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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY JUNE 18, 2018**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Dave Perry, Clerk; James Muri, Member; Michael Costello, Member

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:30 p.m. Selectmen enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (5) To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints.

**Topics of Discussion:** Possible criminal misconduct

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

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for May 17, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-50A, Withholdings, \$27,944.23; 18-51B, Payroll, \$96,871.14; 18-50, Warrant, \$42,037.33; 18-50V, Veterans, \$534.60. J. Muri made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, by D. Perry. Voted 4-0. (G. Schwall was not present during vote)

**Minutes:** On a motion made by D. Perry, Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 6/11/18. Vote 4-0 (G. Schwall was not present during vote)

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

The BOS have been cordially invited to the Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Barlow Aquatic Center @ Camp Ramsbottom. On June 24<sup>th</sup> at 205 Winthrop St, lunch will be served at 12 noon and Dedication & Ribbon Cutting @ 12:30 PM. Camp tours will follow. RSVP by June 20<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine).

➤ G. Schwall and L. Schwall will attend

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Larry Procopio Harvest Block Party Committee has invited the Selectmen to attend the festivities and would like to introduce you around. Saturday, September, 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM, rain date Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please let the Committee know who will be attending.

- Available Board members will attend.

Senator Feeney has requested to attend the BOS meeting next week during Open Public Forum to discuss legislative matters and fiscal year budget.

FinCom needs to come to BOS meeting for reorganization per our General Bylaws

- The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen shall call the Finance Committee together for organization within thirty days from the date of their appointment.

Helen will attend the MCAD (Mass Commission Against Discrimination) with Dave Scanlon, Linda Sherman, and Cheryl Gouveia on Thursday morning, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM-12 noon at the Seekonk Town Offices.

Roof bids are due on Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 PM and will be opened at Town Hall.

**Reminders:**

- Special Town Election is scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – Polls open at 7 AM to 8 PM.
- During the July 9<sup>th</sup> BOS Meeting the Finance Committee will host a brief informational presentation on what this Proposition 2 ½ override means and how to calculate your tax bill. Q&A will also take place after the presentation.

**Open Forum:**

Tish Vadnais: Asked about the 375<sup>th</sup> fund raising. Nothing was mentioned on how much was raised.

- M. Costello- They raised \$2600.

Farmers Market was a big success and had a great turnout.

I have had a handful of people come to me telling me that the BOS is standing behind the Proposition 2-1/2. One member specifically said they were “for it.” And people are saying that this one person is speaking for the entire Board.

- J. Muri – Board is not taking an official stance on the override. Our function is informational only. As a citizen myself, I have not made up my mind.
- M. Costello – I spoke at the School Committee Meeting and made it VERY clear that I was speaking for myself, ONE member only. I do support the override 100% because we need it for the Town not just for the schools!
- D. Perry – We are here just to inform the public, to help them make their own decision.
- M. Deignan – There is miss information on social media and people should NOT be getting their answers from there. If you want answers to your questions you need to speak to the appropriate departments, whether it be on the override, effects on your taxes, the process, etc. Contact the experts, BOS, Assessors, Treasurer, and questions on school budget you should call Dr Azar.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Interview of Candidate for Position of Town Planner/Conservation Agent**

Vote for appointing candidate for the position of Town Planner/Conservation Agent

D. Scanlon – Andrew Poyant was one of the best candidates out of the 6-7 that we interviewed

- References spoke highly of Andrew
- Very qualified for Conservation
- Eagerness to learn the job of Town Planner

J. Muri – Clearly you know Conservation based on your resume, how well do you know Planning?

- What do you know pertaining to Mass Laws?
- What would you do?

Andrew – I have a rough idea of what goes into Planning. I was grouped with planners in my past work experiences. I worked with disaster relief recovery – Disaster Mitigation with FEMA. I currently cover a large portion of the U.S. (Ecology & Wild Life). I learn new regulations all the time, have a basic understanding of what it takes. I can read plans, worked with many application processes that may be similar to what is used in Rehoboth.

J. Muri – You work for CDM and you deal with many engineers. Do you feel confident enough to deal with all other types of engineers?

Andrew – Many times I am the translator between engineering and the public. Yes, I feel very confident with speaking to the public and engineers.

