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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING TUESDAY, April 4, 2017 MEETING MINUTES GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

<u>Present:</u> Frederick "Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member; James Muri, Member

Also present: Helen Dennen

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:01 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; (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*

<u>Topics of Discussion:</u> Police Arbitration; REPAC vs TOR; Police Union Contracts; Town Health Insurance*

<u>Call to Order at 7:27p.m.:</u> The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Welcome new Board of Selectmen Member

The Board welcomed James Muri as a new member of the Board of Selectmen.

Re-Organization of the Board of Selectmen:

- S. Pimental asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. G. Schwall made a motion to nominate S. Vadnais to serve in the position of Chairman. Second, J. Muri. Voted 4-0 (S. Vadnais abstained)
- S. Vadnais asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. S. Pimental made a motion to nominate G. Schwall to serve in the position of Vice Chairman. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0 (G. Schwall abstained)
- S. Vadnais asked for nominations for the position of Clerk. D. Perry made a motion to nominate
- S. Pimental to serve in the position of Clerk. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0(S. Pimental abstained)

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2.0) Consent Agenda

<u>Warrants</u>: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-39A, Withholdings, \$31,252.69; 17-40B, Payroll, \$91,123.21; 17-39 Invoices: \$45,561.27; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

<u>Minutes:</u> S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2017. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 3-0(J. Muri & G. Schwall abstained-not present at meeting)

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday April 10, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- > S. Pimental did a ribbon cutting for a local fitness business "Barre and Moon", on 227 Plain Street, opened by Chelsea Boucher. Lots of fitness packages, new member discount, new and expecting mom classes available.
- > S.V.: Mentioned the non-binding question regarding the Compressor Station and recognized where the Town stands in opposition of the project. The Board thanks residents who voted. We want to thank Rep. Steve Howitt and Sen. Jim Timilty for their assistance. The Board of Selectmen will be drafting a letter of position reflecting the will of the people in opposition of this project, to put everyone on notice how Rehoboth stands. The letter will be read at next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- > Tracey Manzella Executive Director of CARCS; We would like to put ordinances in to protect the Town. S.V. This will already be put on the meeting warrant. The Board gave Tracey the date of Planning Board public hearing so she may attend. The Board will also request Planning Board to have a workshop prior to public hearing in order to maybe ad input to the Town ordinances.
- National Retirement Planning Week: S. Pimental read entire proclamation.

 Rep Howitt forwarded info on National Retirement Planning Week which is April 3-7 with info on issuing a proclamation from the Towns. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall the Board choose to participate and signed prepared proclamation. All Vote 5-0

Town Administrator's Report:

• none

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NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Appoint Member to Animal Advisory Committee

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to appoint Sarah Arrigo as an Associate Member of the Animal Advisory Committee effective 4/4/17 – 6/30/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Discussion Re: Town of Rehoboth 375th Anniversary

The anniversary takes a year to plan. A committee needs to be formed. Letters will be sent to Department Heads to see who is interested in participating. Neal Harrington and Joe Nunes volunteered to help. Jim Muri will be the liaison for the 375th Anniversary Committee. On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to establish a 375th Anniversary Committee. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3: Appoint Member to Cultural Council

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Lisa Milich to the Cultural Council effective 4/4/17 - 6/30/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #4: Snow & Ice Deficit

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve snow and ice deficit in the amount of \$2,010.47 which will result in a deficit balance of \$133,950.42. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: Approve Common Vic License for Kalimay, LLC dba iAlive Restaurant; 569 Winthrop Street

All paperwork is in order and all proper inspections completed.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve Common Vic License for Kalimay, LLC. dba iALIVE Restaurant, manager of record Kimberly L. Faria, at 569 Winthrop Street effective 4/4/17 - 12/31/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: FY2018 Town Operating Budget Review & Revenue Estimates

M. Deignan; Chairman Finance Committee present to review the budget & revenue estimates with the Board. These are preliminary figures, the Finance Committee is meeting this Thursday, Friday & Saturday.

