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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Jim 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) (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; Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 4-0

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for November 25th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-21A Withholdings, \$128,250.09, 20-22B Payroll, \$108,274.88; 20-21 Warrant, \$92,947.09; 20-21R Refund Warrant, \$41,761.28; 20-21R1 Refund Warrant, \$3,201.24; 20-14S Warrant, \$16,485.00. S. Vadnais motioned to ratify the November 25th Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Warrants for December 2nd, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-22A Withholdings, \$33,475.10, 20-23B Payroll, \$104,962.33; 20-22 Warrant, \$24,827.24. S. Vadnais motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

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

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9th at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road beginning at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion with Rehoboth Ambulance Committee

Scott Meaghan, Deputy Chief, and a representative from the Committee

Presented information on the new Rehoboth Ambulance Subscription

-Information will be mailed out to residents

-Explained plan to BOS and residents

- \$75 annual cost per household
- Eliminates or reduces costly co-pays, co-insurances or deductibles.
- Support continued growth of Rehoboth Ambulance as well as service to the Town
- This is another way to make our service sustainable.

G. Schwall – Just to be clear, if you do not take advantage of the \$75 subscription and you need an ambulance, the ambulance will still come for you, correct?

S. Meaghan – Yes, when you call 911, an ambulance will come for you regardless. The subscription service is a way to help sustain the ambulance while also receiving a benefit, should you need it.

Action Item #2: Request to Hire Daniel Coutu as a Part Time Public Safety Dispatcher

S. Vadnais motion to hire Daniel Coutu as a Part Time Public Safety Dispatcher effective 12/2/19; contingent upon results of employments physical and drug screening. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Chief Trombetta-He is ready to go on his own, has put the time in, certificate program done, drug testing complete.

S. Vadnais, D. Perry, and J. Muri – Happy to add him to the group, impressed with resume.

G. Schwall – respect for Town's Public Safety dispatchers

Action Item #3: Discussion with Personnel Board Chair Concerning Proposed Personnel Policy Changes and Additions

Dave Scanlon, Chairman of the Personnel Board, joined the Board to discuss proposed changes/additions to the Town Personnel Policy regarding:

- Vacation
- Workplace Bullying
- Office Decoration
- Pregnant Worker
- Proposed volunteer policy

Discussion:

Board of Selectmen gave their opinions on making some changes to the policies.

D. Scanlon will continue to make adjustments.

Action Item #4: Discussion with the Town Planner Regarding Proposed Amendment to Ground Water Protection Bylaw

Daniel Roach, Planner, and Ed Bertosi both present to discuss the bylaw for Ground Water Protection Act and changes to be made to move forward.

- Have worked with Town Counsel to make sure it is legally sound
- Have consulted expert on hydrology, Dr. Jack Hermance
- Would like to expand district to cover town
- With large developments coming in and may not have sufficient water supply for new homes and existing homes
- Other towns in similar situations have founded "Friends of Foundations" organization worldwide to regulate this issue

J. Muri- commented they had done a great job and asked minor clarification on language used.

D. Perry – discussed leaching versus non-leaching drainage.

Action Item #5: Auto Dealer License Renewals

D. Perry motion to approve the following Class 1 Auto License Renewals for the period of 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

AUTO CLASS	LICENSEE	ADDRESS
I	Bay State Truck and Trailer	527 Winthrop St
I	Curtis Douglas dba C.M.I.	157 Tremont St

D. Perry motion to approve the following Class 2 Auto License Renewals for the period of 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

* Auto Sales of Rehoboth, LLC- tabled.

AUTO CLASS	LICENSEE	ADDRESS
II	Family Auto	513 Winthrop St
II	First Stop Auto Sales, LLC	509 Winthrop St
II	257 Anawan, LLC dba Anawan Auto	257 Anawan St
II	US Financial Vehicles, LLC	29 Fall River Ave
II	Auto Show Sales	4 Fall River Ave
II	B & B Equipment Sales, Inc.	75 Providence St
II	Rehoboth Auto Center, Inc	71 Winthrop St
II	Gagnon's Garage, Inc	119 Winthrop St
II	GDA Enterprises, Inc	57 Bliss St
II	Manny and Sons Auto Repair & Tire Center	2 Park St
II	Fournier Auto & Truck Sales, LLC	496 Winthrop St

D. Perry motion to approve the following Class 3 Auto License Renewals for the period of 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

III	Reed's Junkyard, Inc	199 Plain St
III	Jerry's Auto & Salvage	49R Summer St

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Data Protection Agreement

The Town utilizes the service of Mass Mailers Plus, LLC in the annual census process reports and analysis based on the information received by the Town Clerk's office. In order to complete the analysis and generate reports, Mass Mailers Plus is in the possession of data deemed to be potentially private. The Town Clerk wants to ensure the information is protected while in the possession of Mass Mailers Plus and has worked with Town Counsel to produce the Data Protection Agreement to be executed between the Town and Mass Mailers Plus, LLC.

J. Muri motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Data Protection Agreement on behalf of the Town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

S. Vadnais – Thank you to Town Clerk for taking the time to do this to safeguard the Town.

Action Item #7: Accept the Resignation of Daniel Cardoza from the Historical Commission

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Daniel Cardoza effective November 25, 2019. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #8: Vote to Appoint Sandra Phillips to the Historical Commission

D. Perry motion to appoint Sandra Phillips to the Historical Commission effective December 2 through June 30, 2022. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #9: Vote to Authorize Chair to Sign COA Formula Grant

J. Muri motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the FY2020 COA Formula Grant on behalf of the Town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Wendy Wolfe, Ash Street, concerned about snow plows

- Last night my cast iron mailbox was knocked out by a plow, saw it happen
- Speed was a factor
- 4 other mailboxes knocked down on Ash Street as well (#s 42,47,76,82,67)
- Why wasn't Lenny Mills plowing?

D. Perry, liaison to the Highway Department answered that this was unacceptable.

- Highway Department will replace the mailbox, and make sure it doesn't happen again.
- He will look into this matter and get back to her.
- Town has temporary boxes and will put them in
- Will report back to Town on this matter

Michael Diegnan, Slater Street, Finance Committee

- Regarding the Assessor's and the Property Tax re-assessments, he would like to hold a presentation to explain tax bill, educate everyone.
- Tentatively thinking on Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 PM at COA
- will contact Town Clerk to put it on website, and announce at following BOS meetings.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Costello: Absent.

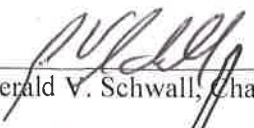
Schwall:

- To Mrs. Vadnais -Thank you for the delicious turkey. Shows how well you take care of your animals.
- Thank you to Mr. Tim Johnson, Propane Plus, very generous to the Town. There was a Public Safety Building call and they came out and did what they could and then donated the \$2500 repair.
- S. Vadnais added, very nice family, very generous.

Perry: no report

Muri: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen m. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:45 PM. Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

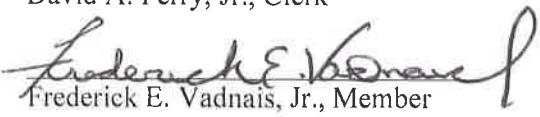


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman



James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member

Absent

Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 5/11/2020