J. Muri – Currently you devote your time to one large project at a time. Will you be able to work on multiple projects at a time?

Andrew – Yes. Have worked on multiple projects in the past and currently.

D. Perry – Very impressed with you, coworkers' feedback and references' feedback.

- Seems you have great people skills, which is very important in our Town
- Very strong background in Conservation
- Overall you are very knowledgeable in what you do

M. Costello – I know you have worked with 14-15 counties in MA, are you well aware of DEP?

Andrew – Even though I live in RI, the state that I'm most familiar with is MA.

M. Costello – What did you do in Brazil?

Andrew – Studied Bio Diversity & Natural Resources. Did an internship and worked with forest, worked with kids teaching them about conservation issues, worked with wildlife sanctuary

M. Costello – Although you are strong in Conservation, I'm hoping more things will get done in Planning; I was on the board. Are you able to devote 4 nights a month to attend 4 meetings (2 for Planning & 2 for Conservation)?

Andrew – Yes.

M. Costello – You will have a part-time assistant that will help with both areas. Will you be able to coordinate the workload between both areas?

- You have a great background
- Hoping you catch on to Planning quickly-biggest part is learning State Regulations

Andrew – Intrigued to learn Planning & want to always learn more.

G. Schwall – Thank you to the committee members for all the work they did for this interview process. Thank you to Dave for a great summary and thank you Helen.

I have nothing for you on the Conservation or Planning side of this interview because that is not my expertise. But, I am thrilled you come from the “private sector,” we need more people from the private sector because you learn things that are not taught in the “public sector.” So, please do not lose what you have learned.

What will be your biggest challenge working in for the public sector?

Andrew – Not sure, but I’m looking forward to a set schedule.

S. Vadnais – You have an impressive Tech background and degrees. Do you have the ability to apply that knowledge into your profession?

- Your references speak highly of your ability to communicate. I saw that tonight & it was very good.
- I like your poise. We all threw a lot of questions at you and you did well.
- You have the ability to fit in—Communication is your best value.

J. Muri – Assuming you get the job, you will NEED to know the following:

- 1) Be very familiar with sub-division law in Rehoboth
- 2) Work well in our environment
  - Set up own schedule
  - Agenda
  - Determine workload for the day/week
  - Acting manager for both departments

- 3) New GIS Software-talent with using program

D. Perry made a motion to appoint Andrew Poyant to Conservation Agent/Town Planner, subject to Pre-employment physical and negotiation of contract. Second by, M Costello. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item #2: Dangerous Dog Order**

Vote to approve order & authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign Dangerous Dog Order.

Animal Control Officer Rob Johnson has reviewed and approved order

M. Costello motion to approve order and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign Dangerous Dog Order. Second by, G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #3: Vote to Authorize & Sign Grant Agreement for Public Library Services between Town of Rehoboth & Rehoboth Antiquarian Society.**

Vote to authorize & sign Grant Agreement for public library service between the Town of Rehoboth & Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the 2019 Fiscal Year.

- Funding was approved at the May 15, 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Original Motion taken, but withdrawn. M. Costello motion to approve and sign the Grant Agreement for the public library service between the TOR and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for FY19. Second by, J. Muri.

**Discussion:**

- G. Schwall – I do not believe we are in a position to sign the agreement at this time, we don't know what's going on with our budget. Keep current agreement as is and pay library on a month to month basis until issues are resolved. Payment is 1/12 for the library and we will keep to that. If override does not pass & we go to a tent meeting, everything will be on the table and it will be devastating.
- Maureen Whittemore – Pond Street, serve on Board of Trustees on Antiquarian Society – if override passes will the library get the difference between FY18 & FY19?
- G. Schwall – Yes.
- M. Costello – School has made drastic cuts already and need to be careful and watch over spending. I withdraw my previous motion.

