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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Absent:** Selectman Mike Costello

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (2)** *To conduct strategy sessions in preparations for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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; Muri, aye. Vote 4-0

**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 September 13, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 19-11B Payroll, \$98,292.90; 19-10A Withholdings, \$28,639.90, 19-10 Warrant, \$197,055.94. G. Schwall motion to approve the Warrant as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Warrant for September 6, 2018:** S. Vadnais signed the weekly Warrants; 19-10B Payroll \$97,136.88; 19-09A Withholdings, \$33,737.51; 19-09 Warrant, \$843,130.11. G. Schwall motion to ratify the signed warrant. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: 4/17/18, 5/7/18, 5/14/18, 8/10/18  
Executive Session Minutes: 8/10/18, 8/20/18

G. Schwall motion to table the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2018 for revisions. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall motion to table the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2018 for revisions. D. Perry second with comment that he was not present. Vote 4-0.

**Discussion:**

D. Perry was absent that meeting, so he needs to be removed from being present.

G. Schwall motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

G. Schwall motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. D. Perry abstained.

G. Schwall motion to table the Executive Session Meeting Minutes for both 8/10/18 and 8/20/18. D. Perry second. Vote 4-0.

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Senator Feeney will hold Office Hours at the Rehoboth Senior Center on Monday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center 55 Bay State Road.

375<sup>th</sup> Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee is still looking for interested citizens to volunteer to help with the Town-wide Clean-ups prior to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade on October 7<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested contact the Selectmen's Office for a Talent Bank form or go to our website for a copy.

Route 44 Paving: Rep Howitt had advised Mass Highway was scheduled to perform permanent pothole patching repairs last week on Route 44 in Seekonk and Rehoboth beginning at the Rhode Island line to the Dighton Town line. Hopefully, it will address any complaints we have been receiving regarding pothole issues.

National Grid Sub-Station Project Open House: National Grid will hold an open house on Thursday, 9/13/18 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center to provide information and to answer any questions from the public on the proposed new sub-station to be built off Reynolds Avenue in Rehoboth. This will be televised live and taped.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Appointment of Reserve Officers for Police Department**

Chief Trombetta has present to respectfully request that the following individuals be appointed as Reserve Officers for the Police Department subject to satisfactory preemployment physical and any other requirements effective 9/10/18 through 6/30/19. He acknowledged Sergeant Rossi and Officer Ferreria for their help in getting these young troops ready for possible advancement.

G. Schwall motion to appoint the following candidates as a Reserve Police Officers subject to satisfactory preemployment physical and any other requirements effective 9/10/18 through 6/30/19. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Nicholas R. Bellavance  
Stephanie L. Connolly  
Michael R. Silvestri  
Brent M. Warrish  
Paulo F. Mendes

**Action Item (2): Lt. Michael Brady**

Chief Trombetta asked the Board to accept the retirement of Lt. Brady, who has served for 35 years and has always taken great pride in being a Police Officer and serving his community.

G. Schwall motion to accept the letter of retirement from Police Department Lieutenant Michael Brady effective 10/1/2018. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Discussion:**

The Board expressed their gratitude and respect for Lt. Brady and wished him well.

**Action Item (3): Hand-Me-Downs Request**

Linda Magulas, a representative of Hand-Me-Downs will be present to request placement of clothing containers at various Town locations including: Town Hall, Highway Department, Senior Center, and South Fire Station. She explained how the program works and that it is a Massachusetts based company. In return for allowing them to place the collection boxes, the company will pay 5 cents for every pound collected, in a check made payable to the Town.

J. Muri motioned to table the request at this time. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall inquired if they were a for-profit business and if it was ethical/legal to have a private business use Town-owned land for their profit.

**Action Item (4): Rehoboth Youth Baseball Softball Association**

Nelson Silva, a representative of RYBSA, was present to seek permission to remove the two old structures and build a new one and to request the Board vote to waive Building Department fees for the construction of a new building/concession stand at the Martin Street ballfields. RYBSA is a non-profit organization.

J. Muri motion to grant permission to RYBSA to demolish existing and build proposed building. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall motion to waive building permit fees, however plumbing and electrical inspection fees and any out-of-pocket expenses would be at the responsibility of RYBSA. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (5): Zoning Bylaw Change Request**

John DuVally was present to ask the Board to accept a request to place an article on the 10/29/18 Special Town Meeting Warrant to change the zoning for 216 Winthrop Street Map 46, Lot 29, to all business. Currently a portion of the parcel is zoned business and a portion is zoned residential/agricultural.

