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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY APRIL 17, 2018
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Dave Perry, Clerk; Michael Costello, Member; Helen Dennen

Absent: James Muri

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for April 17, 2018: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-41A, Withholdings, \$28,230.24; 18-42B, Payroll, \$93,287.06, 18-41, Warrants, \$57,187.21, 18-41R, Refunds;-\$12,924.81 G. Schwall made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0

Minutes: G. Schwall Motioned, Second by D. Perry to approve Minutes from 3/5/18, Vote 3-0 M. Costello abstained. G. Schwall Motioned, Second by M. Costello to approve Minutes from 3/12/18. Voted 4-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Helen will be issuing a press release for both the change in town meeting date and a notice of the pre-town meeting financial summit. Waited until it was voted on to change date on the town meeting.
- Public Safety Building's hot water tank issue. Propane Plus made repairs to the system, however advises that the hot water heater tank has met or exceeded its useful life and will need to be replaced at some time in the near future. BOS would like to get 3 quotes (Jim Sine, Quality Oil, and a third). Jim Sine has done it for the town before, different building and pricing was very good.
- Abby is asking what date and time will work for BOS as a group to pick up trash along Peck Street and in front of town offices-week of Sunday, April 22-Saturday, April 28. BOS agreed to meet on 4/22/18 at 9 a.m. at town offices.
- Helen meeting with Mark Cuddy from Backland Insurance on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. to review questions for 375th. G. Schwall will be in attendance.
- J. Muri was sent an email from Carolyn at Green Energy Committee regarding the number of members are even and will make it difficult for voting purposes. Can voting

from the committee be abstained until issue is resolved? S. Vadnais recommends to leave it as is and continue voting and work it out if a tie happens.

- Changes to warrant bylaws mostly for clarification.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Meeting w/ Housing Authority to Vote to Fill Vacancies

- Neal Harrington in attendance only, others were not able to make it. Laura Schwall gave a brief explanation: At the 4/2 election no candidates were elected. Received write-ins candidates for 3-year term and it was tied (When votes are tied it triggers an automatic “failure to elect.”) Laura did speak to those candidates. Andrew Cardin agreed to a 3-year term, 2nd candidate did not return calls, and third candidate declined 3 and 5-year term. At this point BOS and Housing Authority is asked to appoint someone for 1 year until the next April election.
- Andrew Cardin in attendance & Linda Sherman. Andrew interested in the 3-year term- he is studying Political Science at Salem State. He was appointed last year to fill position for Housing Authority, he was interested in working on the Anawan School Project and Senior Project. Wants to give back to Rehoboth. He is also on the 375th Committee.
- Neal Harrington made a Motion to nominate Andrew Cardin, Second by M. Costello. To a 3-year term but serving one year 4/17/18 – 4/1/19. Vote 4-0,
- Neal Harrington made a Motion to nominate Linda Sherman, Second by G. Schwall. For a 5-year term, serving one year from 4/17/18-4/1/19. Vote 4-0

Action Item #2: Discussion Re: Resignation of Town Planner/Conservation Agent & Position

Present at meeting were Chris Cooper, Dave Evans, Bob Moitozo, and Krisna Prachanronarong

- This action requires a meeting with Planning Board and Conservation Committee, this is a hired position.
- **Topics of Discussion amongst BOS & Committee**
- D. Evans – Current Supervision for this position is under Conservation Committee. We come to Town Hall only on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month and meet the Sunday before those days to do site work. We cannot supervise the position on a daily basis. Leeann is very thorough in her work (5 Star performance), but with a new person coming in we feel the daily supervision should fall under the Town Administrator, since they interact more than we do. Planning Board/Conservation do not want to be responsible for hiring, but in the past BOS has hired some good candidates and some not so good. Person needs to be able to work independently, be able to make decisions, and be able to prioritize workload. We will review recent job description and get back to Helen by 4/24. Want to make sure job description mentions that Agent works under direct supervision of BOS and Town Administrator.
- D. Perry – Under the ad the BOS do not micro-manage the position. The Selectmen regulates salary and sign contract. Agent works with Planning Board/Conservation -2 entities directing one person. Interaction becomes difficult to manage that position; Town Administrator works closely with Agent and can report back to the PB and Conservation. Need to choose representative wisely, make sure they work well with PB & Conservation team and people in town.

