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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, April 11, 2016**  
**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, Interim Town Administrator

**Absent:** Michael Costello, Member

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:02p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21;(3) 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;(4) To discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto;(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 Contract Negotiations; Town Owned Property; Police Grievance; Town Building Security\*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Voted 4-0

**Call to Order at 7:15p.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; Withholdings 16-40A, \$25,738.51; Payroll: 16-41B, \$94,538.91; Invoices: 16-41, \$131,144.40. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** G. Schwall made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 16, 2016 as amended. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

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**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday April 19, 2016 at the Town Offices at 4:00 PM

**Town Administrator's Report:** Helen Dennen

- Reminder to Board of Selectmen regarding joint meeting with the Planning Board on April 20, 2016
- D. Perry & Helen will begin interviewing this week for Veteran's Agent
- Helen has a meeting with Don Backlund regarding insurance
- Helen meeting with David House to go over Towns electric bills
- The Board of Selectmen received a thank you card Nathan Crowell Memorial Fund regarding Gale Pray

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Notice of Proposed Acquisition**

The Commonwealth Department of Agricultural Resources propose to purchase an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on property owned by John R. Hass & Joseph A. Hass, Trustees of the Hass Realty Trust on Providence Street in Rehoboth, MA & consent to reduction of notice period from 120 days to 60 days. S. Pimental read Notice of Proposed Acquisition.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept the Notice of Proposed Acquisition & the reduction of notice period to 60 days to expedite purchase. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #2: Establishment of Hornbine School Committee**

The Hornbine School Association which we responsible for running the school no longer works for insurance purposes and for the people that work there. Cathy Potter has asked for an agreement with the Town and the Hornbine Association. Town Counsel would rather see the committee appointed. Cathy Potter would like to form this committee to help in keeping school maintained and she would offer to be the Chairperson. She mentioned David Downs, who helps with all summer open houses and Brenda Saben, who is the teacher at Hornbine School to also be on the new Hornbine School Committee. A committee of three is sufficient to run the school.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to form the Hornbine School Association Committee All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall to nominate Cathy Potter to the Hornbine School Association Committee representng the Historical Commission, effective 4/11/16 – 6/30/16. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Brenda Saben to the Hornbine School Association Committee, as a citizen at large, effective 4/11/16 – 6/30/16. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to allow non-resident David Downs to be a member of the Hornbine School Association Committee, effective 4/11/16 – 6/30/16. All Vote 4-0

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**Action Item #3: Discussion: Re: 4-6-16 Auction of Tax Possession Land Parcels**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept auction bids below that were read:

Lot 16/M14 \$1,000.00

Lot 16/M48 \$400

Lot 16/M50 \$700

Lot 16/M541 \$500

Lot 17/M56G \$500

Lot 17/M62 \$500

Lot 17/M63 \$500

Lot 17/M67 \$500

Lot 17/M78 \$1000

Off Anawan Street Lot 59/9 \$1000

Providence Street Lot 19/18B \$5000

All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: One Day Liquor License**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Wine & Malt One Day Liquor License application for Tim Bonner of Norton Lions Club, for Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, Rehoboth Ma for 5/13/16, 6:00 – 10:00 PM for the sale of alcohol and 5/12/16 & 5/14/16 for the transportation of alcohol. Firing range to be closed within those hours. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve budget amendments below. All Vote 4-0

Account Name	Department	Increase	Decrease
014203-51310	Highway-Supplies	950.00	
014203-51910	Highway-Uniform Allowance		950.00
015113-55100	BOH-Educational	150.00	
015113-53000	BOH-Prof & Teck		150.00
012203-53010	Fire-Physicals	179.00	
012203-57330	Fire-Subscriptions		179.00

**Action Item #6: Sale of 1984 Ford C800 Fire Truck**

Chief Barresi stated he used a new auction website (Govdeals.com) to sell truck. It is very user friendly and would like to sell more old items from fire department.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve the sale of the 1984 Ford Fire Truck for \$1,150.00 All Vote 4-0

Helen will sign the Title.

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Chief Barresi: I want to thank the department and other surrounding towns that responded to a large fire over the weekend. Everyone did a great job. There were no injuries, unfortunately two dogs perished. G. Schwall thanked them for their professionalism.

