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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Selectman Michael Costello was absent.

At **6:05 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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;*

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

**Roll Call Vote:** Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 4-0

**Topics of Discussion:** Medical Leave Update, Facilities Manager; Potential Litigation

**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 May 2, 2019:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 19-42A Withholdings, \$128,348.07, 19-43B Payroll, \$101,200.73; 19-42 Warrant, \$143,397.26. S. Vadnais motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Ratify April 25<sup>th</sup> Warrant as signed by G. Schwall and M. Costello  
19-43B Payroll, \$103,579.21; 19-24A Withholdings, \$29,634.61; 19-42 Warrant, \$114,847.73.  
S. Vadnais motion to approve, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Minutes:**

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Minutes from February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

J. Muri motion to approve and hold Executive Session Minutes from February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 with minor changes. Second by D. Perry.

D. Perry motioned to approve the Executive Session Minutes from April 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

### **Open Forum – Announcements:**

On Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> the Rehoboth Green Energy Committee will be hosting a Q & A session at Goff Hall. Green Communities Regional Coordinator, Seth Pickering, will be present to answer questions regarding the Stretch Code which voters will be asked to consider at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13.

This year's Financial Summit will take place on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center 55 Bay Street Road Rehoboth MA and will include a review of the FY2020 Budget and Warrant Articles. The Summit will also be carried live on Channel 9 and available for replay from the rehobothtv.org website.

D. Perry stated that the Tree Warden, Rob Johnson has planted 2 new Maple trees at the Council on Aging. Thank you to Stanley Tree and National Grid. Thank you Highway Department for digging the holes.

Ron Whittemore of Keep Rehoboth Beautiful announced that the Spruce Seedlings will be available at Town Meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jen LeCompte shared that over 200 volunteers showed up this week and that 221 bags of trash were collected.

J. Muri saw less trash than 2018 and residents on Peck Street try to pick up more often.

S. Vadnais mentioned that vodka nips out won all.

G. Schwall stated that the Rehoboth Garden Club's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30. There will be Roses for Rehoboth, and speaker Angelina Shoot.

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item #1 7:15 PM Public Hearing – Notice of Public Ways Layout Hearing: Linden Lane, Willow Way, Primrose Lane**

At 7:18 S. Vadnais motioned to open public hearing. Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Linden Lane, Willow Way and Primrose Lane as laid out on the Assessors Maps, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and to bring Article 11 forward to the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 13 2019. Second by F. Vadnais. Vote 4-0

#### **Discussion:**

Catch Basin cleaned- swept and will be cleaned again before Town Meeting.

J. Muri stated that we need to accept loads to be able to get Chapter 90 items.

At 7:21 Selectman Vadnais motion to close public hearing. Second by Selectman Perry.

Roll Call: Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen Muri motion to approve Linden Lane, Willow Way and Primrose Lane as laid out on the Assessors map and bring article 11 forward to the Annual Town meeting, scheduled for May 12, 2019. Second by Selectman Vadnais.

Roll Call: Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item #2: 7:30 PM Part Time Facility Manager Interview – William Pray**

J. Muri motion to hire William Pray as the Part Time Facility Manager contingent upon passing the pre-employment physical and drug screening. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

**Discussion:**

- J. Muri-Steller candidate, Bill is an excellent candidate for the position
- D. Perry-Bill will go above and beyond
- S. Vadnais- Bill has years of experience
- G. Schwall-Highly respected member of community. Always positive and has a smile.

**Action Item #3 STM/ATM Warrant and Motion Review with Bill Cute and Laura Schwall**

No motion required.

**Discussion:**

Bill Cute gave a tip of the hat to all players who helped and made the following suggestions:

- Become familiar with Warrant before Town Meeting
  - 3-minute discussion time
  - Special Town Meeting at 7:00PM
  - Review Special Town Meeting Motions/Annual Town Meeting Motions
- Going to try to complete in one day.

Laura Schwall mentioned the may 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline, register to vote on May 13<sup>th</sup>,  
[www.registertovote.com](http://www.registertovote.com)

Bill Cute stated that new people to town are welcome to come and introduce themselves.

S. Vadnais stated that people should come prepared, bring their changes to motions to move things along.

Tish Vadnais stated the Boy Scouts sell donuts and coffee at Annual Town Meeting. Need to check with school, maybe next year.

S. Vadnais stated that chambers is the entire room.

**Action Item #4: Review Job Description: Director of IT and Media**

Selectman Schwall excused himself

D. Perry motion to approve as amended the job description for the position of Director of Information Technology and Media. Second by S. Vadnais.