\$1 million for local receipts

\$1.65 million for motor vehicle excise

\$70,000 for meals tax

we will meet all of these estimates this for FY17

FY18 we are cutting it real close; potential need to bump up:

local receipts to \$1.2 million

Motor vehicle excise up to \$1.65 million

\$85,000 for meals tax

Per Assessors;

Local tax up \$687,000

Solar fund up \$109,000

New growth \$200,000 – still need to meet with Assessors on this

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2 ½ tax increase \$515,000 Debt exclusion – School Department buildings \$375,000 Motor vehicle excise \$1.85 million Local receipts \$1.2 million State Aid \$1.26 million Meals tax \$85,000

Total Revenue: \$26,122,049 an increase of approximately \$1 million next year

We are looking at a high increase in our expenses about a 6% increase; approximately a \$900,000 deficit.

I will try to get solid numbers before the warrant is printed but we may have to make adjustments after the warrant is printed.

Action Item #7: Review of May 8 STM & ATM Warrants

ARTICLE 8: DRRSD ROOF & WINDOW REPLACEMENT- Submitted by DRRSD

That the District appropriates \$3,576,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of roof and window replacement at Palmer River School and window replacement at Beckwith School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Regional District School Committee, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 71, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the District therefor; provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred under this vote until the Town of Rehoboth votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59 §21C (Proposition 2½) its assessments by the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or notes. The Board of Selectmen will leave article on warrant.

ARTICLE 6: <u>COMP BUYOUT FOR POLICE OFFICER-</u> SUBMITTED BY: POLICE DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$44,792.00 to fund the Comp Buy-out Line to provide funds for the sick, personal and vacation buy-out for the retirement of a Police Department officer, or take any other action relative thereto. The Board of Selectmen will put this article on hold and gather more information.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for Fiscal Year 2018 which begins on July 1, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto. The Board wishes to keep article on warrant.

ARTICLE 16: ADOPTION OF MGL CHAPTER 90 (Either §17C or 18B)- Submitted by BOS

If §17C is adopted in this manner by the Town at Town Meeting, the Selectmen will be able to lower speed limits on certain targeted streets in Town that are in thickly settled or business districts which are not on a state highway. They will not be required to go through the process discussed above for establishing "regulatory" speed limits. The Board of Selectmen chose to put §17C on warrant.

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The Board of Selectmen discussed the many issues at both Town Offices and Public Safety Building and what the options might be moving forward to protect the well-being of the town employees. They discussed mobile units on town parcels of land for temporary means. The Board will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to relocate Building Department from Annex Building to the Town Hall. All Vote 5-0

The Board received input regarding the Comprehensive Environmental Impact Study Bylaw and how it should be written. A draft will be sent to Town Counsel for review.

Action Item #8: One Day Special Wine & Malt Liquor Licenses

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve one day Special Wine & Malt only Liquor License for Young's Catering manager Carol Marcil; 64 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA for an Anniversary Party on 4/29/17 from 5PM – 11PM at the Blanding Library, 124 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA, transfer dates: 4/28/17 & 4/30/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: Budget Amendment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
015433-55800	VSO-Vets Graves/Supplies	\$156.40	
015433-57110	VSO-Vets Graves/Mileage		\$156.40

All Vote 5-0

Action Item #10: SRPEDD Community Electric Aggregation Program Designation of Representatives for Bid Day

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to designate Helen Dennen as Primary Representative. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to designate Jim Muri as the Alternate Representative. All Vote 4-0(J. Muri abstained)

OPEN FORUM:

• Tracey Buckley - Peck Street: I have noticed there is trash all over the sides of roads. Not sure what has happened to Earth Day. I filled 33 - 2 gallon bags myself. S.V. -The boy scouts usually go out and do this. Thank you for helping. D. Perry will handle this matter.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS4/4/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Taking assignment of ZBA from Dave Perry and giving to Jim Muri.

Schwall: Welcome back Dave Perry & I am honored to be sitting with Mr. Muri on this Board.

Pimental: none

Perry: none

Muri: none

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:30 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri - aye

Frederick E. Vadnais Jr. Charr

gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Cleyk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

James Muri, Memba

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly J. Hathaway,

Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 4/24/17