- M. Costello – When I was Chair of the Planning Board, position was taken out of realm of BOS. Board/Committee can only review what they put before you. It is time BOS takes position back, so Town Administrator can supervise daily. Agent will have guidance from Planning Board and Conservation. We need to keep in mind that the candidate most likely will not have strength in both fields, but best to be strong in Conservation and we can train to work on Planning Board.
- G. Schwall – Recommended the BOS create a Screening Committee-Planning Board- 1 member, Conservation Committee- 1 member, and Personnel Dept-1 member. Town Administrator should sit in as well. This group will review all applicants and narrow down to 3 people and then number applications best to least qualified. BOS will not interfere with any interviews.
- S. Vadnais – So Planning Board and Conservation Committee are in agreement that supervision of Agent will fall under Town Administrator with guidance from Planning Board and Conservation –Ready to update bylaws and warrant and put it back to the way it was. Chris would like to review it before it is final. We will update Articles
- Conservation Committee – The job description will need to be very thorough. Place Ad in Mass Municipal Association, www.planning.org, (town & state planners), post in State website under employment and in MACC, should get the appropriate type of people to apply if we use the proper avenues.

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Perry it was voted to give the screening committee the authority to interview the candidates and hire the successful candidate, with the hire to be ratified by the Board of Selectmen. Vote 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Reschedule 5/14/18 Special & Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, May 15, 2018

G. Schwall Motions Second by D. Perry to reschedule Special & Annual Town Meeting to Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Reason for the change is because Jay Talerma cannot make the meeting on May 14th. Vote also allows BOS to meet a second night, if need be on the following Monday (already scheduled meeting). Moderator, HS and Financial Committee are available on the 15th as well. Vote 4-0

Action Item #4: 5/15/18 STM & ATM Warrants

G. Schwall Motion, to open the 5/15/18 ATM Warrants and place the articles on the warrant, Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

- G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to approve inserts to Articles 20/21/22. Article 20 is Conservation, Article 21 is Planner, and Article 22 is Housekeeping. Vote 4-0
- G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to include Article 24 Chapter E amendment to zoning map, Highway Business District (Frontage on Rt.44 & Rt. 6 identify on zoning map that it is a business district). Vote 4-0
- G. Schwall Motion, Second by M. Costello to approve Article 3-modifying language by town council. Vote 4-0
- G. Schwall Motion, Second by M. Costello to approve Article 8 Chapter M – application for marijuana retail permit- changes from BOS has to approve within 2 scheduled

meetings/public meetings to 45 days from time the application was received. Changed approved by Jay Talerman. Vote 4-0

- G. Schwall proposed letter to be added to ATM Warrant, with provisions to be added later if necessary. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0
- G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to close Warrant. Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Audit Contract w/Powers & Sullivan, LLC

- G. Schwall -Motion to have Town Committee review and approve 3-year contract (increase of \$500). Second by M. Costello – For discussion, do we solicit other firms?
- G. Schwall – I agree we should look into other firms.
- D. Perry – There is value to having same person year to year. Increase given is only 2%, do not recommend shopping this year.
- Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Accept Resignation of Green Energy Committee Member

D. Perry Motion, Second by G. Schwall to accept Chris Cooper's resignation, effective on 4/13/18. Vote 4-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Appoint New Member to the Green Energy Committee

D. Perry Motion, Second by. G. Schwall to appoint Jake Kramer as new committee member to the Green Energy Committee representing the Planning Board, term effective 4/17/18-6/30/18. Vote 4-0

Action Item #8: Appoint New Member to the 375th Anniversary Committee

- D. Perry Motion, Second by G. Schwall to appoint Cathy Edington to the 375th Anniversary Committee, effective 4/17/18 – 12/31/18. Vote 3-0. M. Costello abstained.
- G. Schwall - Cathy ran in yesterday's Boston Marathon in remembrance of her sister; and had an interview which was featured on Channel 12 News.
- M. Costello – Has known her for a long time as well and is an avid runner. I commend her.

