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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, September 25, 2017
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: 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 6:00 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: Dispatchers Union Contract Negotiations; Police Contract Negotiations; Potential Litigation*

Call to Order at 7:07 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for September 25, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-12A: Withholdings, \$31,024.57; 18-13B, Payroll, \$104,331.63; 18-12 Invoices; \$264,566.85; 18-12R Refunds, \$1,708.22 S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, J. Muri. Voted 5-0

Minutes: On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve regular session minutes for July 24, 2017. All Vote 5-0; On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve regular session minutes for August 7, 2017. All Vote 5-0; On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve regular session minutes for September 5, 2017 with amendments to wording on Page 2. All Vote 5-0; On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve and hold executive session minutes for September 5, 2017. All Vote 5-0

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Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday October 2, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Tax Classification Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:15PM with Board of Assessors already scheduled. State Election for Senator is October 17, voting at all three precincts.
- Town Offices will be closed Monday October 9th in observance of Columbus Day
- Meeting with Don Backlund tomorrow to go over insurance issues for 375th Anniversary events.
- Selectmen Schwall & I met with Ivan Pagacik of IDK Communications – is presently reviewing our leases and will make recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Joint Meeting w/ Dighton Board of Selectmen

Dighton Board of Selectmen; Jack Taylor -Chairman; Brett Zografos-Clerk; Nancy Goulart-Member all present.

S.V. Dighton and Rehoboth had a board that looked at our regionalization and we fell just a hair short on coming to some agreements on the new contract and in some instances, we have a new regional agreement that violates some of the current laws of governing. We did a report and heard nothing back. Rehoboth would like to revisit this and come up to an agreement.

J. Taylor; The School Committee has a group that is preparing something to present to the Towns and I think we should wait to hear what they have before discussing more.

S.V. Our goal is to be able to see what the school committee has come up with and be able to see all our options. The Dighton Board of Selectmen will be at next meeting to hear what the de-regionalization committee has to say about agreement for the schools.

M. Costello spoke with Dighton Board of Selectmen to invite them to the 375th Anniversary Parade in October 2018 and get their full support in celebrating the 375th throughout the year. The Dighton Board said they would be honored. On a motion made by Jack Taylor Second by N. Goulart to adjourn meeting with Rehoboth Board of Selectmen. Roll call; Taylor-aye; Goulart-aye; Zografos-aye

Action Item #2: 7:15PM Pole Location Hearing – Homestead Avenue

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to open public hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

No abutters present.

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

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve Petition from Mass Electric and Verizon New England for the placement of one pole 1251S on the South side of Homestead Avenue in order to resolve guying issue. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #3: Resignation of Bernadette M. Clegg from the Finance Committee

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall is was vote to accept the resignation of Bernadette M. Clegg from the Finance Committee effective 9/25/17. Term was to expire 6/30/18. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #4: Finance Committee Appointment

Interview of Martin D'Amico to fill position on Finance Committee vacated by Bernadette Clegg for term 9/25/17 – 6/30/18. Fincom Chairman Mike Deignan recommends appointment of this candidate for the position. Martin has lived in Rehoboth for 6 years. He has managed large budgets.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Martin D'Amico to the Finance Committee effective 9/25/17 – 6/30/18. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: One Day Special All Alcohol Liquor License for Bristol County Fire Chiefs Association

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve a One Day Special All Alcohol Liquor License for Frank Barresi of Bristol County Fire Chiefs Association at S. Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 51 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA for clam boil on 10/15/17 from 6PM – 9PM. Transportation dates; 10/14/17 & 10/16/17. Firing range must be closed while serving of alcohol. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: 11/6/17 Special Town Meeting

Review of the warrants.

Chief Trombetta & Sgt. Mark Rossi present to discuss \$13,000 request to supplement Police repair and maintenance account.

S.V. asked Sgt. Rossi why was car sent to a storage facility. M.R. we do not have a containment area so if the cruise cannot be driven, it is towed to the repair facility to speed up repair work. Chief Trombetta described extensive damage to vehicles. We have already received one vehicle replacement from the insurance company money.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve warrant articles below:

| AMOUNT | ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | SUBMITTED BY |
|---------------|--|------------------------|
| \$13,000.00 | Police Vehicle Repair & Maintenance | Police Chief Trombetta |
| \$1,709.00 | Animal Control Officer Salary | Rob Johnson/C. Gouveia |
| \$107.00 | Selectmen's Office Part-time Wages | H. Dennen |
| \$34.31 | Town Collector's Office Overtime Wages | C. Gouveia |
| \$71.52 | Town Treasurer's Office Overtime Wages | C. Gouveia |

All Vote 5-0

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On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve warrant article below;

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| \$15,800.00 | Purchased Services (Forestry/Cemetery) | Rob Johnson |
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All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve warrant article below;

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| \$860.00 | Computer Budget Fire Department Software Expense | D. Rousseau/H. Dennen |
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On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve warrant articles below;

