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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Mike Costello and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Absent: Selectman Gerry Schwall

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

M. Costello offered the Board's condolences to the Ferreira family and all observed a moment of silence.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for January 21st, 2020: J. Muri read the weekly Warrants; 20-30B Payroll, \$110,273.71; 20-29A Withholdings, \$32,763.57, 20-29 Warrant, \$177,437.55; 20-29R Refund Warrant, \$954.33; 20-29R1 Refund Warrant, \$2,151.55. S. Vadnais motion to ratify the Warrants for January 21st as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Warrants for January 27th, 2020: J. Muri read the weekly Warrants; 20-31B Payroll, \$112,062.04; 20-30A Withholdings, \$128,774.46, 20-30 Warrant, \$42,579.75; 20-30V Veterans Warrant, \$9,580.93. S. Vadnais motion to approve the Warrants for January 27th as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

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

Open Forum – Announcements:

M. Costello announced that there will be a public hearing at the COA at 7:00 PM tomorrow night, Tuesday, January 28th, regarding the intersection of 118 and Rt 44. The public is invited.

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Monday February 3, 2020 at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve Warrant for 2020 Presidential Primary

The Town Clerk has prepared the Warrant for the Presidential Primary for the Selectmen's signature so they may be posted. The primary will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 and all three precincts will be open from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

S. Vadnais motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the Presidential Primary. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri – If you have a question about which precinct you are you can call The Town Clerk's office and they can tell you which precinct you belong to.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve CCC Information Technology Grant and Authorize Chairman to Execute Required Grant Documents on Behalf of the Town

IT and Media Director, Derek Rousseau, applied for a Community Compact Cabinet Information Technology Grant on behalf of the Town. The grant was approved and the Town was awarded \$134,707.50. The funding will be used to expand the Town's fiber network to benefit municipal and public safety agencies.

M. Costello motion to approve CCC Information Technology Grant and authorize the Chairman to execute grant documents on behalf of the Town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

D. Rousseau expanded upon this information, saying that the grant money will be used to extend the fiber network to the North Fire Station, South Fire Station and the Public Safety towers.

J. Muri added that this is going to make our communication faster, more reliable and less expensive, and that Rehoboth was one of the top grant recipients in the State.

Action Item #3: Vote to Accept Resignation – Town Events Committee

Ms. Kim Fagundes has resigned from the Town Events Committee. Kim was a very active member of the 375th Anniversary Committee and is active in a number of town related activities. Her contributions have been many and much appreciated.

D. Perry read the letter into the record:

Documentation: Ms. Fagundes' letter of resignation

M. Costello motion to accept the resignation of Kim Fagundes from the Town Events Committee and forward a letter on behalf of the Board expressing our appreciation for her service to the Town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept Resignation – Cemetery Commission

Ms. Melissa Enos has submitted a letter of resignation from the Cemetery Commission. Her contributions to the Commission are greatly appreciated.

D. Perry read letter into the record.

Documentation: Ms. Enos' letter of resignation

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Melissa Enos from the Cemetery Commission and forward a letter on behalf of the Board expressing our appreciation for her service to the Town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Request to Appoint Member – Cemetery Commission

Mr. Jason Landry has submitted a Talent Bank Form requesting approval to serve on the Cemetery Commission. The Cemetery Commission Chair, Beverly Baker, is in support and requests the Board to make the appointment.

D. Perry motion to appoint Jason Landry to the Cemetery Commission effective 1/28/2020 through 6/30/2020. Second by S. Vadnais 4-0.

Action Item #6: Request to Approve Common Victualer License, as Submitted

John Skurchak, Jr., DBA Uncle Ed's, has applied for a Common Victualer License Renewal. D. Arruda has verified all taxes are current and the license fee has been received.

D. Perry motion to approve a Common Vic License for John Skurchak, Jr., DBA Uncle Ed's, 116 Winthrop Street. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Tish Vadnais-

- Agricultural Commission is looking for new vendors for the Farmer's Market.
- If interested please contact the Agricultural Commission.
- Need to have insurance carrier if selling food products.

Discussion from the Board included reaching out to nearby towns, i.e. Dighton, Swansea; posting on website, in the Reporter; and asking the Bristol County Agricultural High School if they'd like to participate.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Tomorrow evening at 6:00 PM at Bristol County Agricultural High School MDAR Secretary of Agriculture will be there to explain the new rules for anyone who has an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on their property. New rules are completely different than in the past, so if you have an APR you should attend.

Costello: D. Arruda and I both attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association Seminar in Boston last weekend. They had lots of workshops that covered different topics such as school funding that we deal with on daily basis here in Town.

Schwall: absent

Perry: no report

Muri: no report

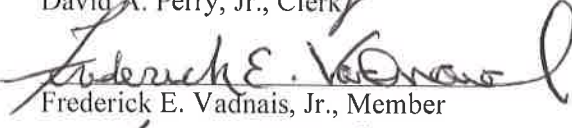
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:20 PM. Second by Selectmen D. Perry.

Roll call vote: Perry – aye; Vadnais – aye, and Costello – aye, Muri, aye. Vote 4-0.

absent
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 5/18/20

To the Town of Rehoboth Selectman,

I hereby submit my resignation as
Co-Chair on the Town Events Committee.

Though I clearly love and have been
honored being part of this great committee,
my greater desire is being on
the RCC Missions Committee as
well as the Newly established RCC
300th Anniversary Committee.

Regrettably, I can't do them all.

~~Effective~~ immediately.

Best Regards

Kim Farundes

1/7/2020

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20 JAN - 9 PM 12:50
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REHOBOTH, MA

Melissa Enos
5 Orleans Way, Rehoboth MA 02769

January 22, 2020

Ms. Laura L. Schwall, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk, Town of Rehoboth
148 Peck Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769


Dear Laura,

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation as a member of the Rehoboth Cemetery Commission.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve my community as a member of this commission and in the company of such wonderful people: Beverly Baker, Connie Wenzel-Jordan and Jake Kramer.

I will continue to help the Commission as a "rank and file" volunteer for any endeavor they require help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Melissa Enos', written in dark ink.

Melissa G. Enos