Action Item #9: Vote to Appoint Member to "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee

- G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to appoint Veronica Brickley to the "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful" Committee, effective 4/17/18 – 12/31/18. (It is a sub-committee of the 375th Anniversary Committee). Vote 3-0, M. Costello abstained.
- G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to appoint Veronica Brickley to the 375th Anniversary Committee effective 4/17/18-12/31/18. She was recommended by Abby Abrahamson. Vote 3-0, M. Costello abstained.

Action Item #10: Vote to Accept "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful" Sub-Committee Resignation

D. Perry Motion, Second by G. Schwall to accept Jacqueline Peterson's resignation from the "Keep Rehoboth Beautiful" Committee, effective immediately. Vote 3-0, M. Costello abstained.

G. Schwall – Thank you Jackie for your service.

Action Item #11: Job Description

G. Schwall Motion, Second D. Perry to Table approval of the job description for the part-time Police Dispatcher position until further review by Chief Trombetta and Dave Scanlon. Discussion – S. Vadnais was not able to speak to the Chief. G. Schwall did speak to the Chief and he states that the paperwork arrived in the mail and with a note asking him to sign it and return to the Assistant to Town Administrator. He was not asked for any input. This is not the process. My discussion with Dave Scanlon was asking him to review the job description along with the Sr. Dispatcher for input and then review it with the Chief-before any signatures are required. Vote 4-0

Action Item #12: Budget Amendments

D. Perry Motion, Second by G. Schwall to approve Budget Amendments. Vote 4-0

M. Costello – David House is working on issue with solar unit, going over it with Rep on phone.

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011873-52120	BOS-Fac Maint Shelter/Electric	\$200	
011873-52140	BOS Fac Maint. Shelter/Oil		\$200
011873-52973	BOS-Fac Maint. PSB/Water	\$400	
011873-52133	BOS-Fac Maint. PSB/Gas		\$400
011873-52126	BOS-Fac Maint. Hwy/Electric	\$600	
011873-52146	BOS-Fac Maint. Hwy/Oil		\$600

Action Item #13: Vote to Approve Snow Removal Invoices

D. Perry Motion, Second by G Schwall to approve deficit spending for Ice & Snow Removal for invoices totaling \$6,718.71 for a total deficit balance as of 4/10/18 of \$114,377.10. Vote 3-0, M. Costello abstained.

D. Perry, is this the end?

M. Costello - Salt guy is slow in billing, but very good with pricing for the town. Yes, this should be it.

Action Item #14: Replacement of Fire Station 3 Propane Boiler

G. Schwall Motion, Second by D. Perry to approve bid sent by M.S. Heating & AC, Inc of Rehoboth for \$22,500. Make sure bid is Tax Exempt. Vote 4-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

4/19/18 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Bulletin on Local Option for Excise and Retail marijuana sales opportunity. Verdant Medical mentions that approval has to be done within 2 regular session meetings or at a special town meeting. Already in Warrant and Bylaws but further discussions need to happen. Also,

Medical Marijuana facility wants to move ahead with agreement and approval of security measures at our next scheduled meeting. Will discuss the Host Agreement at the next Executive Session meeting.

Schwall: This Saturday, April 21st is Opening Day for Rehoboth's Youth Baseball and Softball Event. Selectmen are invited to attend. Arrival is 8 a.m. with parade starting at 9 a.m. Ryan Westmoreland from the Red Sox will close out the event. Games begin at 10 a.m. at Martin Street Field. It's a great event.

Perry: N/A

Muri: Absent

Costello: M. Costello announced on May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Dighton – Rehoboth High School will be holding a Talent Show for 15 contestants of all ages. It is a fun night, hope you all can attend. Tickets available at door or online. There will also be raffles for First Prize \$500, Second Prize \$300 and Third Prize \$250.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:30 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye.

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

Absent

James Muri, Member

Michael Costello, Member

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 9/17/18