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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Absent: Selectman Jim Muri

At 5:30 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; (6)* *To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.*

On a motion made by Selectman D. Perry the Board entered into Executive Session. Second by S. Vadnais.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Schwall, aye; Costello, aye.

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 December 9th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-23A Withholdings, \$31,318.95, 20-24B Payroll, \$105,103.00; 20-23 Warrant, \$41,227.69. S. Vadnais motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 7/15/2019.
Executive Session Minutes: none.

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 15, 2019. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

Open Forum – Announcements:

Tish Vadnais, Agricultural Committee, spoke regarding their meeting last week

-Looking for Vendors for Farmers Market

-Looking for Agricultural Committee volunteers, fill out a talent bank form to apply

Property Tax 101, an informational presentation, will be held on Saturday December 14th. It will be a tax discussion with the Finance Committee at the COA where residents can ask question about their tax assessment. It will be recorded for playback as well; all information will be on the website.

The Rehoboth Ambulance Committee is introducing a new subscription service. Details of the subscription service are available by visiting rehobothambulance.org. You may also view a discussion of the service between the Ambulance Committee and the Board of Selectmen by visiting rehobothtv.org and selecting the 12/2 meeting. The discussion was Action Item #1.

We have received numerous calls regarding residents receiving calls from someone saying they are the Fire Department, and that they will be coming to residents' homes to investigate. This is not happening - It is a scam. The Rehoboth Police Department has been notified.

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16th at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road beginning at 7:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion with Animal Advisor Committee Chair

M. Costello motion to disband the Animal Advisory Committee effective December 9, 2019 and to send a letter of thanks to the Committee members for a job well-done. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

M. Costello motion to approve Richard Panofsky as an Animal Shelter volunteer. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

R. Panofsky read minutes from previous meeting from the Animal Advisory Committee to the Board.

R. Panofsky would like to continue volunteering at the shelter.

The Board thanked the Committee for their work in updating the Town's bylaws with regards to the animal control.

G. Schwall - Town Clerk will continue to copy Mr. Panofsky and he will continue updating computer system and website.

Action Item #2: Vote to Set Classification of Land for Taxation

On November 18th the Board of Assessors and Selectmen conducted a public hearing for the purpose of setting the classification of land for taxation purposes. The hearing was conducted and the matter was taken under advisement by the Board of Selectmen pending the Notification of Final Certification of locally assessed values of real and personal property by the Division of Local Services. The certification was received by the Town on December 5th. The Board is now able to vote to establish the Classification of Land for Taxation.

M. Costello motion to set a single classification of land for the taxation purposes as recommended by the Board of Assessors. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall – Thank you to the Assessors, Linda Greaves and Mandy Ezyk, for all their hard work.

Action Item #3: Request to Approve General License Renewals

D. Perry motion to approve the following license renewals for the period of January 1, 2020-December 31, 2020. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0.

TYPE	LICENSEE	ADDRESS
Livery	Xtreme Party Bus, LLC	71 Fall River Ave
Com Vic	Jin Lin/ China Gourmet	503 Winthrop St
Com Vic	CCM Country Kitchen dba Country Kitchen	183 Winthrop St

Com Vic	Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity	43 Broad St
Com Vic	Anawan Grange #221	243 Winthrop St
Com Vic	Stephen Provazza SPCAP, Inc dba Honey Dew Donuts	317 Tremont St
Com Vic	Aaron Anderson, Krios Donuts, Inc dba Dunkin Donuts	3 Park Street Unit 11
Com Vic	Aaron Anderson, Titan Donuts, Inc dba Dunkin Donuts	227 Winthrop St
Com Vic	The Anawan Club	13 Gorham St

Action Item #4: Auto Dealer License Renewals

D. Perry motion to approve the following Class II Auto License Renewals for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

AUTO CLASS	LICENSEE	ADDRESS
II	Richard Harris, Jr dba North American Auto	58 Winthrop St
II	Big Al's Used Cars	329 Tremont St
II	Robert Dias dba Consolidated Truck & Equipment	231 Plain St

Discussion:

G. Schwall asked the Board for guidance regarding an auto licensee. They have had their license for over ten years, now needs to move, but had put paperwork in to renew already. As the permit goes with the individual, not the location, the question is, rather than ask Mr. Salema to let the license expire, would this board agree to hold his license in abeyance, with the understanding that he does not conduct business and give him 45 days after the 12/31/2019 expiration date to find a new location? He would not be able to sell vehicles until he has a location that meets the requirements.

S. Vadnais responded that we have never had any problems or complaints with that location/business.

M. Costello motion to approve the Class II Auto License extension on Manuel Salema and Auto Sales of Rehoboth for a period of 45 days after 1/1/2020. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Request to use the COA Building for Republican Caucus

D. Perry motion to authorize the Republican Town Committee to hold its annual caucus at the Council of Aging Building on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 7:30 PM. In the event of inclement weather on February 20th the Committee is authorized to use the COA building on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #6: Reappointment to the Cultural Council

D. Perry motion to approve Molly Lewandowski to the Rehoboth Cultural Council effective 11/22/19-11/21/22. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Aaron Morse, Reservoir Ave.

- DESE letter showing Town owes more than the original vote.
- Voters voted many times against it, feel no one listens to us.
- No control over district
- 1. Amending Regional District moving forward?
- 2. Plans to remove K-8?

- G. Schwall – Town agreed to certain amount at Town Meeting, voters declined.
- Rehoboth Board of Selectmen spoke to Dighton Board of Selectmen, they feel the same as we do, more in common than not.
- We have more work to do and it will be an agenda item shortly.

-S. Vadnais - Board and Chairman have weekly meeting discussions on this topic and are constantly working on it.

-M. Costello agreed it should be an agenda item so that residents can speak.

Tish Vadnais

- Rocky Hill Road is narrow enough already, then people plow their driveways into the road.
- Are we fining people for pushing snow into the road?

-M. Costello, yes.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Costello: no report

Schwall: Keep Muri Family in your thoughts, was a loss in their family.

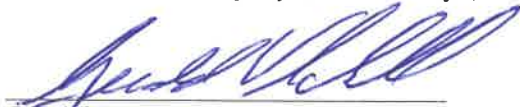
Perry: Homework assignment- Mailbox replacement policy

- Checked Ash Street, 2 boxes were old, rotted
- If your box is hit call Highway-You need to witness the event and need description of truck
- Temporary boxes will be available
- If plow hits box, we will replace
- If damage is from snow coming off plow, we are not responsible
- We will work with everyone.

Muri: absent

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:50 PM. Second by Selectmen D. Perry.

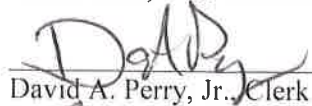
Roll call vote: Perry, aye; Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye; and Costello, aye.

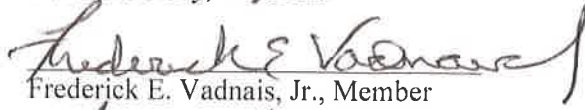


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Absent

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 5/4/2020