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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Selectman Muri and Selectman Perry were absent.

At **6:00 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 discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.*

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

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 3-0

Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for August 12th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-07B Payroll, \$107,626.56, 20-06A Withholdings, \$28,626.41, 20-06 Warrant, \$69,562.11. S. Vadnais motion to ratify the warrant listing for August 12th as read. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Warrant for August 19th, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-08B Payroll, \$105,804.49, 20-07A Withholdings, \$31,592.45, 20-07 Warrant, \$18,914.23, Refund Warrant, \$8,588.33, Refund Warrant, \$2,188.88. M. Costello motion to approve the weekly warrant as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 3-0.

Minutes:

Regular Minutes: Tabled.

Executive Session Minutes: Tabled.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next regular Selectmen Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26th here at the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road at 7:00 PM.

US 2020 Census will start neighborhood address canvases, confirming addresses.

-Only during daylight hours

- Now until 10/18/2019
- Knocking on doors to verify addresses and separate living quarters in homes
- Census workers should have Census logo on uniform, IDs and paperwork
- 800-923-8282 Census Bureau info line
- Should never ask for Social Security number, bank account number, or donations. If so, report to Police.

Ron Whittemore, 21 Pond Street, of Keep Rehoboth Beautiful, announced that they will be having the Fall Cleanup the weekend of October 5-6. Shirts and bags will be available:

- Saturday 9/28 from 10:00am -12 noon at the Highway Garage
- 10/1 & 10/3 from 5-7PM at the Library
- online registration will also be available

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Request to Issue Hawkers and Peddlers License

M. Costello motion to approve issuance of a Hawkers and Peddlers License to Jonathan Mello subject to the following restrictions. Solicitations are to be during daylight hours only. The Rehoboth Police Department must be notified of all dates and times during which the applicant plans on making solicitations. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 3-0.

Discussion:

Working with new residents, non-subscribers to Comcast Xfinity.

Action Item #2: 7:15 Public Hearing – National Grid Pole Petition

M. Costello motion to open public hearing. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 3-0

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 3-0

Michael Parrin was present from National Grid.

S. Vadnais motion to close public hearing. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 3-0

S. Vadnais motion to approve Pole Petition #2983 as requested by National Grid at 18 Lake Street. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Discussion:

M. Costello new home – one pole, one anchor

Action Item #3 FY2020 School District Funding Update

Discussion:

- G. Schwall discussed meetings that went on recently to move forward with budget.
 - Just received information from the commonwealth at end of July
 - other budget numbers had to be modified
 - \$330,000 to schools – adjustments
 - No override election
 - No tent meeting needed
 - No Special Town Meeting needed

- M. Costello- we had to reach out and work with the school committee
 - will attend every meeting/ budget meeting and finance committee
 - Positive feedback from School Committee and Dighton
- S. Vadnais- Regional agreement outdated and unfair to Rehoboth. Needs to change. Hoping for the best.
- Jay Crandall, Danforth Street, asked if the representatives from the state would be at the meeting with the school committee. Senator Finney and Representative Howitt will both be there at the state house.

Action Item #4: Vote to Set Date for the Fall Special Town Meeting

S. Vadnais motion to convene the Rehoboth Fall Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

M. Costello motion to open the October 29, 2019 Fall Special Town Warrant and set the Warrant closing date for September 9, 2019. Second by S. Vadnais.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Costello, aye; Schwall, aye, Vote 3-0

Action Item #5: Request to Sign MVP Grant Contract with Fuss & O'Neill

S. Vadnais motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the contract with Fuss & O'Neill in support of the MVP Grant related to the Culvert and Green Infrastructure Concept and Dam Resiliency Assessment for Danforth Street and County Street. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall remarked that this is at no cost to the tax payers.

Action Item #6: Vote to Accept Comcast Quarterly PEG Payment

S. Vadnais motion to accept the Comcast quarterly payment in the amount of \$57,032.27. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Action Item #7: Request for One Day Special License

M. Costello motion to approve a One Day Special Wine and Malt Beverage License for James Crandall and the Rehoboth Lions Club for use on August 23, 2019 during the hours of 5:00PM and midnight at 95 Cameron Way, Rehoboth, MA. Transportation of alcohol dates are August 22 and August 24, 2019. Second by S. Vadnais 3-0.

Action Item #8: Appointments as Submitted – Election Workers

S. Vadnais motion to approve Cathy Potter as an Unenrolled Inspector in Precinct 2. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Action Item #9: Request to Approve COA Volunteers

S. Vadnais motion to approve Raymond Kenney and Gail Hayes as volunteers in support of COA activities. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Action Item #10: Reappointment as Submitted

S. Vadnais motion to reappoint Norman Spring as Town Photographer. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0.

Action Item #11: Selectmen Liaison Assignments

G. Schwall reviewed with the Board members their department responsibilities.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Lorraine Botts asked if the audit of the school off the table now.

G. Schwall answered that we have been advised that one public body conducting an audit of another public body is problematic in the eyes of the Commonwealth. So, it has been suggested we bring our concerns to the state auditor Susan Bump.

Aaron Morse, Reservoir Ave, has questions looking at FY21. Is the plan moving forward going to involve somehow not having a huge increase?

G. Schwall responded that there is.

- The school need to be using zero-based budgeting. Town has had zero-based budgeting for years. School Department will now be using it as well.
- The BOS school committee liaison will attend all school committee meetings.
- Dr. Azar to bring updates to BOS meeting monthly.
- New Regional agreement can be decided and voted on by 1/2020.
- Regional agreement need to be fair and equitable to both towns.
- The goal is more transparency on this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No report.

Schwall: No report.

Perry: Absent.

Muri: Absent.

Costello: No Report.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:12 PM., Second by Selectmen S. Vadnais. Costello – aye; Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.



Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman




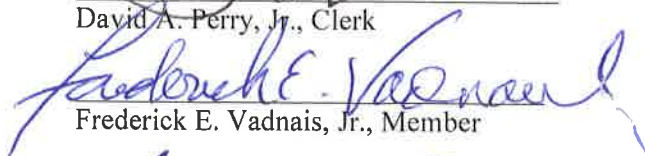
James Muri, Vice Chairman

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David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member

Michael Costello, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved

4-20-2020