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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, March 6, 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 6:00 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; (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:** Police Grievance; Potential Litigation; Personnel Issues; Town Insurance; Dispatchers Contract; Police Contract Negotiations\*

**Call to Order at 7:28p.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; 17-35A, Withholdings, \$68,900.72; 17-36B, Payroll, \$90,446.41; 17-35 Invoices: \$58,995.20. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2017. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0

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**Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday March 13, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Laura Schwall- Rabies Clinic will be March 11, 2017 at Seekonk Highway Department from 9AM – 12PM and you can also get your dog licensed. The fee is \$12.00. Census forms were due the 30<sup>th</sup> of January and we are still waiting for a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the forms. The election is Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. I am halfway through the Clerk's certification class. I passed the test and I should have my certification this year.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

- I attended the meeting at BP Regional Technical School for the election of a representative of the member communities who will represent them on BP for the upcoming collective bargaining for FY18. The meeting was attended by two individuals representing member communities. Selectmen Joseph Pacheco of Raynham offered to be the representative, his offer was accepted and he will be the voting member. The school is amazing.
- I advised Representative Howitt of our request for \$12,000 for a new well at the South Fire Station. I did also mention the \$70,000 for the ceramic vault for the Town Offices.
- Next week we have a Public Hearing scheduled for a change to the liquor license of Hillside Country Club. There will not be a quorum so the hearing needs to be opened and continued to the next week. The applicant has been advised.
- I received an email from Dean Harrison and he wants to have the walk through of Anawan site for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 11AM and the CPC has been invited.

**3.0) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: FY18 Budget Reviews**

**COA-** Linda Sherman; Ron Whittmore; Sue McBride present.

D. Perry: The only increases are Linda's wages to 3% increase which is fair; the wages for part time have increased significantly. Linda; Brad Marshall is the outreach Shine coordinator, so if you are retiring or need a change in medical, fuel assistance, if you need a new water pump. He also assists in frail elder; if there is a police report or ambulance report he sends it off to Bristol Elders. Kimberly is the Administrative Assistant; she does payables and receivables and also put the entire COA on laptops so the board can access everything needed on their laptops. D.P. Both positions are 19.5 hours with no benefits at \$12.71 per hr. and \$12.21 per hr. Linda requested a \$4.00 per hr. raise for both positions. G. S. suggested \$20.00 per hr. which meets the average salary for these positions in surrounding areas.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to raise hourly rate for both COA positions to \$20.00. All Vote 4-0

**Animal Control-** Rob Johnson; George Solas; Richard Panofsky present.

Rob's Assistant is also assistant field driver and assistant animal inspector. It is a part time position but he receives benefits because his other position in forestry makes him work full time hours. He is working 19 hours in animal control and approximately 19 hours in forestry. Rob suggested increasing salary position (assistant animal control officer) to \$15,767.00 on a 52-week year. Rob's salary has an increase of 3% for Animal Control Officer position. Rob has also tried to

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budget for the new repairs at the shelter. George Solas, as well as the Animal Advisory Committee has looked at the budget and has agreed with it.

**Forestry-** Rob Johnson; George Solas present.

Rob suggested raising part time and full time salaries. Part time from \$15.95 to \$18.95 and full time from \$18.26 to \$21.26. Forestry workers will also be working 52 weeks instead of 40 weeks per year. Rob is also putting in an Article for Forestry building repairs.

**Highway-** Mike Costello; Doug Furtado present.

Mike put in for a part time office clerk at \$15.00 per hr. for 12 hours a week.

Capital requests:

- Pickup truck with 4WD and a plow for Superintendent.
- Fuel Dispensers \$25,000 & new lighting
- Welder

Mike dropped his major equipment rental line and moved money into other lines that were short.

G. S.; Adjust:

- When a new contract is established you can request salary raise at fall town meeting, as well as uniform allowance.
- Uniform allowance for workers needs to be adjusted a little higher

The Board agrees on all adjustments suggested.

**Action Item #2: May 8, 2017 STM & ATM Warrant Articles**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to amend date of the Annual Town Warrant to close on March 23, 2017 by 12noon. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Fire Station 3 Well**

Chief Barresi explained the well running dry at Fire Station 3 that is 65 years old. The Board of Selectmen is declaring this an emergency situation.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve the bid from All About H2O to dig new well at Fire Station 3. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: April 3, 2017 Town Election Warrant**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve and sign April 3, 2017 Town Election Warrant as submitted by Town Clerk. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Wheeler Street Bridge Agreement Change**

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by D. Perry it was voted to table item until more information can be acquired. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #6: Snow & Ice Deficit**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve snow and ice deficit spending in the amount of \$42,357.21 which result in a deficit of \$92,586.92. All Vote 4-0

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**Action Item #7: RANRPC Appointment**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Patricia Vadnais to the Rehoboth Agricultural and Natural Resources Preservation Committee as the Water Commission Representative effective 3/6/16 – 6/30/18. All Vote 3-0(S. Vadnais abstained)

**Action Item #8: Municipal Hearings Officer**

Tabled until further information can be pursued. The Board of Selectmen requested that Helen Dennen consult with Town Counsel on what qualifications are needed to become a Municipal Hearings Officer. The Board also requested a list of municipal fines that are given, what departments they are from and how they are enforced.

**Action Item #9: Hazelton Golf Club LLC Liquor License**

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by D. Perry it was voted to resign LLA for reconsideration of Restaurant All Alcohol Liquor License for Hazelton Golf Club, LLC. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: Kennel Permit**

Richard Panofsky present.

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve new application for Personal Kennel Permit. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve new renewal application for Personal Kennel Permit. All Vote 4-0

- Richard Panofsky reviewed Applications with Laura Schwall

**Action Item #11: Surplus Property**

Mike Costello requested that the Board of Selectmen declare old trucks, cars and town property as surplus. Mike uses an auction website to sell property.

S. Vadnais read list of items to be auctioned.

On a motion made by D. Perry, Second by S. Pimental it was voted to declare Town property as surplus as listed and submitted by the Highway Superintendent, Michael Costello. All Vote 4-0

**OPEN FORUM:**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**  
**3/6/17 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais: none**

**Schwall: none**

**Pimental:** I am meeting with the Chief of Police to go over the budget and Capital to have ready for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Perry:** Generator at the COA is completed and running, it was tested today.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:30 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 3/27/17