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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Absent:** Selectman Michael Costello

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;

**Roll Call Vote:** Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Schwall, aye. Vote 4-0

**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 November 4th, 2019:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-17A Withholdings, \$34,572.97, 20-19B Payroll, \$103,934.74; 20-18 Warrant, \$86,357.61. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

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

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

J. Muri on behalf of the Municipal Building Committee will have an open forum discussion of the Municipal Complex Building Project on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 PM at the COA Building.

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the COA. (Monday is Veteran's Day.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Pole Hearing – Request by Verizon New England, Inc.**

J. Muri motion to open the public hearing at 7:15 PM. Second by D. Perry.

**Roll call vote:** Perry, aye; Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Schwall, aye. Vote 4-0

No public in attendance.

S. Vadnais motioned to close the public hearing at 7:16 PM. Second by J. Muri.

**Roll call vote:** Perry, aye; Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Schwall, aye. Vote 4-0

J. Muri motion to approve petition #MA2019-38 from Verizon New England, Inc. for Poles 5275 and 5276. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Ross Bilodeau, Representative from Verizon NE

- Will extend communication Peck Street corner to substation
- These are solely Verizon poles.
- Verizon facilitates all communications

#### **Action Item #2: STM and Tent Meeting Status Update**

Chairman Schwall provided an update to the events of the past week:

If you are interested in what happened on Friday just contact us and we will send out to you a copy of the communication between attorney and School Council and DESE letting them know what came to light on Wednesday night with Dighton BOS selecting a moderator. The Warrant had an incorrect number. The only thing to be voted on at a district wide meeting is the budget.

1. We identified a fatal flaw to the Warrant. This was decided by all of us.
2. Wednesday night we notified people immediately, Chair sent a letter to DESE.
  - Illegal to require people to show ID before voting in Massachusetts.
  - Notified DESE, so they changed that and left the meeting on.
3. At 5:30 on Friday the meeting was cancelled

-Now up to School Committee to determine

- As of December 1<sup>st</sup> DESE will step in if no resolution. They will control the financial aspect of the district for this fiscal year and will participate in the budget setting for the next fiscal year.

- The only thing you can vote on is the total budget, but they had the "assessment."

-The moderator would not allow that, so they dissolved the meeting.

-Town Meeting said thank you but no thank you.

-Our recommendation to School Committee, please accept the appropriation as voted on by Rehoboth at the May meeting, July Meeting, and again the other day. Take that appropriation because then the State does not come in on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Action Item #3: Approval of Disbursement to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society**

In accordance with the Agreement between the Antiquarian Society and the Town the second payment for the library services is now due. The amount is \$60,581.50 (25% of the \$242,326 total).

D. Perry motion to approve disbursement of \$60,581.50 to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for library services. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri clarified that this is a regular quarterly payment to the library.

#### **Action Item 4: Appointment to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee**

D. Perry motion to appoint Kelly McNaughton to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee effective November 4, 2019 through December 31, 2019. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

#### **Action Item 5: 65 Barney Ave – Determination if a Gravel Committee Meeting is Needed**

The Planning Board is requesting a determination regarding the attached project. Town Planner Roach does not believe the proposed project will require a Gravel Committee Meeting. However, we ask the Board to make the final determination.

S. Vadnais – This is an exempt activity, which clearly falls under the exemptions. I don't believe it needs a permit by the Gravel Committee.

D. Perry concurs, just an addition to an existing building.

J. Muri motion to send communication to the Planning Board that it was unanimous belief of this Board that no Gravel permit is required because it is specifically exempted by the gravel removal by-law septic exemption. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:**

Mike O'Hern –

Thank you to Board of Selectmen and Financial Committee. Many hours put forward, very professional and thorough work. Mr. O' Hern read his letter to Board/public about feelings with past and current situations with School Committee.

D. Perry-

Board was in the dark as well, not just public. Read text that was sent by G. Schwall keeping him posted.

J. Muri-

Joint letter by both Boards of Selectmen to School Committee voiced concerns about the meeting.

D. Perry – We have a good repour with Dighton BOS they were in the dark too.

G. Schwall - Board of Selectmen are not upset with residents or Finance Committee based on their vote  
-Respect Finance Committee's work and decision and respect voters' decision.

S. Vadnais – It is the Board's job just to present the options, let the people vote.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** Absent.

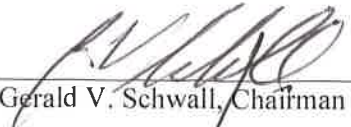
**Vadnais:** No report.


**Schwall:** No report.

**Perry:** No report.

**Muri:** No report.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:45 PM. Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 4-0

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman

  
James Muri, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member

Absent

Michael Costello, Member

  
Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 5/11/2020