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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Michael Costello, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

At **6:00 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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;*

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

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

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for October 21st, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-16A Withholdings, \$28,730.13, 20-17B Payroll, \$109,148.32; 20-16 Warrant, \$81,005.73, 20-08A2 Warrant, \$282.44, 20-16V Veterans Warrant, \$9,750.77. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none.
Executive Session Minutes: none.

Open Forum – Announcements:

Carolyn Panofsky, Fairview Ave, Green Energy Committee

1. Issue with Energy Reduction Program with Town, DRRSD not working with her regarding energy usage information for Beckwith MS and Palmer River ES.
 - G. Schwall- thought School Buildings were optional
 - asked M. Costello, the School Committee liaison, to speak with school and help Carolyn get the necessary information
 - M. Costello will gather needs from Carolyn and speak to school. If not able to get information by end of week, will proceed without.
2. Vehicle requirements for G.E. need signed letter. Deb has it.
3. Transfer Station – C. Panofsky to see Board of Health for required information needed.

The Town of Rehoboth Special Town Meeting will be held on October 29th at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School beginning at 7:00 PM. All registered voters are encouraged to review the Warrant sent to all households, become informed as to the Articles, and attend the meeting. Residents can replay the 10/16 Public Information Session on-demand by visiting RehobothTV.org.

The Town Nurse, in conjunction with Anawan Pharmacy, will be offering shots in the lobby of the high school prior to the Special Town Meeting.

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District has scheduled a tent meeting for November 2nd at 1:00 PM at the high school. This meeting will include registered voters from both Rehoboth and Dighton. Check in will begin at 11:30 AM. Rehoboth Voters will need to go to where the main office is, on the opposite side of the building than where we usually go.

The Rehoboth Ambulance Committee will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary on Saturday October 26th at Crestwood Country Club. The event will begin at 6:00 PM; a dinner buffet will be served at 7:00 PM with dancing to follow. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and are available by contacting the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee.

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Monday, October at 28th, COA Building, 55 Bay State Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Special Town Meeting Review with Town Moderator and Town Clerk

Bill Cute and Laura Schwall were present to review the Articles and Motions for the 10/29 Special Town Meeting.

Article 1: Amend Fiscal Year 2020 Rehoboth Town Budget

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend certain appropriations contained within the FY2020 Town Budget as specified in the Warrant, provided that said amendments are contingent upon approval of Article 2.

- Mr. Cute emphasized that this is “contingent upon approval of Article 2”
- This requires a Majority vote

Article 2: Fiscal Year 2020 Dighton Rehoboth Regional School Budget & Assessment

MOVED: That the Town vote to rescind the appropriation of \$18,970,859.00 under Article 1 of the July 16, 2019 Special Town Meeting; and appropriate the sum of \$19,232,988.00 from taxation, and transfer the sum of \$68,276.00 from Free Cash, for the total sum \$19,301,264; said amount being approved by the School Committee on September 24, 2019, with said total sum to defray the expenses of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District for FY20.

- Representatives from the three parties will have time to state their case in front of the voters. (Financial Committee, Board of Selectmen, and the School Committee)
- This requires a majority vote.

Article 3: Amend Fiscal Year 2020 Rehoboth Town Budget

MOVED: That the Town vote the sum of \$29,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to defray expenses for the Towns FY 2020 budget, as printed in the Special Town Meeting Warrant

- This is for Part Time help in the Selectmen’s office as well as the Forestry Department
- This requires a majority vote.

Article 4: Fund Capital Stabilization Account

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$250,000.00 from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Account.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 5: Fund Other Post-Employment Benefits

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$50,000.00 from Free Cash to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 6: Authorize Investment of OPEB Fund under the Prudent Investor Rule

MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize the Custodian- Trustee of the OPEB Fund established under G.L. c., 32B, Section 20 be authorized to invest monies in the OPEB Fund pursuant to the prudent investor rule established in G.L. c., 203C.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 7: Repairs to Hornbine School

MOVED: That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Historic Preservation Fund for repairs to the Hornbine School, as specified in the Warrant.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 8: Network Transportation Reserve Receipt Fund

MOVED: That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$368.60 from the Network Transportation Reserve Receipt Fund to the Highway Road Program, as specified in the Warrant.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 9: General Bylaws Amendment to Chapter A – Revolving Accounts

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend Chapter A. Town Meetings, Officers, Committees and Elections Article III Town Officials – Elected Section 2. Powers and Duties of Elected Officials, D. Duties of the Town Treasurer by adding a new revolving fund for the Historical Commission, as printed in the Warrant.

-This requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 10: Authorize Revolving Account Spending Limit

MOVED: That the Town vote to authorize pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E½ total expenditures for the Historical Commission Revolving Fund, as printed in the Warrant.

- This requires a majority vote.

Article 11: Board of Health Transfer Station Offset Receipts

MOVED: That the Town vote to amend Article 15 from the 2019 Annual Town meeting to reauthorize an “offset receipt” account for the Solid Waste Handling Facility and Recycling Area and its FY20 operation pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E, as printed in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

- This requires a majority vote.

