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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, July 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

**1.0) Executive Session:** : At 6:00p.m. G. Schwall made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Perry, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

The individual to be discussed in such executive session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon written agreement of the parties. A public body shall hold an open session if the individual involved requests that the session be open. If an executive session is held, such individual shall have the following rights:

- i. to be present at such executive session during deliberations which involve that individual;
- ii. to have counsel or a representative of his/her own choosing present and attending for the purpose of advising the individual and not for the purpose of active participation in the executive session;
- iii. to speak on his/her own behalf; and
- iv. to cause an independent record to be created of said executive session by audio-recording or transcription, at the individual’s expense.

(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\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Police Disciplinary Hearing Continuance; Grievances; Police Contract Negotiations.

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**Call to Order at 7:08p.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 17-01A, \$30,011.88; Payroll: 16-53B, \$83,845.51 & 17-02B, \$120,216.90; 16-54, Invoices: \$107,071.84; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** none

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- July 30, 2016 Celebration of DR Falcons Division II State Championship, 12 – 5PM at the Dighton Lions' Pavilion behind Dighton Town Hall-parade followed by cookout & raffles – call Dighton Board of Selectmen's Office
- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday July 18, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM
- Roland Gagnon- I would like to put signs on Rt.44 on my property. I do not want anyone to take them down. S.V: If you are beyond the telephone pole on your own private property that is fine.

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

- Update from Rep. Howitt:
  - Emergency Repairs of Culvert on Wheeler Street
    - The micro-pile installation is completed
    - Approximately 80% of the cast-in-place arch footings have been placed
    - The arch is projected to be set the end of July
    - Project is currently at 59% complete with a project completion date of April 2017
- Cheryl will be doing the closing on 248 Winthrop Street tomorrow at the Town Hall & the closing on Brook Street will be July 19<sup>th</sup>

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Personal Kennel Permit**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to enter into public hearing. Roll call: Pimental-aye; Schwall-aye; Perry-aye; Vadnais-aye

Robert & Judith Grant- requested permit for 10 dogs, all Labrador retrievers. Abutters were notified. Animal Control Officer & Zoning Officer have signed off on application.

Robert & Judith Grant explained that the dogs are for personal use only. Breeding and selling to private home owners. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the map of building (kennel) and fenced area. The building is over 50 feet away from any neighbor.

David Tavares: Abutter; Concerned houses are too close. He is concerned he will hear dogs barking. Does not hear the 5 dogs now but afraid that he will hear 10. He has a child with special needs who is afraid of dogs.

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Barbara Link; 17 Willard Avenue; not a direct abutter; very concerned about the noise and the waste seeping into the ground. She is concerned about the preservation of agricultural viability. Asked about number of litters and if on concert slab. She is concerned about people coming in to see dogs and parking on road.

Patrick Gouveia: 8 Willard Ave; across the street. Just hears yelping at feeding time. Her daughter goes every day to play with puppies. The place is kept very clean. He has no problem with kennel. I know all my neighbors very well. If there is an issue, I feel just go over and talk to them. He would like to have the laws changed in regards to how the process is in applying for a kennel permit. He mentioned that the building was put up before they received the kennel permit. G.S.: On application there is a proposed structure check off. Applicants state that there was a lot of confusion in understanding application. In the future we will move ahead and vote on a proposed structure with a plan at hand.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to look at proposed shelter in future or existing, already there and will entertain approval but not issue license until structure built and passes inspection All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to close public hearing

Roll Call – Vadnais-aye; Pimental-aye; Schwall-aye; Perry-aye

Under Chapter 140, it has to be a number of dogs on permit.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental to approve kennel permit for 10 dogs All Vote 4-0

Discussion: D.P.: There has been no nuisance now from the property. I don't see a problem with this permit. S.V.: The waste is going into a covered dumpster sealed and then removed from the property.

**Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Disbursement of First Payment for Blanding Library Services to Rehoboth Antiquarian Society**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve disbursement of \$110,515.00 due by July 15, 2016 for Blanding Library services to Rehoboth Antiquarian Society All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Budget Amendments**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve request for budget amendments below All Vote 4-0

Account Name	Department	Increase	Decrease
012052-51990	Police – Hol Replace	\$504.40	
012052-51540	Police – Sick Replace		349.58
012052-51930	Police- Incentive		154.82
012052-51520	Police – Holidays	\$4,955.61	
012052-51550	Police – Court Time		4,398.79
012052-51540	Police- Sick Replace		556.82
012052-51920	Police – Train OT	\$831.04	
012052-51540	Police- Sick Replace		831.04

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012052-51310	Police - Wages O/T	\$1,905.07	
012052-51560	Police - Family Lve		32.65
012052-51121	Police- Admin Asst		509.92
012052-51530	Police- Pers. Day Replace		1,362.50
012052-51510	Police- Vac Replace	\$9,581.52	
012052-51120	Police- Wages F/T		7,482.03
012052-51530	Police- Pers Day Replace		55.99

012052-51930	Police- Incentive		2,043.50
012103-52490	Police- S/W Maint	\$25.00	
012103-51960	Police- Intl Equip		25.00
012103-53850	Police- Det Prisoners	\$150.99	
012103-51960	Police- Intl Equip		150.99
012112-51420	Dispatcher- Shift/Diff	\$119.04	
012112-51520	Dispatcher- Holidays		119.04

