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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, July 24, 2017
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER***

Present: Frederick "Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member;

Absent: 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 *

Topics of Discussion: Planner Contract; Ambulance Agreement; Personnel Issues; Dispatchers Contract*

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 July 17, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-54, Withholdings, \$105,703.87; 18-02A, Withholdings, \$40,373.88; 18-03B, Payroll, \$90,432.65; 18-02 Invoices: \$863,688.50; S. Pimental made a motion to ratify the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Warrants for July 24, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-03A, Withholdings, \$27,746.64; 18-04B, Payroll, \$95,086.18; 18-03, Invoices: \$134,724.53; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

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Minutes: S. Vadnais made a motion to hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2017, Sessions 1 & 2 until next meeting due to not voting during Executive Session. Regular Session minutes for July 13, 2017, vote is tabled until next meeting.

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday August 7, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Spectra: Compression Station; confusion regarding the Board not sharing all the information that is received in regards to the Compressor Station. S.V. We share all the information that we receive. S.V. We need to invite Chris Gauthier to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
- D.P.: RE: natural gas leaks, we contacted DEP; the land owner is responsible to test soil; there is nothing documented in Massachusetts regarding gas leaks contaminated soil.
- Madeline Link: Summer Street; I have done a lot of work with birds and I noticed two blue birds by the community garden. The bird houses that are there are falling on the ground, so I would like to put up two new bird houses so that they would have a new safe home. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to allow Madeline Link to discuss the placement of the bird houses with the Director of the COA

Town Administrator's Report:

- We have received 5 requests for pole location hearings recently, I will be scheduling them on the agenda for next month
- ZBA will meet on 8/17/17 and will continue the Public Hearing with Dean Harrison of Women's Development for the Comprehensive Permit Application filed for the Anawan Housing site. I will be meeting with Dean on Wednesday of this week. Dean has requested that Selectmen Muri, Karl Drown and Ryan Duvally be present to discuss the new well.
- We had a request to paint the cannon by a father and his son. On a motion made by D. Perry Second S. Pimental it was voted to allow the Clark Curtis to paint cannon under the direction of the Veteran's Agent, Jake Kramer. All Vote 4-0

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Appointment of a Police Department Sergeant

Chief Trombetta present. He asks the Board of Selectmen to approve the promotion of Police Officer Craig Forget to Sergeant. He tested first on the promotional test. He has been with us just shy of twenty years, always a team player and comes to work prepared. He sets a good image for the younger troops.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Police Officer Craig Forget as a Sergeant for the Rehoboth Police Department effective 7/24/17 per recommendation of Chief James Trombetta. All Vote 4-0

Sergeant Forget was sworn in by Laura Schwall.

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Action Item #2: Vote to Appoint Patrolman

Chief Trombetta present. He asks the Board of Selectmen to appoint Reserve Officer Jeffrey Perry as a Patrolman for the Police Department. He just retired from East Providence and has worked as a Senior Reserve Officer for six years in Rehoboth. He is fully trained and will not need the academy.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Jeffrey Perry as a Patrolman for the Police Department effective 7/24/17 with a hire date of 10/1/17 to fill patrolman position vacated by Craig Forget. All Vote 4-0 Patrolman Perry was sworn in by Laura Schwall.

Action Item #3: Appoint of Two Patrolman

Chief Trombetta present. He thanked Sergeant Mark Rossi and Officer Jasson Ferreira for doing a great job in putting together a great reserve program. I request that the Board appoint these two fine Reserve Officers as Patrolman for the Police Department so that they can start the academy right away and have a hire date of 12/17/17. They will be an asset to the department. I would also request that their seniority be determined by placement in the academy class.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Reserve Officers Nicholas Miranda and Christopher Pezzuolo as Patrolman effective 7/24/17 for Rehoboth Police Department with hire dates of 12/17/17 pursuant to the Masscop Local 209 Patrolman's Contract and upon successful pre-employment physical and any other requirements of hire, seniority to be determined by placement in the academy class. All Vote 4-0. The Board of Selectmen thank all the Officers for their service.