-Check in will begin at 5:45 PM

-Dighton Police Department will be present to help with crowd control

Action Item #2: Joint Meeting with Dighton Board of Selectmen – Elect Moderator for the Tent Meeting

DESE regulations require the Boards of Selectmen to meet jointly to elect an individual to serve as Moderator at the Tent Meeting. The Dighton BOS has been invited to join us to discuss candidate and elect a Moderator.

Tabled till 10/28 meeting.

Discussion:

Bill Cute has social obligations/church and cannot serve as moderator for the meeting on Nov. 2nd

Action Item #3: Discussion with Agricultural Commission Chairperson

Val Souza has requested to come before the Board to provide an update with regards to the Farmers Market and plans for next year.

- Dawn Dufault is doing a great job
- What can they do to make Market Manager a stipend position?
- Some participants would like to be at Farmers Market but may not have IM policies, not selling edible items, but flowers, soap, etc. that does not call for this type of insurance
 - Town insurance?
 - Looking into it
- S. Vadnais- MDAR, 2 tier insurance possible
- Working on farm brochure updates

Discussion:

J. Muri – Has been an overall success.

Tish Vadnais– There has been a constant flow of customers, new and old.

Val Sousa -Will have a full report at end of season.

Action Item #4: Discussion of Proposed MDAR Agricultural Preservation Restriction: Davis Street Property

The Eleanor M. Amaral Revocable Trust is working with Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources to place an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on the property in exchange for a fee to be paid by the Commonwealth. The included property would be restricted to agricultural use in perpetuity.

Discussion:

S. Vadnais – Good deal all around.

J. Muri – Is town part of this?

S. Vadnais – Owned by Commonwealth under MDAR

J. Muri motion to read into the record the “Notice of Proposed Acquisition” and to direct the Assistant to the Town Administrator to post said Notice in one or more conspicuous places in Town Hall. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve Chair to sign Certificate of Notice and forward to MDAR. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve and execute “Consent to Reduction of Notice Period”. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Documentation:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION ON PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH

Action Item #5: Appointments to Local Emergency Planning Board

M. Costello motion to appoint William Pray to the Local Emergency Planning Board, effective October 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

M. Costello motion to appoint Derek Rousseau to the Local Emergency Planning Board, effective October 21, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0
G. Schwall abstained.

Action Item #6: Request to Approve COA Formula Grant

Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the FY20 COA Formula Grant tabled until next meeting 10/28, until COA Board approves.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Tish Vadnais, Farmers Market, this upcoming Sunday 10/27 is the last day of the season, will have some surprises, a lot of discounts, free items.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: The Schwalls accompanied him to the Firemen's Dedication at South Station on Sunday 10/20.

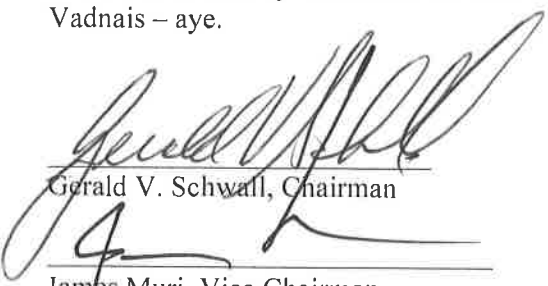
Vadnais: No report.

Schwall: Attended Fire Department dedication

Perry: No report.

Muri: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:05PM., Second by Selectmen M. Costello. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

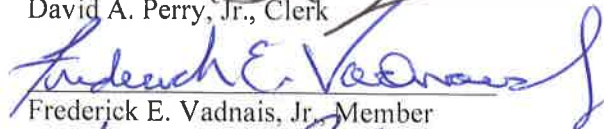


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

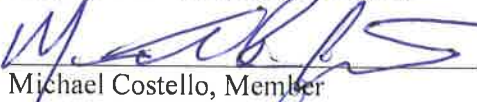
James Muri, Vice Chairman



David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member



Michael Costello, Member



Deborah Arruda

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 4-20-2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACQUISITION
OF AN AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION RESTRICTION
ON PROPERTY IN THE TOWN OF REHOBOTH

Date of this Notice: October 7, 2019

Notice of proposed acquisition is hereby given to:

- (X) Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of **Rehoboth**, or
() Mayor or City Manager of the City of

Separate notice will be given by the Department to the appropriate: County Commissioners, Regional Planning Agency, and the members of the General Court representing the district in which the land is located.

In compliance with G. L. c. 7C, Section 37, the Commonwealth Massachusetts, acting by and through its Department of Agricultural Resources (the "Department"), hereby gives notice that it proposes to acquire an agricultural preservation restriction ("APR") on the real property identified herein for the purpose of protecting in perpetuity its superior and productive agricultural resources by preventing their conversion to other uses.

The application received by MDAR indicates that the property is owned by Eleanor M. Amaral, Trustee of the Eleanor M. Amaral Revocable Trust and consists of parcel (s) located at Davis Street **as approximately represented on the attached map**. The APR may encompass all or parts of the area shown.

The current use of the property is primarily for corn, peppers, squash and pumpkins.

Following the recording of the APR, the use of the subject property is limited to agricultural use as more particularly set forth in the APR document, the General Laws [Chapter 184, Sections 31], and the Regulations of the Department [330 CMR 22.00 et seq].

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, by:


Michele Padula, APR Regional Planner