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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Michael Costello, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Absent: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais.

At 6:30 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ***MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property 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 Perry, seconded by Selectman Costello, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 4-0

Call to Order at 7:03 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for February 10th, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-32A Withholdings, \$31,239.70, 20-33B Payroll, \$109,577.70; 20-32 Warrant, \$58,870.50. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Minutes:

Regular Minutes: April 8, 2019

J. Muri motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 8, 2019. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Regular Minutes: April 16, 2019

J. Muri motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 16, 2019. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri rescinded his original motion to add changes.

J. Muri motioned to approve the amended regular meeting minutes for April 16, 2019. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Regular Minutes: April 29, 2019

J. Muri motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 29, 2019. Second D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Open Forum – Announcements:

Ms. Carolyn Panofsky of the Green Energy Committee joined the meeting.

G. Schwall stated Ms. Panofsky is a great advocate and worked hard. Had a goal and achieved it.

Ms. Panofsky stated that the Green Energy Committee sent in an application to join the Green Communities Program for a grant. They received a grant in the amount of \$148,380. We will be using the grant monies as soon as possible for the town. Discussed ideas for the use of the money. The response has to go back by February 28, 2020.

The board thanked Ms. Panofsky.

G. Schwall thanked M. Costello for introducing the town the LED lighting as well as Bill Pray.

M. Costello spoke in regards to the money possibly being use to update the solar farms in the town and the maintenance needed to them.

G. Schwall stated that any help needed the Board of Selectmen will try to help out. J. Muri is the liaison to this committee. Ms. Panofsky and Ms. Deb Arruda will contact the Town Administrator of Dartmouth to have the Green Energy Committee audit the modular building.

D. Perry asked if there was a time frame on how long the town has to use the money?

G. Schwall stated he did not see a time frame required to use the money.

Ms. Panofsky stated that if the money is not used this year then you have to wait to reapply the next year. She thanked her committee members and Mr. Eric Arbeen of SRPEDD for their help.

G. Schwall announced that the 49th Annual Fireman's Ball is on March 21, 2020 at the Crestwood Country Club. The event is open to all, not just the fire fighters. It's a great night to say thank you. You can contact Dan Noons for tickets 508-509-8357.

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 18th at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road at 7:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Discussion Regarding Right of First Refusal RE: Middlebrook Investments, LLC

J. Muri motioned to notify all Boards, Committees, and Commissions which may have an interest in acquiring the land described in the February 3rd, 2020 letter from Attorney Sleprow. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #2: Vote to Award Contract for Annex Building Roof Repair

M. Costello motioned to award the Annex Building roof repair contract to Ferreira Company, 1 Taunton Green, Taunton, MA for \$19,455. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Discussion: Derek Rousseau joined the meeting. He explained the process for the bid and the reason it was needed.

M. Costello stated one bid was very high, but did not included many items that other bidders did. The siding on the building will be the next project.

G. Schwall stated that the money was encumbered.

J. Muri stated that the roof was in deplorable condition, needs to be fixed or the building will have issues.

M. Costello stated that we need to look into having the siding done.

D. Rousseau stated that we could use Bristol Plymouth or another school to help with the siding.

Action Item #3 Request to Approve Special License(s), as Submitted.

D. Perry motioned to approve a One-Day Wine and Malt Beverage License for Debra Woodard, on behalf of the Rehoboth Congregational Church, 139 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA for February 15, 2020.

Hours of sale 6:00PM – 9:00PM. Dates of transport are February 14 and 16, 2020. Second J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry motioned to approve a One-Day Malt Beverage License for Joe Ferrini, on behalf of the Tuff Scramblers, Inc., 85 Francis Street, Rehoboth, MA, for May 16, 2020. Hours of sale are 10:00am – 4:00PM. Dates of transportation are May 13, 14, 15, 2020. Second J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #4: Request to Approve One Day Entertainment License

D. Perry motioned to approve a One-Day Entertainment License for Joe Ferrini, on behalf of Tuff Scramblers, Inc., 85 Francis Street, Rehoboth, MA, on May 16, 2020 from 10:00AM – 4:00PM. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Review of Town Department Budget Workshop Schedule

G. Schwall stated that February 19th and February 26th are the dates for the workshops at 6:00PM. The Board Members agreed with the dates and times.

G. Schwall went over the departments that will be reviewed. If there are any additions or changes please let Deb Arruda or G. Schwall know. Supplied the Board of Selectmen with list of departments that they are liaisons to. Please go over all budgets with Department Heads prior to the meetings. On February 11, 2020 the School Committee votes on a preliminary assessment. The Board of Selectmen should receive a copy to begin the budget process. Dr. Azar, School Superintendent will be invited to meet with the Board of Selectmen on March 4 to review the budget. On February 25, 2020 DESE and the School Committee invited the Board of Selectmen to meet to review issues with the budget. We need to have Dr. Azar come in to a Board of Selectmen meeting to discuss their budgets for the town to hear. We need to know what money is going to be used and not just how much they need.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Schwall: There are minutes for a Gravel Committee meeting. If there is any feedback please send it to Deb Arruda. The board had no edits.

An email was sent out on Friday, February 7 at 5:00PM to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in Dighton, Chairman of the Finance Committee of Dighton, Town Administrator of Dighton, and Mike Diegnan the Finance Committee Chairman. The email was about the February 25, 2020 School Committee meeting. All Board Members stated they were able to attend.

Perry: Gave a shout out to all who helped with Friday's storm. Every event we have had this year has happened on a weekend and everyone has come in to help take care of it. Good job to all involved.


J. Muri stated M. Costello, the Highway Department, National Grid, and the Police Department, all did a great job clearing the roads, getting the streets opened and restoring power.

Muri: Stated he attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on February 9, 2020 for Sebastian and Robert Meyer's with G. Schwall, Representative Howitt, and Senator Fenny. This was for two very deserving men from Rehoboth. Congratulations!

Costello: On Friday February 7, 2020 was the wind storm. There were 17 trees down, many roads closed. I want to thank the Highway Department crew, Fire Department, tree companies, and National Grid for all their work.

G. Schwall stated it was a great job to all involved.

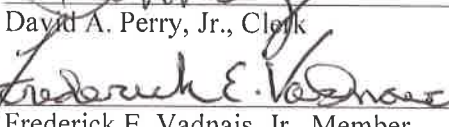
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:58 PM., Second by Selectmen M. Costello. Vote 4-0



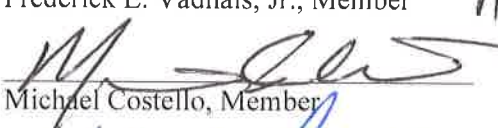
Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman



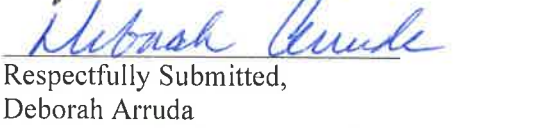
James Muri, Vice Chairman



David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member



Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 5/26/20