Action Item #4: Junk (Antique) Dealer's License

The Board has received an application from Andrew Sarras for a Junk (Antique) Dealer's License to be used at 164 Winthrop Street for a business under the name of "New To You Furniture". This is the prior location of Madeline's Antiques.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve issuance of Junk (Antique) Dealer's License effective 7/24/17 – 4/30/18. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Litter Preventive Initiative Plan

Abby Abrahamson present. I was walking my dog and noticed all the litter on the side of the road and my dog was eating it. I would like to educate people as to why not to litter and also place barrels throughout the Town. The barrels will be 55-gallon black metal drums with a liner. The Highway Department has agreed to maintain barrels. Rehoboth Now has donated a check for \$100 to get the project started. The Rehoboth Business Association has offered to donate a \$600 grant and Jane Goodall, Roots and Shoots Program, has donated an \$1,800 grant. Painting for the barrels was drawn by Melissa Treichler. M. Costello: Abby has done her homework and researched where the best places are for the barrels. She has done a great job.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept Abby Abrahamson's Litter Preventive Program. All Vote 4-0 (Abby was sworn in by Laura Schwall)

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On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Abby Abrahamson as the Litter Prevention Coordinator under the guidance of Mike Costello. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: Town Property Policies combined w/ Action Item #7 Sign Request

Chris Cooper Chair of the Planning Board present.

Discussion regarding placing permanent signs on Town property. C.C. As you may be aware, if you allow one person to put a sign on Town property you may be opening yourself to others requesting the same. We are starting to redraft our sign bylaw again this Thursday. D.P. Until this issue is resolved maybe Souza Family Farm can put in a portable sign and not something that gets cemented into the ground. M. Deignan: The Board has given permission for events to put up temporary signs, I feel that you have the precedence to allow them to put up a seasonal sign.

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by D. Perry it was voted to grant permission to allow Souza Family Farm to place a seasonal sign at the intersection of Agricultural and Tremont Street but must obtain a building permit prior to installation. All Vote 4-0

Must be secured in a proper manner.

Action Item #8: Federal Surplus Property Program

Mike Costello, Highway Superintendent, present.

M.C., I have been researching the process with a representative. You can acquire items worldwide for free as long as you pay for shipment. I am looking into this for office supplies, office furniture, tools, etc.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second S. Pimental it was voted to allow Mike Costello to move forward in Federal Surplus Property Program with Procurement Officer as the point person. All Vote 4-0

Disc: G.S: Who will be the point person? We need to be careful on what we purchase. The Board feels Helen Dennen will be the point person, she is the procurement officer.

Action Item #9: Notice from Liberty Utilities

We have received notice from Liberty Utilities requesting consent for gas service to The Reserve at Springhill in Rehoboth.

Per our bylaws, any utility to be installed in an accepted Town road must first obtain a license from the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen must hold a Public Hearing within 28 days from the date of receipt of said request. The 28th day from receipt would be Sunday 8/13/17.

The two requirements for this request are:

- Utility Installation License issued by Board of Selectmen
- Street Opening Permit issued by Highway Department.

M. Costello discussed putting in an order of conditions for certain items: paving entire road after construction, connection stubs along property lines to use in future, etc.

This will be on future agenda.

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Action Item #10: School Street Drainage Issues

D. Perry: There is a drain pipe that is lost on School Street and M. Costello is working on it. The citizen that has been effected by it has come forward and Mike is resolving the issue.

M.C. This resident has been dealing with this for seven years so we put in a berm. I will be putting in a catch basin on her side of the street.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to support efforts for Highway Department to solve drainage issues at 26 School Street alone and the Town will not be willing to pay a private company to do the work. All Vote 4-0

A letter will be sent to Ms. Blais noting vote of the Board.