M. Costello motion to hold off signing agreement until after 7/17 Override vote & pay one twelfth of FY18 budget on a month to month basis. Second by, J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #4: Special One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Carol Marcil of Young's Catering**

Vote to approve One Day Special wine & malt only liquor license for:

**NAME OF LICENSEE:** Carol C. Marcil

Young's Caterers, Inc., 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA  
02771

**ADDRESS OF LICENSED PREMISES:** Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA

**EFFECTIVE DATE (S) OF LICENSE & AUTHORIZED HOURS OF SALE:**

7/14/18	3:00pm – 8:00pm	Birthday
7/18/18	1:00pm – 5:00pm	Reunion
7/21/18	1:00pm – 6:00pm	Birthday
7/28/18	12:00pm – 8:00pm	Graduation
7/29/18	2:00pm – 5:00pm	Shower

Transportation of Liquor Dates:

7/13/18, 7/15/18, 7/17/18, 7/19/18, 7/20/18, 7/22/18, 7/27/18, 7/30/18

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Liquor License for Young's Catering, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #5: Appoint Laura Dias Samsel to the Agricultural Commission**

Vote to appoint Laura Dias Samsel to the Agricultural Commission effective 6/18/18-6/30/21

G. Schwall motion to approve appointment of Laura Dias Samsel to the Agricultural Commission, Second by, J. Muri. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #6: Appointments/Reappointments**

**Reappointment listing for the 6/18/18 BOS Agenda:**

<b>Town Maps Review Committee – 1 Year Term</b>		
Edwin "Ted" Ballard-Rep. Water Commission	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
William Costa Sr.-Rep. Planning Board	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
Karl Drown- Rep. BOH	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
Robert Materne-Rep. Conservation Commission	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
Stephen Silva- Rep. ZBA	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19

**D. Perry motion to approve Town Maps Review Committee, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appoint/Reappoint</b>	<b>Term</b>
<b>Robert Materne</b>	Overseer & Volunteer of Town Projects	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Karl Drown</b>	Public Information Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Kevin Hebert</b>	Photographer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>William E. Dalpe</b>	Fish Warden & Harbormaster	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Raymond White</b>	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Mead, Talerman &amp; Costa, LLC.</b>	Town Counsel	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Gay &amp; Gay P.C.</b>	Special Labor: Town Counsel	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Eric Brainsky</b>	Special Municipal Counsel	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Sandra Phillips</b>	Police Department Matron	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Jaime Conlon</b>	Town Nurse	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Jaime Conlon</b>	Infectious Disease Coordinator	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Jaime Conlon</b>	Public Information Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>William McDonough</b>	Fence Viewer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Michael Deignan</b>	Fence Viewer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Mark R. Hass</b>	Public Weigher of Livestock	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Mark R. Hass</b>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19
<b>Michael J. O'Hern</b>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19

<b>Frank Gouveia</b>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>William Carmichael</b>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Roberta Oliveira</b>	Town Accountant	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Sandra Ruscetta</b>	Volunteer Coordinator of Animal Shelter	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Debra Giles</b>	Assistant Treasurer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Helen Dennen</b>	Town Administrator	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Helen Dennen</b>	Chief Procurement Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Helen Dennen</b>	Alternate SMHG Rep.	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Helen Dennen</b>	Municipal Hearings Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Linda D. Sherman</b>	Council on Aging Director	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19

**D. Perry motion to approve above reappointments, Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0**

<b>Laura Schwall</b>	Census Liaison	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Laura Schwall</b>	E-911 Municipal Liaison	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Laura Schwall</b>	Election Administrator	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Laura Schwall</b>	Registrar	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19

**D. Perry motion to approve Laura Schwall's reappointments, Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0  
- G. Schwall abstain**

<b>Robert E. Johnson II</b>	Animal Control Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Robert E. Johnson II</b>	Field Driver	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Robert E. Johnson II</b>	Measurer of Wood & Lumber	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Robert E. Johnson II</b>	Moth Superintendent	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Brian McKearney</b>	Assistant Animal Control Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Brian McKearney</b>	Field Driver	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Cheryl Gouveia</b>	SMGH Representative	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Jake Kramer</b>	Veteran's Service Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19
<b>Jake Kramer</b>	Veteran's Graves Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 - 6/30/19

**D. Perry motion to approve above reappointments, Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0**

#### **Action Item #7: Request for Reserve Fund Transfer**

Vote to approve request for Reserve Fund Transfer for Treasurer in the amount of \$6,000. To be transferred to Line# 019193-51770 for Medicare Expenses. (Balance \$352.52 in said account)

D. Perry motion to approve request for Reserve Fund Transfer of \$6000 for Treasurer for Medicare Expenses, Line # 019193-51770. Second by, J. Muri. Vote 5-0

