017. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold Sessions 1 & 2 of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2017. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 4-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday March 6, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Laura Schwall- 1500 of the Census forms have not been returned; Rabies Clinic will be March 11, 2017 at Seekonk Highway Department from 9AM – 12PM and you can also get your dog licensed.

Town Administrator's Report:

- BP Regional Technical School has requested that the Board designate a member to attend meeting on Thursday March 2 at 9AM at BP to elect the representative of the member communities who will represent them on BP for the upcoming collective bargaining for FY18. On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by D. Perry it was voted to designate Helen to attend meeting with BP to represent the Board of Selectmen. All Vote 4-0
- Representative Howitt and I discussed one of the topics for State budget, when he meets with Way and Means Committee, be the South Fire Station well since it is a matter of public safety. The Board of Selectmen agreed.
- For the public's information: we have had a lot of people out sick at the Town Offices and we apologize for any inconvenience it may have caused.

3.0) Action Item #2: FY2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant

On a motion made by G. Schwall, Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve FY2016 Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$3,220 for a portable generator and portable lighting to REMA and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #3: FY17 Service Incentive Grant

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve amended version of the FY17 Service Incentive Grant for \$50,000 and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign. All Vote 4-0. The Board thanked Rep. Steve Howitt for all his help.

Action Item #4: Rehoboth Antiquarian Sign Request

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve request from Rehoboth Antiquarian Society to display signs for upcoming events to be put up approximately three weeks before event and removed immediately following each event as amended by Helen Dennen; see below

- Intersection of Routes 118 & 44
- Intersection of Bay State Road & Route 44
- Island in front of Rehoboth Congregational Church
- Intersection of County Street & Bay State Road (where Francis Farm sign is located)
- Intersection of Fairview Ave and 118 (soccer field corner)

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For the following events:

- June 4 Strawberry Country Festival/Family Day
- November 10 & 11 Folk Art & Artisans Show
- And any future events in 2017 TBD

All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Approval of Warrants

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to designate Chairman Vadnais to review and approve bills or payment warrants in the absence of a quorum and provide a report to the Board of Selectmen at the next meeting of the Board. All Vote 4-0

Helen to look into if this Municipal Modernization Law applies to the Finance Committee as well.

Action Item #6: FY2018 Budget

The Board will start with Department reviews and send out a schedule as to when they will meet. The Departments must have print out and assumptions to go along with requests. March 6, 2017 the Board will meet with Highway Superintendent, Animal Control Officer, Forestry and COA to review budgets. March 13, 2017 will be the Selectmen's Office budget review. March 20th will be the Fire and Police Departments budget reviews.

Action Item #7: May 8, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

All articles are due on March 1, 2017 at 12noon.

Action Item #8: Special Town Meeting

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to set the date for the Special Town Meeting for May 8, 2017 at 7:00PM prior to the Annual Town Meeting at the DR Regional High School, 2700 Regional Road, N. Dighton, MA. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open the warrant for this Special Town Meeting and close the warrant on April 20, 2017. All Vote 4-0

FY17 Capital Budget:

AMOUNT	DEPARTMENT	CAPITAL ITEM
\$14,694	Fire Department	For purchase of four multi-gas detectors, ten single gas detectors and six cold water survival suits
\$50,000	Highway	For purchase of a 2017 Ford F-150 4-wheel drive pickup truck with plow for Highway Superintendent <u>-Will revisit this topic next week; Highway Superintendent may be getting a lesser quote; he also mentioned he may be thinking about changing Highway Department colors</u>
\$25,000	Highway	For purchase of a new fuel dispenser installed with new plumbing and electrical hookups, lighting, etc.- <u>Mike Costello explained the system and why this is needed</u>
\$5,000	Highway	For purchase of a MIG/TIG Welder and all costs incidental thereto- <u>would be able to fix equipment on site. instead of paying someone outside of Town</u>

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FY17 Budget Adjustments:

Amount	Department	Line	Explanation
TBD	Board of Health	Wages	Office coverage while clerk out on sick leave
\$25,354.56	Comp Buy-Out		To reimburse BOH wages for Health Agent retirement buyout

Action Item #9: Reserve Fund Transfer

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Reserve Fund Transfer for Board of Selectmen Office Expense Advertising for \$1, 200.00 to be transferred to Line #011223-53030. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #10: Budget Amendment

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

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011873-52416	BOS Fac Maint Highway/Repair	\$800.00	
011873-52146	BOS Fac Maint Highway/Oil		\$800.00
011873-52972	BOS Fac Maint COA/Water	\$200.00	
011873-52132	BOS Fac Maint COA/Gas		\$200.00

All Vote 4-0

Action Item #11: COA Generator Project

On a motion made by D. Perry, Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve request for an extension of the contract with Power Equipment until March 20, 2017 for National Grid to turn off power to complete work. All Vote 4-0

OPEN FORUM: George Solas regarding Selectmen's reports: the debt ratio that they will be absorbing they might not have revenue to be able to pay for the cost of this project. This is all financially driven. If the gas prices stay low they may not have enough funding. They might be realizing they don't want to spend the money now. G. Schwall; we need to send something to FERC to make them aware that we want to be notified when something is going to happen. Call us an intervenor. G. Schwall, D. Perry and Helen will speak to Town Counsel on a conference call as to how to go about becoming an intervenor and protecting the Town's interest.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

2/27/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: The Finance Committee representatives will be at the budget review meetings.

- I met with the Mayor of Attleboro and we jointly issued separate statements to Spectra. The city of Attleboro is still in communication with Spectra so that we do not lose our opportunities for input before permitting. We are making sure all concerns are met for safety, health and well-being of our community and the people. Town Counsel is working on adoption of an environmental bylaw that states that any commercial project to perform a comprehensive review by a certified provided putting emphasis on health issues at the owner's expense. It will be at the May meeting. The Mayor was notified of the cancellation by Spectra.

Schwall: The Finance Committee should be notified when there is a snow & ice deficit. The Highway Superintendent should notify the liaison of the Finance Committee to go over any deficit spending. M. Deignan stated that they do receive copies of the snow and ice deficit.

- Speaking for myself; I am very disappointed that we are not at the High School tonight meeting with Spectra. It is a sign of disrespect. I want to thank Dave and Skip for working hard to get other communities involved. I will be watching Spectra very closely.

Pimental: I think that we should get our State Representative or Senator Kennedy involved to be on notice so that we do not miss any important timelines for permits.

Perry: I have been doing a lot of running around feeling like I am getting nowhere. I met with Spectra Friday afternoon in my kitchen and they told me that they were cancelling the meeting for Monday. Dave read a letter stating why Spectra cancelled meeting; see attached. We, as a Board, have worked hard to put this meeting together.

4.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:27 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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

Approved on 3/30/17