012112-51140	Dispatcher- Wages P/T	\$157.51	
012112-51520	Dispatcher- Holidays		157.51
011873-52128	BOS Fac Maint- Annex/Electric	\$100.00	
011873-52148	BOS Fac Maint- Annex/Oil		100.00
012913-55800	REMA- Supplies Other	\$350.00	
012913-52430	REMA- Vehicle R/M		350.00
012203-55801	FIRE- Turnout gear & Equip	\$157.00	
012203-57120	FIRE- Travel		125.27
012203-54500	FIRE- Other Station Supplies		17.79
012203-57310	FIRE- Dues		13.94
012203-52430	FIRE- Vehicle R/M	\$9.99	
012203-54500	FIRE- Other Station Supplies	25.00	
012203-55802	FIRE- Hose & Pump R/M		34.99
012942-51140	Forestry Wages P/T	\$378.32	
012942-51120	Forestry Wages F/T		378.32

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve request for special year end budget amendments below All Vote 4-0

<u>Special Year End Budget Amendments:</u> following budget amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B (requires vote of BOS & Finance Committee) and to forward to the Finance Committee			
012052-51990	Police- Hol Replace	\$4,856.72	
012112-51120	Dispatcher- Wages F/T		4,856.72

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012113-51920	Dispatcher- Training	\$333.18	
012103-51960	Police- Intl Equip		333.18
011452-51120	Treas.- F/T Wages	.16	
011443-53830	Treas- Tax Title Registry		.16
012943-52420	Forestry Equip R/M	\$231.62	
012942-51120	Forestry Wages F/T		231.62

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D.Perry it was voted to approve request for special year end budget amendments below All Vote 3-0 (G. Schwall abstained)

011612-51120	Town Clerk- Wages	\$162.28	
011622-51310	Elections- Wages overtime		162.28

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve request for special year end budget amendments below All Vote 4-0

011452-51310	Treas. Overtime Wages	\$50.57	
011443-53830	Treas. Tax Title Registry		50.57
011462-51120	Collector- F/T Wages	\$26.79	
011443-53830	Treas. Tax Title Registry		26.79
012941-51110	Forestry Salary F/T	\$202.85	
012942-51120	Forestry Wages F/T		581.17

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to remove S. Pimental's motion including account number 012941-51110 & 012942-51120, figures are not correct All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: Reserve Fund Transfers**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve reserve fund transfers below, to be forwarded to finance committee All Vote 4-0

Into Line #	Department	Balance in Acct.	Transfer amount
012453-57110	Electrical - Mileage		\$125.00
012451-51130	Electrical	\$1,700.00	250.00
012412-51120	Building Inspector Wages	Deficit	194.01
012202-51140	Fire Wages P/T	-\$3,156.95	3,156.95
012202-51120	Fire Wages F/T	-\$2,087.79	2,087.79

The Board of Selectmen will post a meeting for year end, per Cathy Doane and hold if necessary.

**Action Item #5: Workshop Discussion: Municipal Complex**

G.S.: Conceptual plans have been made and there are large boards that will be put on easels displayed at Town Hall, Library and Senior Center. On the Town website there will be a section with all the information on project, and a calculator for residents to put in assessed value of

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house for debt exclusion. We may put together a panel discussion with department heads and committee members regarding their needs and reasons why. We could hold a Special Town Meeting in February or late March so we would save money instead of having a Special Election. We could utilize our census mailing for advertising purposes. S.P.: Our Town Hall, Police and Fire Departments are dumps. People need to go in and see the buildings. D.P. The buildings are only going to deteriorate more with time. The Police Department holding cells are not in compliance. G.S.: If we do not build a new building, we will have to spend a significant amount of money to get these buildings and security systems up to date. The new design is functional and economically put together. This building is a 50 year building. We will be having the department head answering the questions about the building that pertains to them. S.V.: The Municipal Complex Committee will meet in September.

Patrick Gouveia: Put up information on Town scroll regarding Municipal Complex updates. Have a video walk through of buildings also. The Board of Selectmen feels that is a great idea.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**7/11/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** I would like the evaluation of the Assistant Town Administrator on the agenda for the next meeting. It is something the Board wants to address immediately.

- Rep. Howitt informed me that the \$50,000.00 State Budget for the COA is still there. We need to thank Timilty & Howitt. There is one more hurdle in September to go through.
- Next week will discuss and address the citizens who want us to take a position on the no tax issue. There is a letter from them in our packets and we will discuss that at our next meeting. They do recognize that we cannot take a stand on for or against because we represent everyone in the Town. We will also send a letter to our contact person in Attleboro letting them know that we will be discussing the tax issue.

**Schwall:** none

**Pimental:** none

**Perry:** We need new trucks. We need to buy at least three trucks to get us by. They are \$173,000.00 each. We will use Chapter 90 money, we do have enough for three trucks. If we do a three year lease it is 3.7% interest. Chapter 90 will not let us buy the trucks unless we have enough in our account. D. Perry supplied the Board with pictures of trucks.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to procure three trucks, all season bodied, through lease using Chapter 90 money, with the specifications that I have given.

Discussion: S.P. each truck is \$173,000.00 and we have enough to purchase 2 trucks out right. S. V.: We are going to purchase the new and trade the old vehicles. On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental the vote was amended to state three trucks to be traded as equipped with plows and equipment to offset cost of new spreader and equipment and lease new trucks for three years. All Vote 4-0

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**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:32 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – 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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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway, Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 8/15/16