#### **Action Item #8: Special Year End Budget Amendments**

Vote to approve Special Year End Budget Amendments:

Special Year End Budget Amendments: following budget amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B (requires vote of BOS & Finance Committee) and to forward to the Finance Committee

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
014203-52410	HWY-Expense/Building R & M	\$1,700.00	
014212-51940	HWY-Salary Wages/License Renewal		\$800.00
014223-53030	HWY- Road Progr/Advertising		\$300.00
014203-53010	HWY-Expense/Medical/Physical		\$600.00

D. Perry motion to approve Special Year End Budget Amendment, Second by, G. Schwall. Vote 4-0, M. Costello abstain.

### **Action Item #9: Budget Amendments**

Vote to approve Budget Amendments:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease	MTA
014212-51140	HWY-Salary Wages/ Part Time	\$1,200.00		
014212-51120	HWY-Salary Wages/ Full Time		\$1,200.00	DP/GS (vote 4-0) MC - abstain
014212-51310	HWY-Salary Wages/Overtime	\$1,000.00		
014212-51120	HWY-Salary Wages/Full Time		\$1,000.00	DP/GS (vote 4-0) MC - abstain
014243-52110	BOS-Municipal Lights	\$1,000.00		
014243-52420	BOS-Municipal Lights-Repair		\$1,000.00	DP/GS (vote 5-0)
011263-53410	BOS-Town Office Telephones	\$1,000.00		
011263-53412	BOS-Cell Phones		\$1,000.00	DP/GS (vote 5-0)
011873-52121	BOS-Fac Maint. TOB/Electric	\$1,000.00		
011873-52141	BOS-Fac Maint. TOB/Oil		\$1,000.00	DP/GS (vote 5-0)
011873-52122	BOS-Fac Maint. COA/Electric	\$1,000.00		
011873-52132	BOS-Fac Maint. COA/Gas		\$1,000.00	DP/GS (vote 5-0)
011873-52125	BOS-Fac. Maint SFS/Electric	\$500.00		
011873-52135	BOS-Fac. Maint. SFS/Gas		\$500.00	DP/GS (vote 5-0)

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

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

**Vadnais:** The upcoming meeting is a presentation from the Finance Committee to educate the taxpayers in how to calculate the financial impact on your family that the override may have. It is not to discuss cut backs of any kind.

**Schwall:** none

**Perry:** I attended the School Committee Information Session, quite impressed by number of people that showed up. So, my question to the Board is, do you think we will have enough space



at the Senior Center for next week's meeting? The public has raised concerns that we will not have the appropriate space.


- S. Vadnais – Once we reach capacity we will have to turn people away, unfortunately. The meeting will be televised as well, people can watch it at home.

**Muri:** Reminder: 28<sup>th</sup> PSB & Town Hall Resilience Workshop, on 7/10 at 7PM. Seminar by Fuss & O'Neil and will be approximately 15-minutes.

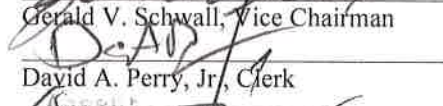
**Costello:** Helen – Please keep me updated on Reynolds Ave sub-station, very important.

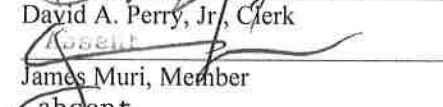
- Paving will be going on Wed/Thurs/Fri and roads will be closed at Blanding Rd and Miller St.
- I received a complaint from a resident on Winthrop street that their neighbor has a lot of trash, clutter, debris, etc. spread out on their property. I'm awaiting pictures that were taken before moving forward. There is a Class II license at location, they have sold junk at the location but do not have a dealer license. Building Commissioner needs to deal with violations; illegal apartment as well. There has also been illegal burning at the location and the fire department has been called out
- S. Vadnais – Keep this on next week's agenda so we can revisit it. Make all appropriate departments aware of the situation, Building Dept, Fire Dept, BOH and have them get a report done on what actions have been taken. We need to make sure ALL businesses are following the Law.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:56 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri – aye

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
James Muri, Member

  
absent

Michael Costello, Member

  
Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Approved:3/11/19**