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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman James Muri, Selectman David Perry, Selectman Michael Costello, and Helen Dennen, Town Administrator.

At 6:07 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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 complaint or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The individual to be discussed in 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 session is held, such individuals shall have the following rights:*

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Call to Order at 7:20 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for October 4th, 2018: Warrant; 19-13A Withholdings, \$130,817.30, 19-14B Payroll, \$142,082.34; 19-13 Warrant, \$256,348.38; 19-13V Veterans Warrant, \$9,223.21. G. Schwall motioned to ratify the weekly Warrants as read. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

S. Vadnais stated the Board is invited to the Bristol Plymouth Reginal School District Open House and Reception on Saturday, 10/13/2018 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Beginning with a ribbon cutting at 12:15 pm. Celebrating the opening of their new Engineering Technology Program and completion of the Early Childhood Education Building.

S. Vadnais the next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

S. Vadnais the 375th Rehoboth Anniversary Parade will be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018 starting at 12 noon from Redway Plain ending at Camp Ramsbottom. The parade will take about 2 ½ hours.

S, Vadnais the 2018 Firefighter Memorial will be October 14, 2018 at 10:30 am at the South Fire Station with the public cordially welcome to attend, with a reception to follow.

Mr. Robert Materne of Pond Street a member of the Conservation Commission was present.

Mr. Materne asked about the issue that was brought up at the last Selectmen's meeting regarding 154 Barney Ave.

M. Costello motioned that this be put on the next agenda, as an agenda item. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Dave Evans of 111 Hornbine Road a member of the Conservation Commission was present.

Mr. Evans stated the commission did not have a chance to speak during executive session.

S. Vadnais stated that executive session was at the request of the individual involved. There can be no discussion by this Board what so ever.

Loraine Botts of County Street was present.

Ms. Botts stated that the Rehoboth Senior Club is having a bazaar on October 20th at the Senior Center. Asked permission to place signs on Town property, around town.

G. Schwall motioned to approve the Rehoboth Senior Club to put up signs on Town property. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Town Administrator's Report:

H. Dennen stated that she has several meetings in the morning for the parade at the Highway Department. In the afternoon she has a meeting at the Mass DOT District 5 to discuss the resurfacing of route 44 and the intersection improvements for 118 and 44.

The 375th Parade sent an email out today for the board to fill out their bio information.

There were some changes to the warrant article for the National Grid Substation, those will be motioned on the floor at Town Meeting.

The article for the Uber tax is being rewritten for an offset reserve account.

I have checked all references for the Assistant Town Treasurer's position, they all came back fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Vote to Approve Application for Hawker & Peddlers License from Dwayne Davis of S&S Novelty

D. Perry motioned to approve application for Dwayne Davis, S & S Novelty for a Hawker & Peddlers License for Sunday, October 7, 2018 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to be used for Rehoboth at the 375th Anniversary Parade area. The license fee of \$50.00 has been paid. Second G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2 Vote to Approve Request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$2,000.00 from the Treasurer for Collection Over Time Wages

D. Perry motioned to approve the requests for transfer from reserve fund as follows:

0114652-51310 Collector OT Wages balance in account (\$983.97) Amount to transfer \$2,000.00. Second G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for \$16,068.00 for Police

D. Perry motioned to approve the following budget amendments:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
012052-51122	Police Comp/Police Admin PT	\$16,068.00	
012052-51120	Police Comp/ Full Time Wages		\$16,068.00

Second G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall explained the reason for the transfer.

Action Item #4: Review of Draft 10-29-2018 STM Warrant

Article #1

G. Schwall motioned to remove section of Article #3 and make it 3B. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Article# 10

J. Muri motioned to remove Article #10 from the warrant as requested. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0, G. Schwall abstained.

Article #11

G. Schwall motioned to add the word donation under revenue source. Second J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Article # 13

S. Vadnais asked H. Dennen to find out who has the right to contract, the Board of Selectmen or the Park Commission.

S. Vadnais dismissed himself from the meeting.

Mike Deignan of the Finance Committee was present.

Mr. Deignan requested an article be added to the warrant to allow monies to be deposited into Capital Stabilization Fund.