Action Item #11: Chapter 90 Project Request

On a motion made by D. Perry Second S. Pimental it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign Chapter 90 Project Request for 2nd year lease payment on 2017 International 6 Wheel Dump Trucks for Highway. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #12: Town Maps Review Committee Report

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to table item until Selectmen Muri can attend. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #13: FY16 State Homeland Security Program Grant

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second S. Pimental it was voted to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign the attached FY16 State Homeland Security Program Grant contract in the amount of \$2,500. All Vote 4-0

These grant funds will be used for First Responder Training, shelter supplies, and if possible, a sign board.

Action Item #14: Resignation of John Santos

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept John Santos resignation effective 7/27/17 from Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Officer/ Building Commissioner; Local Emergency Planning Board; Fence Viewer; Municipal Complex Committee; Records Access Officer. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #15: Dumontier Chapter 61A Notice to Change/Convert

Tabled

Action Item #16: Appointments

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second G. Schwall it was voted to appoint the following:
375th Anniversary Committee effective 7/24/17 thru 12/31/18

- Connie Wenzel-Jordan
- Kim Fagundes

All Vote 4-0

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On a motion made by S. Pimental Second G. Schwall it was voted to appoint the following:
Election Workers effective 7/24/17 thru 10/31/17

- Elaine M. Amaral- Election Inspector – Unenrolled – Precinct 2
- Andrew Carden- Election Inspector – Unenrolled – Precinct 2
- Dianne K. McCaffery- Election Inspector – Unenrolled – Precinct 3

All Vote 4-0

Action Item #17: One Day Special Liquor Licenses

1.) On a motion made by S. Pimental Second G. Schwall it was voted to approve One-Day Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for:

Carol Marcil / Young's Catering, 64 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA to be used at Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA for the following dates:

Date	Time	Purpose
7/30/17	10:00 am – 7:00 pm	AM Shower & Family Party
8/6/17	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Shower
8/11/17	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm	40 th Birthday Party
8/19/17	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Reunion
8/20/17	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Shower
8/27/17	12:00 noon – 4:00 pm	100 th Birthday Party

Transportation of Liquor Dates: 7/29/17; 7/31/17; 8/5/17; 8/7/17; 8/12/17; 8/18/17; 8/21/17; 8/26/17; 8/28/17 All Vote 4-0

2.) On a motion made by S. Pimental Second D. Perry it was voted to approve One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for: John Ferreira / Anawan Lions' Club to be used at 95 Cameron Way for 7/29/17 from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM for a musical entertainment concert event.

Transportation of liquor dates: 7/28/17 and 7/30/17 All Vote 4-0

Action Item #18: Request for Copies of Town Electric Bills

Charles Nutter of Nexamp is requesting copies of the Town's electric bills to see if we have electricity spending not currently covered by a net metering agreement.

G. Schwall would like a meeting with them to hear what they have to offer. Helen is to meet with them and get more information. D.P. would like to be informed of when the meeting is.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second G. Schwall it was voted to table item until Helen can gather further information by meeting with them. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #19: Blue Wave Net Metering

Tabled until further information

Action Item #20: Roadway Use Request

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second D. Perry it was voted to approve roadway use for 1st Annual Impact Ride on October 1, 2017 to Support Susan G. Komen, New England's Commitment to Saving Lives, per recommendation of the Fire Chief and Police Chief. All Vote 4-0

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Open Forum:

M. Costello: we have youths that are jumping off the new Wheeler Street Bridge. I feel it is very dangerous. There is debris still in the water and in some areas, it is very deep. Does the Board of Selectmen want me to put up signs or have a detail or let it go? The Board agrees to put up a sign; no jumping or fishing from bridge.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second G. Schwall it was voted to have Mike Costello put up signage at Wheeler Street Bridge: due to dangers: no jumping off or fishing from bridge. All Vote 4-0

Trish Vadnais: This is about Action Item #10, drainage on School Street. We are going to allow the Highway Department to fix the problem at a house that was bought with the problem. S.V. The problem starting after the road was reconstructed 7 or 8 years ago. D.P. This drainage pipe is a part of our Town and it goes through her property, so we are going to find the problem so that the pipe can function well again. The pipe is not functioning properly so it is causing flooding on her property.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - none

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:05 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

absent

James Muri, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 9/25/17