Roll Call: Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 3-0

S. Vadnais motion to change Item A. after “district” insert, ask requested by BOS”. Second by D. Perry.

Roll Call: Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 3-0

**Action Item #5: Chapter 90 Request from the Highway Superintendent**

D. Perry motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request as submitted by the Highway Superintendent. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

**Discussion:**

Money is a lot but Chapter 90 funds help.  
S. Vadnais - Sweeney Road (Seekonk ½) (Town of Rehoboth ½)

**Action Item #6: Personal Kennel Applications**

D. Perry motion to approve the personal kennel permit for Maria Perry, 211 Providence Street for 4 dogs for purpose of breeding and private sale of puppies and dogs. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7: Agricultural Commission Resignation – Brandon J. Hoderny**

D. Perry motion to accept the letter of resignation submitted by Brandon J. Hoderny from the Agricultural Commission, and to send a letter from the Board of Selectmen thanking him for his service. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

**Action Item #8: Appointments as Submitted: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful; Agricultural Commission**

D. Perry motion to appoint Abby Abrahamson to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective 1/1/19-12/31/19. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to appoint Luanne Guglielmo to the Agricultural Commission effective 4/29/10-6/30/19. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

Skip is actively involved in Commercial Agriculture with cranberry bogs

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall -review "Rules and Regulations" to Farmer's Market, vote on 5/6

**Action Item #9: Reappointments as Submitted: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful; 475<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee**

D. Perry motion to reappoint Jennifer LeComte, Ron Whittemore, and Jann McMurry to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective 1/1/19 through 12/31/19. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: Approval of COA Volunteer: Denise Kluba**

J. Muri motion to approve Denise Kluba as a volunteer at the Council on Aging effective 4/29/19. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item #11: Request for Rehoboth Antiquarian Society**

J. Muri motion to approve the Treasurer to forward \$6,952.25 to the Antiquarian Society upon receipt of the check from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Action Item #12: Budget Amendments**

D. Perry motion to approve the following budgets amendments for the Veterans Department:

Increase Line	015433-54200	VSO-Office Supplies	\$23.15
Decrease Line	015433-57130	VSO- Parking	\$23.15
Increase Line	015433-57120	VSO-Hotels/Meals	\$500.00
Decrease Line	015433-55800	VSO-Veteran Service Supplies	\$500.00

Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendments for the Police Department:

Increase Line	012103-55840	Detention/Prison	\$175.00
Decrease Line	012103-53010	Medical & Physical	\$175.00
Increase Line	012103-54200	Office Supplies	\$1106.00
Decrease Line	012103-54400	Other Operating Supplies	\$606.00
Decrease Line	012103-53010	Medical & Physical	\$500.00
Increase Line	012052-51920	Police Comp/Training	\$670.00
Decrease Line	012052-51540	Police Comp/Sick Replacement	\$670.00

Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendments for the Building Department:

Increase Line	012413-54200	Office Supplies	\$200.00
Decrease Line	012413-55100	Educational Supplies	\$200.00

Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to approve the following budget amendments for the Fire Department:

Increase Line	012203-54200	Office Supplies	\$183.57
Decrease Line	012203-53010	Physicals	\$183.57

Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

#### **OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

M. Deignan, 5 Slater Street, Chairman of Finance Committee

-received update FY20 budget summary-Regional School District

-new \$19.7m now \$19.5m, \$1.5 yearly

-override \$-559,000 & not previously \$1.2m-\$808,000 difference

Tish Vadnais

-National Grid- why did they donate trees out front

D. Perry

-Don't know, good will, no reason.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

##### **Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** Principal was at school entire time of training

**Schwall:** Rehoboth Police Dept, Ambulance and REMA-training on active shooter over the weekend.

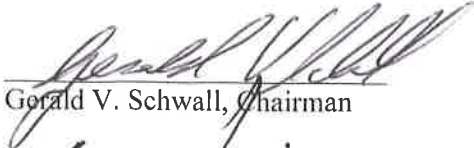
Invitation from DRRHS "Celebration of Excellence" – May 29, 2019 at 6:30 PM

**Perry:** National Grid is allowed to park on town property.

**Muri:** Director of IT and Media interviews will begin this week.

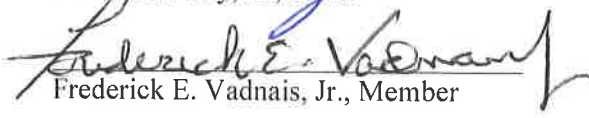
**Costello**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:13 PM., Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

  
James Muri, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member

Absent

Michael Costello, Member

  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 2/10/2020