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

**Present:** Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Jim Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Mike Costello and Helen Dennen, Town Administrator.

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:** Schwall, aye; Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye; Muri, aye. Vote 5-0

**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 February 7, 2019:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-32B Payroll, \$100,677.57; 19-31A Withholdings, \$36,897.25, 19-31 Warrant, \$47,331.84. J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: 6/4/18.  
Executive Session Minutes: 1/22/19.

G. Schwall motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from 6/4/2018. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

The Board of Selectmen will be hosting an Open Meeting Law presentation on February 13th at 3:30 pm and 7:00 PM at Town Offices in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome. The Open Meeting Law will be discussed by Town Counsel Jay Taleran. The Board strongly encourages all chairmen and vice chairmen of any of our town committees and boards to attend.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the COA on 55 Bay State Road, Rehoboth.

Board will hold an Executive Session Meeting on 2/6/19 for Clerical Union Negotiations. Cancelling 2/6 7:00 PM amending for 2/12 7:00 PM Clerical and Highway both in one session. Negotiations are not open to the public.

D. Perry read letter from Rehoboth Republican Town Committee regarding a request to hold their Republican Caucus.

D. Perry motion to allow meeting. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli dropped off a request from the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee addressed to the Selectmen to use the Senior Center this Wednesday, 2/6/19 at 7:30 PM to hold their caucus with 2/7/19 as an alternate date. Note we have ES meeting posted for that day.

Karin Brady emailed regarding a request to schedule a quarterly meeting with Dighton Board of Selectmen.

Work was completed today at the Town offices by Home & Commercial installing keypad at BOH end of building as well as other work.

Representative from Algonquin Gas has rescheduled to come in next week 2/11/19 to address our concerns that the conditions of our gas moratorium placed on gas companies operating within Town are not being followed. G. Schwall stated that all concerned parties should be notified. S. Vadnais stated that any group or individual can be placed on the notification list.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Discussion with Manny Botelho Ambassador to Lagoa Portugal**

Manny Botelho the ambassador to the Lagoa, Portugal program was present.

Mr. Botelho explained the upcoming trip in September. He invited anyone that would like to go.

The Board discussed how to make travel arrangements, that this is 100% personal expense, and the cost of the trip depends on how many people go.

**Action Item (2): Discussion RE: Gas Emergency Protocol**

Board discuss gas emergency protocol. The board discussed a situation that had occurred in town.

Discussion ensued regarding creating a proper procedure to be followed in such a situation.

G. Schwall stated that this is a working document and read the document.

J. Muri asked if this needed to be discussed with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and REMA?

G. Schwall stated yes, the Police Chief needs to be aware.

J. Muri stated that dispatch should have all emergency contact numbers.

G. Schwall stated that if any emergency repairs need to be made, everything goes through the dispatcher.

D. Perry asked how do we get this proto call out to the equipment operator.

M. Costello stated that it would be part of the trench permit. If you don't get a permit you will be fined.

G. Schwall asked the Board to take this into consideration and have it brought back to the Board on the next agenda.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Approve One Day Special Liquor Licenses for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity**

D. Perry motion to approve the following Special One Day Liquor Licenses for Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, located at 43 Broad Street, effective dates of license: 3/9/19, 4/13/19, 5/18/19, 9/28/19, & 11/2/19 with the hours of operation being from 6:00 PM to 12:00AM, with alcohol being transported on 3/8/19 & 3/10/19, 4/12/19 & 4/14/19, 5/17/19 & 5/19/19, 9/27/19 & 9/29/19, 11/1/19 & 11/3/19, as well as 8/16/19, 8/17/19, & 8/18/19 (Annual Feast) with the hours of operation being 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM Friday and Saturday, and Sunday 12:00 noon to 11:00 PM, with the

transportation dates being 8/9/19-8/15/19 & 8/19/19. As well as on 1/25/20 from 6:00 PM to 12:00 AM with the dates of transportation being 1/24/20 & 1/26/20.  
Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (4): Request from Rehoboth Antiquarian Society to Place Signs on Town Property for Annual Strawberry Festival on June 2, 2019**

