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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, August 8, 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 6:30 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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;\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Personnel Issue, ES Minutes

**Call to Order at 7:00p.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 17-05A, \$24,984.83; Payroll: 17-06B, \$91,296.85; 17-05, Invoices: \$5,647.06; Refunds: 17-05R, \$1,096.77; Refunds: 17-05R1, \$1,633.91; Refunds: 17-05R2, \$246.22; Refunds: 17-05R3, \$4,496.34. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2016. Second, G. Schwall Voted 4-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

1. Next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Monday August 15, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM with Dighton Board of Selectmen

**Town Administrator’s Report:** None

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**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Dighton Board of Selectmen/ School Committee**

Members of the Capital Committee made a presentation to both boards on how to handle enrollment increases in the district and the impact on both communities. (See attachment)

Glenn Jefferson: Dighton has seen a larger growth from 2011 – 19 building permits to 2016 – projected to have 75 -80 buildings permits pulled. Rehoboth has seen growth also; 2013 – 41 permits and as of April 2016 – 11 permits pulled. Palmer River and Dighton are at capacity. It is the responsibility of each Town to decide what to do. We are here from the Capital Sub Committee to look at options. We can go to the State and maybe see what is out there for grants and ask for a preschool to first grade center. The preschool has expanded. There was a class added last year and another will be added this year. The High School has the ability to absorb additional students. S.V.: This is a greater reason why we need to come up with a regional agreement. Our agreement now is not capable of handling this situation. Nancy Goulart: Dighton has stayed on top of the growth by giving more money to the schools and we bought a piece of land near the elementary and middle school for future expansion. GJ: Next year will we have to put up modular classrooms. The Board and Capital Sub-Committee agreed to put together a Committee with a Selectmen from each town to work on fixing this expansion problem.

2. Dean Cronin announced that the Championship Celebration was a success and they raised just under \$2,000.00 to put together \$500 scholarships for the next 4 years. G. Schwall donated the \$196.00 needed. The scholarship will go to one child from the team that is going to college. Congratulated Chairman Vadnais on becoming chairman.

**Action Item #2: Municipal Complex Committee**

Chief Trombetta excused for personal reasons; John Santos - absent. Present: Bob Ashton, Frank Barresi, Bill Maiorano, Scott Meagher.

Bob Ashton: We have a schedule set for workshops with the public invited. The floor plan we have presented has been in the works for close to 3 years and it is a workable floor plan.

The layout and needs have been given to us by the town employees and it combines the Public Safety Building as well as the Town offices. Ted Rousse has put it together and it is an excellent layout. It fits the rural character of Rehoboth. The public workshops will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7PM at the COA. The Committee will stay as long as needed if people have questions that need answers. On September 21<sup>st</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7PM the Police Department, Fire Department and Town Offices will be open for a walk through informational session. The citizens can come in and see the various deficiencies.

The Chief Barresi has started putting together a powerpoint video of the deficiencies and he will assist Chief Trombetta and the Town Offices to combine the videos. G. S.: Let's utilize public access and get the deficiencies video on the website. I have been asked if there is alternative in the construction methods to get our design done in a different way. Steel building vs. Brick? We will get all the answers to these questions.

We need to get these dates out for the sessions using scroll, Gazette, Rehoboth Reporter, Rehoboth Now.

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There will be a booth at the Block Party on 9/17/16 and we are thinking about making business cards made. We will be holding a Special Town Meeting in January and then placing it on the ballot Town Election Day. This will save us money not holding a Special Town Election and we can utilize the census mailing that goes out in January to remind residents. Residents can submit questions to us and also access our emails on the website. Thank you Ted Rousse and thank you to the Committee.

**Action Item #3: MEMA Grant**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Chairman Vadnais to sign the MEMA Grant documents for the FY2015 State Homeland Security Program Grant in the amount of \$2,497.50. All Vote 4-0

Bill Maiorano: This is a citizens core grant going towards more animal shelter equipment; cages, transporters; blankets, etc.

G.S.: Bill constantly looks for ways to bring funding into the Town. We appreciate what you do.

**Action Item #4: Highway Agreements**

Mike Tyler forwarded two agreements to Jay Talerman for his review.

- Engineering Service Agreement for County Street Bridge Assessment

Mike Tyler presented pictures of bridge during inspection. The supports are made out of wood and deteriorating. The bridge was built in 1955. The recommendation would be to replace all of them now. There is no cracking or sagging of concrete. This is a lot of money (\$19,000) for an assessment. George Solas: Those pylons may not be needed. They may have used them to pour the concrete. I bet there are a set of plans somewhere. I will look into it.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to hold item until next week so that we can gain more information. All vote 4-0

- Amendment #1 to Engineering Service Agreement for replacement of Rocky Run culvert under Pleasant Street.

US Army Corps wants us to do additional work. Remove rip rap and replace it with plantings.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Amendment #1 to Engineering Service Agreement. All Vote 4-0

M.T. The culvert has been placed on Wheeler Street Bridge for an update with an April 2017 opening.

**Action Item #5: Comcast Check**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept quarter franchise fee payment from Comcast for \$58,271.28 for 4/1/16. All Vote 4-0

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**Action Item #6: Signatory Authority**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to authorize signatory authority for the Board of Selectmen to Helen Dennen as a renewal and Kelly Hathaway as new. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7: Appointment for Assistant ACO**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to appoint Brian McKearney as Interim Part time Assistant Animal Control Officer not to exceed 19 1/2 hours per week effective 8/9/16. All Vote 4-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**8/8/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** Reminder the Primary date is September 8, 2016. All poles will be open at 7AM until 8PM. August 18, 2016 final registration from 8AM – 8PM at Town Hall or may register online. Absentee ballots are at Town Hall and applications are available at the Post Office, Senior Center, Blanding Library and online. The deadline is noon on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Pimental:** none

**Perry:** I have a proposal from TWB Associates for the heating system at the Senior Center. I am going to meet with everyone and try to work on getting this lowered.

- Spectra will be coming here for a meeting September 26, 2016. This is a courtesy to us and not required. This is strictly for information purposes. They will be answering questions for the citizens but this is not a public input meeting.

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:55 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 9/19/16