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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, and Selectman Michael Costello.

Remote: Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator

At 6:30 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (3)** *To discuss strategy with respect strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with non-union personnel if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;*

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Vadnais, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye; Vadnais, aye, Schwall, 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 May 4th, 2020: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-44A Withholdings, \$37,146.97; 20-45B Payroll, \$109,069.89; 20-44 Warrant, \$54,484.86; 20-44R Refund Warrant, \$2,522.94; 20-44R1 Refund Warrant \$1,932.39. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: December 9, 2019

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minute with for December 9, 2019. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

Regular Minutes: December 16, 2019

D. Perry motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 16, 2019. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0. J. Muri abstained.

Regular Minutes: December 26, 2019

J. Muri motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 26, 2019. Second M. Costello. Vote 4-0. D. Perry abstained.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, May 11th at the COA at 7:00PM. Members of the public may observe the Board's deliberations by watching live on Channel 9 or stream from Rehobothtv.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Coronavirus (COVID – 19) Taskforce Update

Discussion:

G. Schwall read the statement which included decisions made over the past few weeks and additional information of importance as received from local, state and federal agencies. As of today, there have been 69,087 total cases in the Commonwealth, 4,103 cases in Bristol County and 40 positive cases reported in Rehoboth. Wearing a mask or face covering in public will be required as of May 6th. Town Meeting at this time will not take place in June. It will be held at a date later to be determined. Elections will take place on June 30, 2020. I encourage you to use early voting.

S. Vadnais - where agriculture is concerned, people are concerned with what is going on with shortages. Only buy what you need. Don't be wasteful.

M. Costello - they passed out signs for the Senior Class at the school.

G. Schwall - Laura and I were there and Ken Pacheco from Dighton to hand out signs. It was nice to see everyone and the kids' spirits were good. The kids responded well to it. It was very well done. M. Costello was helpful with District 5 and getting a banner on Rt 44. Congratulated the seniors. Wish them all well.

J. Muri - the library is closed; past due books can be dropped off at the library. COA is closed to the public but for emergencies call Linna Sherman on an appointment only basis. Meals on Wheels is still running for any seniors. People are making masks.

G. Schwall - if anyone needs help please call us, we will help.

Action Item #2: Vote to Award Contract to Replace Fire Station 3 Overhead Doors

J. Muri motioned to award the contract to replace the overhead doors and related parts in Station 3 in the maximum amount of \$18,800 to HQI Door Company, 54 Commercial Street, Raynham, MA.. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: M. Costello had a question regarding the amount.

G. Schwall stated that as before it is one price if they have to replace more items. The Maximum amount would be \$18,800.

Action Item #3 Vote to Sign Building Commissioner Employment Contract

D. Perry motioned to approve and sign the Employment Agreement for Building Commissioner William McDonough for the period of 7/1/20 – 6/30/23. Second M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Discussion: G. Schwall stated that we are fortunate to have Bill McDonough's services in this role.

Action Item #4: Vote to Authorize Payment to Town of Dartmouth for Modular Units

D. Perry motioned to authorize the Rehoboth Town Treasurer to release \$225,000 from the Sale of Real Estate Account to the Town of Dartmouth. This payment reflects the total acquisition cost of the modular units and all furniture and fixtures presently in the units. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: M. Costello stated that the road is in and trees are being cut.

G. Schwall stated that the money was already earmarked for this purpose.

D. Perry stated that many thought that only some of the Board of Selectmen knew of this project. Many things get done collectively. We have many talented people that save us time and money.

J. Muri stated that this comes from the "sale of property account", it's been saved until we could use it.

Action Item #5 Vote to Continue Public Hearing to a Future Date RE: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. Pole Hearing

M. Costello motioned to table this item. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: G. Schwall stated that on May 11th the Board will be having public hearings for Winthrop Street. A phone number will be posted for any abutter that would like to call in and have your voice heard.

Action Item #6: Vote to Continue Public Hearing to a Future Date RE: Class II Auto License Quality Auto Sales of Rehoboth, LLC dba Auto Sales of Rehoboth.

M. Costello motioned to continue the Class II Auto License for Quality Auto Sales of Rehoboth, LLC dba Auto Sales of Rehoboth public hearing until June 15, 2020. Second S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Everyone has stepped up during this crisis. Proud of this town.



Schwall: Spoke to Senator Feeney last week in regards to the COVID-19 situation. He was asked to give up some "runway" on some situations coming up. Town Meeting being one of them. Asked for a 1-year extension on grants. He said that he would bring that forward. The Town has been receiving calls from residents wanting to donate their stimulus checks. We will work on creating a fund to help others. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers.

Perry: No report

Muri: M. Costello, Daniel Roach, Town Planner, and Fuss O'Neil and I participated in the MVP conference call. We spoke about the bridge adjacent to the Perryville Dam and one on County Street at the intersection of County and Moulton Street to be rehabilitated.

Costello: Spoke in regards to the email he received from the state regarding 2 projects on Route 44 will not be happening. The bridge for the Palmer River School, the drainage will be done there. The culvert past Redwood Plain. Repairs have been done on both of these projects in the past. The Highway Department is gearing up for paving through Chapter 90 funds.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:10 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vote 5-0


Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman
James Muri, Vice Chairman
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member
Michael Costello, Member
Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 6/29/2020