The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society is requesting permission to display signs at the following locations for their Annual Strawberry Festival on June 2, 2019:

- Intersection of Routes 118 & 44
- Intersection of Bay State Road & Route 44
- Island in front of Rehoboth Congregational Church
- Intersection of County Street & Bay State Road (where Francis Farm sign is located)
- Intersection of Fairview Ave (west end) and Route 118

Signs will be placed in locations approximately three weeks before the event and will be removed immediately afterward.

J. Muri grant permission to the Antiquarian Society to place signs at locations with caveat that placed in right of way. Second by D. Perry.  
Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (5): Continued Discussion on Mason Street Property Foreclosed on by Town of Rehoboth for Tax Taking**

G. Schwall stated that the property is pending redemption. They paid towards the delinquency and will pay the balance of \$38,910.71 by 5/1/2019. We have a memorandum of agreement.

**Action Item (6): Review of Special Legal Counsel Budget Line**

G. Schwall stated that the balance in the account is \$24,919.11. We should leave things as they are. Pay them \$1336.50 next week. Hold the others for supplemental funds at Town Meeting.

**Action Item (7): Request to Waive Permit Fees for Work by Home & Commercial at 148 Peck Street from Building Inspector**

D. Perry stated that there needs to be a bill with a breakdown.

M. Costello stated that he did not feel this should be waived.

G. Schwall motioned to table until next week until we can look into what is being charged. D. Perry seconded. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (8): Vote to Schedule Dates for Public Hearings for Licenses & Pole Hearing**

H. Dennen stated we are currently holding the following requests to schedule a public hearing:

- Entertainment license Application for LMYZ Catering
- Class II Auto License from First Stop Auto Sales, LLC
- Pole Location Hearing from Mass Electric & Verizon for pole location on Water Street.

D. Perry motioned to have the Entertainment License application and the Auto License separately, dates to be determined. G. Schwall seconded. Vote 5-0.

G. Schwall motioned to hold the Entertainment License public hearing on 3/25/2019. Seconded D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

G. Schwall motioned to hold the Class II Auto License and Pole Location public hearing on 3/18/2019. D. Perry seconded. Vote 5-0.

### **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

Tish Vadnais on behalf of the ambassador of the Lagao Portugal trip. If you plan on going on a trip you do need to get a passport.

Tish Vadnais stated that D. Perry had announced that the Town Committee caucus was on Tuesday; it is on Wednesday night.

Tish Vadnais the tree hearing that was announced for the 11<sup>th</sup>, I had it originally for the 18<sup>th</sup>. S. Vadnais stated it is the 18<sup>th</sup>. H. Dennen I thought it was the 11<sup>th</sup>, I will double check.

### **Department Head Reports:**

#### **Selectmen Reports:**

**Muri:** G. Schwall and myself, Derek Rousseau representing IT, the Town Clerk, Steve Dorrance, and Selectman Perry met on Saturday with Steve Dorrance and had a walkthrough of the new property, that was recently purchased. We are going to do regular checks of the property, to make sure there are no problems. Mr. Dorrance did a wonderful job winterizing the property.

H. Dennen and I will be holding interviews for a Facilities Manager's position tomorrow. After the interviews we have a discussion with Fuss & O'Neil regarding the MVP grant program.

**Schwall:** Regarding Mr. Dorrance and his activities to winterize the building, asked that the Board send him a letter thanking him and let him know that he has complied with the stated obligations that were communicated to him. Asked that the chairman sign it.

