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**Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2017
Town Offices
148 Peck Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769
7:00 PM**

Present: Jim Muri, Robert Moitozo, Edward Bertozzi, Tomas Ennis, William Costa, Christopher Cooper

Town Planner – Leeann Bradley

Absent: Michael Costa

Pledge at 7:05p.m.

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Discussion: Ms. Bradley's Salary. Mr. Muri stated he spoke to those who are aware of the Planning Boards budgetary situation and stated there may be a possibility of making up for lost time regarding Ms. Bradley's salary. He added there have been years when Ms. Bradley received a 0% cost of living increase and in some cases had a salary decrease. Mr. Muri estimates that she is 10% down relative to where her salary should be. He asked Ms. Bradley to put together some salary figures from surrounding communities for Town Planners/Conservation Agents. Mr. Muri determined from the data collected that Ms. Bradley's salary falls in the 4th percentile. He therefore recommended that the 3% increase he originally submitted to FinCom be increased further. Mr. Muri opened this matter up for discussion amongst the board. Mr. Moitozo asked Ms. Bradley what her salary would be had she received her 3% increases all along? Ms. Bradley estimated her salary would be in the 72K range. Mr. Cooper asked how the other positions in our town government rank on a state average. Is everybody in the 4th percentile or is this abnormally low for Rehoboth? Mr. Muri suspects Rehoboth salaries are low in general but feels Ms. Bradley's salary is lower than most. He stressed this is a dual role professional position that requires knowledge and expertise. The board discussed salaries for Town Planners and Conservation Agents in other towns. Some towns do not have Planners and/or Conservation Agents. Some of these positions are part time. Mr. Muri asked the board how they should proceed. He would like to have a discussion with FinCom if the Planning Board will give him authorization. Mr. William Costa motioned to authorize Mr. Muri to discuss the problem with FinCom and what the discrepancy is so far, and seek their advice. Mr. Bertozzi seconded the motion. Motion passed. There was no further discussion.

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Public Hearings

New Business

1. Recreational Marijuana Bylaw – Discussion – Ms. Bradley stated she submitted a draft of the Rehoboth bylaw to Town Counsel. It was basically what West Bridgewater had. The information she received from Town Counsel is what they suggested be used. She submitted this information to the Planning Board. She also added that per Town Counsel most towns should have a moratorium since they are not clear on what the regulations are. It doesn't make sense to come up with a bylaw right now.

Mr. Ennis motioned to have the moratorium on the Town Warrant.

Ms. Bradley stated a Public Hearing will need to be held first.

3. Hydrogeological Assessment Regulations – update from Ed Bertozzi on meeting with Board of Health. Ms. Bradley spoke to Grant King at SRPEDD. He did not have a lot of information to offer. Mr. Muri feels this is new ground in Massachusetts. This may be more of an issue in western states. Mr. Bertozzi noted the Board of Health is concerned with the cost. They were advised by consultants that this would be too expensive. Mr. Bertozzi stated they need somebody who knows something about this kind of survey. Mr. Moitozo added the only way to know would be to have the town or state pay to evaluate the entire town, which will not happen. Mr. Cooper suggested Fuss and O'Neill may have an idea as to the cost of such a survey. Ms. Bradley will contact Shawn Martin and inquire if they have personnel who can conduct this type of study and what the price range would be. They will get a draft copy of the by-law for a 25 lot subdivision on 70 acres.

Mr. Bertozzi motioned to have Ms. Bradley contact Fuss & O'Neill and ask them to take a look at the proposed regulation the Planning Board has drafted and give them ball park estimate based on a 25 lot sub-division on 70 acres of land in Rehoboth.

Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Recreational Marijuana Bylaw – Submitted Warrant Article - Ms. Bradley indicated the language is all set per Town Counsel. A public hearing will be held at a later date.

5. Sign Bylaw – Discussion – Mr. Bertozzi felt Town Counsels comments were good. He asked why they are even proposing this to begin with. What is wrong with the existing bylaw? Mr. Muri suggested a workshop with the Board of Selectmen, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Zoning Board of Appeals, Rehoboth Business Association and the Rehoboth Highway Department. Ms. Bradley stated the bylaw language can be changed up to the date of the public hearing. Ms. Bradley will send the above boards a copy of the Sign Bylaw. The workshop will be held on March 15, 2017. The board discussed the definition of billboards and how many lumens signs need to have.

Old Business

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Minutes

2016 Minutes

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| 1. April 6, 2016 | 2. April 20, 2016 | 3. May 4, 2016 | 4. May 18, 2016 |
| 5. June 1, 2016 | 6. June 15, 2016 | 7. July 20, 2016 | 8. August 3, 2016 |

2015 Minutes

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| 1. August 5, 2015 | 2. September 2, 2015 |
| 3. September 16, 2015 | 4. October 21, 2015 |

Mr. Cooper motioned to approve the above minutes.

Mr. Bertozzi seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Invoices

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Adjournment

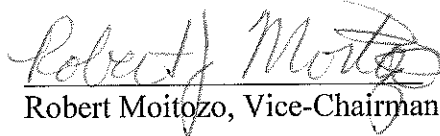
Mr. Moitozo motioned to adjourn at 8:15p.m.

Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



~~James Muri~~, Chairman



Robert Moitozo, Vice-Chairman