J. Muri motioned to open the warrant. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motioned to create an article to transfer money from an available fund into Capital Stabilization fund in the amount of \$2500,000.00. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

M. Costello motioned to close the warrant. Second J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item # 5: Vote to Approve Debra Giles Assistant Tax Collector

D. Perry motioned to appoint Debra Giles Assistant Tax Collector effective 8/16/2018 thru 6/30/2019. This will also confirm that as of 8/16/2018 Debra Giles vacated her appointed position of Assistant Treasurer when accepting the position of Assistant Tax Collector. Second J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Jean Grota Chairperson of the 375th Parade Committee was present.

Ms. Grota stated that word is getting out about the parade. As of today, there are 2100 participants, which totals 117 groups. This does not include the 25 fire trucks coming from all over. Everything is coming together nicely.

G. Schwall stated I know how hard work your committees have worked, thank you.

J. Muri stated people have been working behind the scenes giving many hours of their time, unpaid. Personally, want to give a big thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: none

Muri: Met with the Building Committee today. We did a review of the site and its existing buildings. Also, met with OPM, and our pro-bono architect. We are working towards getting bid documents done and getting the process moving along.

G. Schwall ask for clarification. After the last meeting I have received some phone calls with people saying it appears that to some people that the existing building has been spoken for. The entire building. I have told the people that the board has never taken a vote on that. There has been some discussion about utilizing a portion of that building for an organization to be housed in, not the entire building. There are competing interest for use of the space.

J. Muri stated the Building Committee right now is putting together a proposal. In order to come up with one we have to brain storm. In terms of ear marking a use for the building, that has not been done.

S. Vadnais rejoined the meeting.

At **8:15 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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 complaint or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. The individual to be discussed in 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 session is held, such individuals shall have the following rights:*

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On a motion made by Selectman Costello, seconded by Selectman Perry, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vadnais, aye Vote 5-0

Call to Order at 8:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Resignation of Planner/ Conservation Agent Andrew Poyant.

S. Vadnais stated that after discussion Mr. Andrew Poyant and the Town have reached an equitable agreement. Mr. Poyant is going to resign and seek other employment opportunities. We appreciate his service to the town and we sincerely wish him the best.

Selectmen's Reports Cont.:

Vadnais: Last week the Board met with the Reginal School Committee to discuss the agreement. They requested of us a response be highlighted to show changes in the document. They also requested that this document be put on the Town website. However, there should be an introduction that goes with it that highlights the concerns we have with the document.

Rehoboth members of the Regional School Committee were present.

The committee gave their 4 most important concerns and each was discussed.

1. An alternative assessment method.
2. Capital Cost at the High School evaluation.
3. Listed things being split 50/50 in the central office, but not enough listed.
4. Unilateral withdrawal escape clause for K-8

Schwall: Thanked the Firefighters & Chief Barresi of Station 2. Two weekends in a row they have been at Station 2 doing work on the outside of the building. They painted the front and back amongst other things. They donated their time and this cost the Town about \$100.00. Thank you to the firefighters involved.

Received a copy of an email that we will have a visitor participate in our 375th Parade from our sister city, Lagoa in the Azores. Will be marching with a contingent of folks that moved here from Lagoa. Thank you to our Ambassador Manny Botelho for his efforts in this regard.

Perry: none

Action Item #4: Review of Draft 10-29-2018 STM Warrant

Ms. Tish Vadnais was present of behalf of the Community Preservation Committee.

Ms. Vadnais presented the board with an article that the Community Preservation Committee would like added to the warrant.

G. Schwall motioned to open the warrant. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

G. Schwall motioned to insert the article on the warrant for the Community Preservation Committee. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

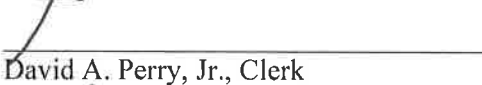
G. Schwall read the article.

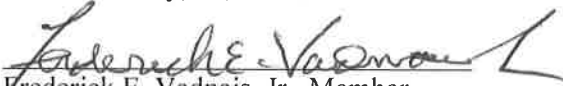
M. Costello motioned to close the warrant. Second D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:04 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vote 5-0



Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 10/19/2020