He represented the Board along with George Solas from Finance Committee at the 1/29/2019 meeting of the Regional Agreement Task Amendment Task Force. We had a few hours of discussion, made very limited progress. One thing that needs to occur is you need to substantiate what you are talking about with numbers and have real numbers. We felt we needed to go back and put numbers around the words. We agreed to meet again on 2/28/2019. Spoke to the public to watch the video, telecast, or the live version of the meeting. You are going to be asked to vote on this at some point. This will impact your taxes going forward. We will keep you informed of what agreements will mean to you.

On the Town website you can find the document that the school put forward along with recommendations, that our work group here in Rehoboth made. They have not been accepted at this time.

If you haven't returned your Census form please do. The deadline was January 31, 2019. We have received just over 50%. We need an accurate count of the people in town for state aid, for regulating school funding and other things.

We were copied on a noncompliance issue from the Board of Health regarding a place that is now noncompliant to serve food. Are there other licenses that the Board issues, that we should send notification that they are no longer in existence? S. Vadnais as far as I'm concerned there are other licenses that this Board issues that may be from time to time requested by this establishment. Should not be brought to this Board until they are in compliance and rectify their non-licensure. G. Schwall -were they issued any licenses? S. Vadnais not currently. We need to get further information, as to what this means, from the Board of Health Agent and see how that effects other licenses that we may issue for special events that take place at that location.

**Vadnais:** Attended a County Advisory Board meeting last Thursday to review the budget for the County Commissioners. We did not have a quorum. Saw a presentation on the expansion of the Bristol County Agricultural High School. The project is in the planning stages and moving forward. The project has a 3-year completion date. The expansion will allow for an additional 200 students. He cautioned the town there will be an additional appointment and reimbursement rate from the state. It would be about 60%. The Board is meeting again February 28<sup>th</sup> to review the newly negotiated contract with the county employees. He will share what they are doing for raises in Executive Session.

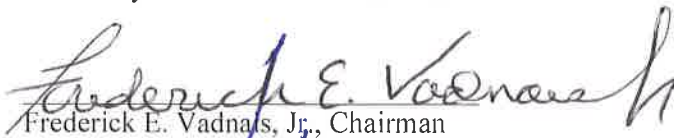
We have an application for a Liquor Licenses. The establishment that was involved had some deficiencies that needed to be rectified as ordered by the Fire Department. Have those deficiencies been rectified? G. Schwall we did issue a license, contingent on the deficiencies being take care of. They have been taken care of.

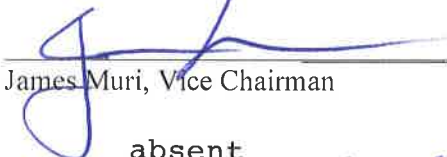
**Perry:** Saturday I visited the Dorrance property with J. Muri and G. Schwall, it was well worth it. It gave us a chance to look at the property in depth. We had some discussions on how the property could potentially be used.

**Costello:** He contacted 4M for the Gravel Committee regarding 462 Winthrop Street. We need more information on this. G. Schwall stated this should be an agenda item. M. Costello stated he needed a larger plan. G. Schwall stated that this should have been spoken about in the Town Administrators report if the Planning Board denied the project. D. Perry stated that there is no gravel removal at this site. The Board discussed the process that should take place when an item like this is received.

M. Costello spoke in regards to a spill at 4 Brook Street. Asked why the Board or the Water Commission was not notified? H. Dennen replied that she had received the information as an email. M. Costello stated an Environmental Engineering firm is cleaning it up. I was not aware of this. J. Muri stated that something like this needs to go to the Water Commission and the Board of Health immediately. H. Dennen stated that it went to the Board of Health. M. Costello stated that the Board of Health should be notifying the proper people.

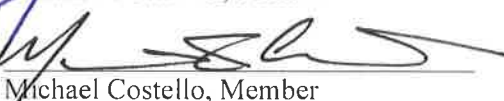
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:54 PM, Second by Selectmen Schwall. Vote 5-0.


  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
James Muri, Vice Chairman

**absent**  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Member

  
Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy McDonough  
Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Approved: 07/27/2020**