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| \$7,996.00 | Wages (Election Workers) | L. Schwall |
| \$700.00 | Assistant Town Clerk Overtime | L. Schwall |
| \$90.00 | Elections – Post Warrant & Ballot Sample | L. Schwall |
| \$3,400.00 | Elections – Program Memory Packs | L. Schwall |
| \$1,422.00 | Elections – Purchase Services | L. Schwall |
| \$3,194.00 | Elections – Voting Supplies (Ballots) | L. Schwall |
| \$380.00 | Elections – Election Equipment Set Up/Take Down – 3 Precincts | L. Schwall |
| \$140.00 | Elections – Mileage | L. Schwall |
| \$264.00 | Registrar Wages – Voter Registration Wages | L. Schwall |
| \$572.00 | Meals – Election Workers Meals | L. Schwall |
| \$180.00 | Meals – Coffee/Donuts | L. Schwall |

All Vote 4-0 (G. Schwall abstained)

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve warrant article below;

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| \$50,000.00 | 375th Anniversary Committee Expenses | Mike Costello |
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All Vote 5-0

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On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve warrant article below;

| Submitted by: | Description | Amount |
|---------------|--|------------------------------|
| Chief Barresi | Fire Department 2017 New E-One Metro 100 Aerial Fire Apparatus Total cost for five-year lease: \$181,182.32 x 5 = \$90,591.16 | \$181,182.32 p/y for 5 years |

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve warrant articles below;

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| Jake Kramer | Veterans Services 2017 Dodge Grand Caravan SE with a commercial Vision ADA Braun simple stow ramp | \$36,296.00 |
| Mike Costello | Highway Walk Behind Concrete Saw- M.C. explained what he would need this saw for. | 4,0000.00 |

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by G. Schwall is was voted to approve warrant article below;

| Submitted by | Bylaw | Comments |
|----------------|---|--|
| Planning Board | Updated/revised Sign Bylaw "Article 6.5 Signs". | Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing for 10/4/17 at Town Offices. Public & all concerned individuals are encouraged to attend & provide input |

All Vote 4-0(S. Pimental abstained)

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve warrant article below and send to Planning Board for public hearing;

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| CARSC Group | Addition of new Article 4.11 Natural Gas Compressor Stations | |
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All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to wait and put warrant article on the Annual Town Meeting below;

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| Animal Advisory Committee/ Panofsky | Six bylaw changes to ARTICLE VI-PERMITS LICENSE AND PUBLIC DEMEANOR Amendments to: Section 16 (16 & 17 combined in 1 article) Section 17 Section 21A Section 22 Section 22A Section 22B Section 22C | Richard Panofsky submits requests but leaves it up to the Board if they wish to put on this warrant or hold until the May ATM |
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All Vote 5-0

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On a motion made by J. Muri Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve warrant article below;

| Type | For | Amount | Comments |
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| Debt Exclusion-borrow Requires Town Election | Replacement/repair of roof at the DR Regional High School | \$3,101,837 | See attached email & letter from District Bond Counsel School Committee voted on this on 9/12/17 & have 7 days to submit formal letter |

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to table item until final wording on article is received;

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| Funding ?? | Installation of fiber to the Rehoboth Schools, DR High School Town would also benefit | \$173,289.00 | D. Rousseau-he will be getting more information from the school. |
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All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was vote to approve warrant articles below;

| Type | From | Description | Comments |
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| Acceptance of Mass General Law | Cheryl Gouveia | Acceptance of MGL Chapter 60 Section 2 | Will allow Assessors to abate any tax title account determined to be land of low value where the cost to collect is more than the amount owed |
| BOH Receipts Account Annual Housekeeping Article | Board of Health | Reauthorize Offset Receipts Account | This article amends Article 19 of 5/8/17 ATM to correct amount from estimated receipts |

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open the warrant. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to place a warrant article adding \$1,000 to wages line of Forestry Budget. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to close the warrant. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #7: MEMA Contract for REMA

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was vote to approve & authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign MEMA contract for the FY17 EMPG for \$2,220 submitted by Bill Maiorano. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #8: Liberty Utilities Application for Roadway Utility Installation License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri to set the public hearing for Tuesday, 10/10/17 at the Senior Center at 7:30PM. All Vote 5-0

M. Costello explained what it entails to adhere to the installation license and street opening permit. Discussion ensued regarding the company to hold a performance bond with the Town to protect the Town as much as possible. M. Costello to put performance bond and fees in place for the next Board of Selectmen meeting. G.S. Can we require this 40B to hook up to Swansea Town water supply? S.V. Does not agree. Trish Vadnais; Concerned about wells in Town. M.C. The engineer has done testing and assures that there is ample water to support those units. If we allow Swansea to run water into Rehoboth our resident abutters will have the right to hook up to it.

Action Item #9: Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Job Description

Hold item until next week.

Action Item #10: Common Vic Application for Hazelton Golf Club, LLC

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve Common Victualler License for Hazelton Golf Club, LLC effective 8/21/17 – 12/31/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #11: 10/17/17 Special State Election Warrant

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve and sign warrant for the 10/17/17 Special State Election to cast vote for the office of Senator. Voting will take place at all three precincts from 7AM – 8PM. All Vote 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

9/25/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Schwall: Thank you to everyone who participated in the 375th Anniversary bucket/boot drive we raised \$2,236.00 in a four-hour period. We appreciate all the support. There is no \$1,000 fee to participate in the parade, so please ignore the rumors.

Pimental: none

Perry: none

Muri: none

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ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:11 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri - aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

James Muri, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway
Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 10/30/17