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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, and Selectman Michael Costello

Absent: 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) (2)** to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union 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;

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 28th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-17A Withholdings, \$130,288.07, 20-18B Payroll, \$107,100.01; 20-17 Warrant, \$202,127.20. D. Perry 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:

The Town of Rehoboth Special Town Meeting will be held TOMORROW October 29th at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School beginning at 7:00 PM. Voter Check-in will begin at 5:45 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 flu shots in the lobby of the high school prior to the Special Town Meeting.

The Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District has scheduled a district-wide meeting for November 2nd at 1:00 PM at the high school. This meeting will include registered voters from both Rehoboth and Dighton. Questions related to the meeting should be directed to the School District Central Office.

Thank you to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful for the note.

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM tomorrow night, Tuesday, October 29th at the High School.

Yesterday, Mrs. Muriel Zuckerberg passed away. She was one of the most amazing people, who benefited so many families in this town. It was a sad day that we lost her. She will be remembered at Sugarman Funeral Home on Hope Street in Providence on Thursday at 10:00 AM.

Our condolences go out to the family of Gene Baasch, a contractor and longtime resident, who also passed recently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Request to Approve Hazmat Grant

J. Muri motion to approve the grant for \$2,600 and authorize the Chair to sign the Contractor Authorized Signatory Listing and the Standard Contract Form on behalf of the Board. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2: Request for One Day Liquor License

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Liquor License for Dean Botelho on behalf of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity at 43 Broad Street from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM for the following dates:
December 7, 2019 – transportation dates 12/6/19 and 12/8/19
January 18, 2020 – transportation dates 1/17/20 and 1/19/20
Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #3: Approve FY20 COA Formula Grant

The Formula Grant is an annual grant applied for by the COA.

J. Muri motion to authorize Chair to sign FY20 COA Formula Grant on behalf of the Board. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello:

1. Has received complaints of speeding cars on Bay State Road, asking liaison to Police Department to get patrols there.

-G. Schwall will contact Police Chief.

2. Has received a letter from resident on Providence Street, asking to extend the guard rail 15 feet to protect their house.

S. Vadnais motion to extend the guard rail 15 feet and any other alterations Highway Superintendent feels necessary to protect the resident's house. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri suggested sending a letter to residents to let them know we will be handling it.

Vadnais: No report.

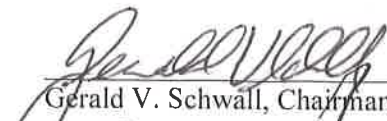
Schwall:

1. Regarding a letter on Rehoboth Reporter today from Save Our Schools Leadership Team, a political action committee: Would like to point out that this Board entered into discussions with the School Committee on a compromise agreement and from the very beginning we were approaching this as a "supplemental appropriation of funds" not a budget. So, regardless of what the net minimum is, look at that as net minimum is column A, column B as the amount over net minimum, and then column C is a total of column A + B. However, how people divide up the amounts in column A or column B is meaningless, because right from the beginning we have talked about column C, which is the total amount of the compromise agreement that the Board agreed to with the School Committee. Unanimously, both boards, that is what every communication with DESE has referred to and it is the correct amount that is printed in the Warrant. Now, I understand that some people who may be a little naive to such things have made statements saying that we printed the incorrect amount in the Warrant. No, we did not. We printed the exact amount, to the dollar, that this Board agreed to, and was agreed to by the School Committee. So, do not allow yourself to be confused between budgets and assessments and all the other terms that float around. View tomorrow night's discussion about a supplemental appropriation that we felt was in the best interest of everyone in the town and once and for all, for this year, remove the children from being pawns. This Board did not make the children pawns. This Board did everything we could to provide what we could for additional funding so that we could take care of the bigger issue and that bigger issue is what happens with the audit that is hopefully being conducted. We hope the School Committee gives us what we need so we can expedite this and be at a better position for next year. We have committed to this town that we will force transparency. We act as a very transparent Board and we will not let up on our desire to do that. So, when you take a look at this and people are trying to intentionally confuse people, "Well DESE says they have to pay \$60,000 more;" No. DESE had set a new minimum, but that has nothing to do with it until next year with what this agreement is for this year. So, as this Board does, we address things publicly. That is our statement regarding this.
2. It was asked of this Board, about a surplus that was sold. It was asked if we received payment, and at the time, the invoice had just gone out. We have now received payment of \$2,016.00 a check on October 18th from Ferreira Construction Materials for the removal of surplus materials that we otherwise would have had to pay to get removed.

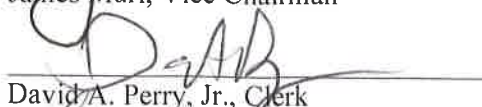
Perry: Regarding the meeting tomorrow, listen to what the people say, don't let your emotions drive the future. Listen and make a decision based on that.

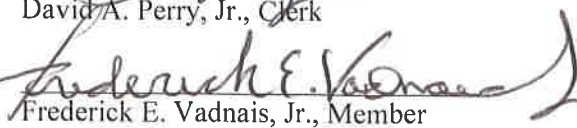
Muri: No report.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:27 PM, Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

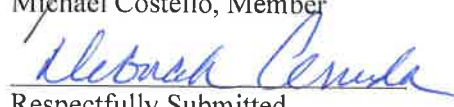

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman .


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 4/27/20