**Action Item #7: Delinquent Taxes**

We do hold permits from residents with delinquent taxes. There was a concern that someone was elected and owes the Town taxes. We cannot have a bylaw that prohibits someone from being elected or sworn in due to delinquent taxes. If you are displeased with what happened there is a recall bylaw and you have so many days to recall the individual. You can also petition that individual if you felt information was kept from you when voting. Anthony Grossi: The fact that she was delinquent on her taxes was posted in Rehoboth Now but kept getting taken down by the Moderator prior to the election. Vadnais: We have no control over that publication. Tish Vadnais: I would like to ask the members of the School Committee if you have a policy on this issue. Someone who is making a large decision on the finances for the kids and teachers when they owe a large amount to the Town and the Town is in debt. Chris Andrade: That would be better asked of the School Committee, as a lone member I would not know of any policy. The next meeting is Tuesday at the High School. Dave Katseff: The School Committee has no jurisdiction over how these members are qualified and there are no criteria they have to meet. I feel it's a great idea to send a note to the Chair or the Superintendent and ask the question formally. M. Deignan: The Board does have the jurisdiction to put a policy in place that would prevent someone from being appointed to a committee or commission if they are delinquent in their taxes.

**Action Item #8: Discussion Re: RAAC Report/ RAAC Minutes/ Statutory Methods of Funding**

David Katseff & Chris Andrade gave a presentation in regards to RAAC and how the budgets can be divided amongst K-12 especially when talking about the above minimum. Discussed different ways to use the Statutory Method not Alternative Method. G. Schwall brought up a way to use the Alternative Method to benefit both Towns. C. Andrade will mention G. Schwall's idea at next RAAC meeting. Discussed methodology for voting: consisting of a quorum 8 out of 10 members and 2/3 majority of weighted votes.

Sue McBride & George Solas discussed splitting central office fully between Towns. The Alternative Method allows us to make adjustments on a regular basis.

In conclusion the Board thanks the members of the school committee for meeting with them.

Letter received from Catherine Antinellis: the amount of the budget that gets put in E & D account (Excess & Deficiency), this year is at \$1,559,568.00. G. Schwall went on to read previous years up to 2009.

**Action Item #9: Discussion: Municipal Complex**

There are two needs in the Town: A new Public Safety Building and Town Hall. The site we are proposing is currently occupied by the Public Safety Building and behind it. We would use existing Fire Station and bays, demolishing the Police Station, then build out from there. We

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would not have to move communications tower and we would be combining the Building Department with all the Town Offices. Town Offices would be more centralized. The total cost would be 8.6 million dollars. The taxes would be .40 more per \$1,000. We do have some funds to put towards the principle so we will not have to borrow as much. We also have funds of \$448,000 from the sale of Anawan School and the old police barracks on Rt. 44, and our pilot agreements from the solar farms that bring in about \$127,000 per year. G. Schwall: I feel we should bond the entire amount in case one of the solar farm projects go bankrupt and use the pilot agreements to pay of the principle.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to present the Municipal Complex to the residents All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to ask citizens to approve 8.6 million dollars utilizing debt exclusion for the purpose of a Municipal Complex which would house a Fire Department, Police Department, REMA, Ambulance and also a Town Hall All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: FY2017 Town Budget**

M. Deignan & George Solas: met with several School Committee Members and looked over the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants and recommended approving all the Articles for the Capital Budgets. We tabled replenishing stabilization and capital stabilization but in light of the Municipal Complex moving forward we may consider funding those accounts a bit. We also talked about reducing the DPW Chief. D. Perry: We need a Highway Superintendent; we need someone to run the department. M. Deignan: I'm not comfortable funding more than \$400,000 out of our free cash. S. Pimental: We might be able to get money from the overlay. Cathy Doane will be talking with the Assessors.

**Action Item #11: Review of 5/9/16 STM & ATM Warrants**

Conservation Commission has requested the article for donated land be removed from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was approved to remove donated land from Annual Town Meeting Warrant. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was approved to add Article 3 \$34,000 for police vehicle All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 4-0

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**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

- S. Vadnais received an urgent email from Mike Tyler: trucks starting to rot and fall apart. D. Perry will sit down with mechanic; needs to be assessed further. Will be put aside for now.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**4/11/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** None

**Schwall:** None

**Perry:** None

**Pimental:** None

**Costello:** Absent

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Schwall made a motion to adjourn the meeting to enter into Executive Session and only to return to Regular Session to adjourn., Second by Selectmen Pimental. All Vote Pimental – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – 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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\_\_\_\_\_ABSENT\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael R. Costello, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 7/5/16