G. Schwall motion to add placeholder in Fall Town Meeting Warrant to address this. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

**Discussion:**

The Board and Mr. DuVally discussed the process of getting this on the warrant and the tight timeline of such a request.

**Action Item (6): Amendment of Conservation Easement**

G. Schwall motion to approve and sign Amendment of Conservation Easement for Plain Street parcel as approved by House Bill H1102. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (7): Veterans Home Visit Memo Agreement**

D. Perry motion to approve Veterans Service Home Visit Agreement as presented by the Veterans' Service Officer Jake Kramer. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (8): Reserve Fund Request**

D. Perry motion to approve request for Transfer from the Reserve Fund from the Treasurer for \$324.00 into line 011453-53121 Treasurer Miscellaneous Charges. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

**Action Item (9): One Day Liquor Licenses**

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Liquor Licenses for David Trott/Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC., at 37 Chestnut St., Rehoboth, MA, with the effective dates and hours:

TYPE OF ONE DAY LICENSE	DATE	TIME	PURPOSE
ALL ALCOHOL	9/15/18	5 PM- 10 PM	WEDDING
WINE AND MALT	9/22/18	5 PM – 10 PM	WEDDING
ALL ALCOHOL	9/29/18	5PM – 10 PM	WEDDING

with the transportation of alcohol dates 9/14 & 9/16, 9/21 & 9/23, and 9/28 & 9/30. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Wine and Malt License for Carol Marcil/Young's Caterers, Inc. 364 Newman Ave, Seekonk, MA 02771 for use at Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA, with the effective dates:

TYPE OF ONE DAY LICENSE	DATE	TIME	PURPOSE
WINE AND MALT	9/12/18	4 PM – 8 PM	REUNION
WINE AND MALT	9/15/18	3 PM – 8 PM	BIRTHDAY
WINE AND MALT	9/23/18	3 PM – 8 PM	WEDDING
WINE AND MALT	10/6/18	2 PM – 7 PM	WEDDING
WINE AND MALT	10/7/18	2 PM – 7 PM	WEDDING

With the transportation of alcohol dates 9/11/18, 9/13/18 and 9/14/18, 9/16/18 and 9/22/18, 9/24/18 and 10/5/18, 10/8/18. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Wine and Malt License for Carol Marcil/Young's Caterers, Inc. 364 Newman Ave, Seekonk, MA 02771 for use at Rehoboth/Seekonk Gun Club, 57 Reed Street on the following date and times:

TYPE OF ONE DAY LICENSE	DATE	TIME	PURPOSE
WINE AND MALT	10/13/18	2 PM – 9 PM	WEDDING

With the transportation of alcohol dates 10/12/18 and 10/14/18. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (10): Award of Highway Bids**

D. Perry motion to award Highway Department materials and services bids as recommended by the Highway Superintendent as read, note "hold on salt bid". Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

**Documentation:** list of bids

**Action Item (11): Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request**

D. Perry motion to approve and sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$161,806.16 for re-pavement and drainage repairs on Blanding Road and Miller Street. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (12): Chapter 90 Final Report**

D. Perry motion to approve and sign Chapter 90 Final Report for \$161,806.16 for re-pavement and drainage repairs on Blanding Road and Miller Street. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

none

**OLD BUSSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): 58 Winthrop Street Complaints**

This item was tabled from 8/6/18 BOS meeting. Board continued to discuss whether or not we should renew the Class II auto license after 9/15/18.

S. Vadnais motion to extend Class II Auto License to 10/20/18, for Board to revisit at 10/15/18. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-0. J. Muri recused himself from discussion.

**Action Item (2): DR Amended School Agreement & Invitation to School Committee Meeting.**

Discussion tabled from 8/27/18 meeting.

The Dighton Board of Selectmen have reached out via letter as well as Dr. Azar, for the BOS to attend the 9/25/18 School Committee meeting starting at 6:30 PM at the DR Media Center.

**Discussion:**

The Board discussed, at length, what could or could not be accomplished by attending such a meeting and the methods used for calculating the regional assessment, whether statutory or alternative, when each came into play, and the fairness of said agreements. Michael McBride, Michael Deignan, and Jay Crandall were present to add to the discussion as well.

**SELECTMEN REPORTS**

**Muri:**

- Discussion with a Veteran interested in opening up a Microbrewery, working up setting up a draft of zoning for BOS review.
- attending Green Energy Committee meeting at library on 9/18, public welcome.

**Vadnais:**

- Title review of Sprague Road and Lindley projects. Discussion whether article or budget – one-time expense
- M. Deignan, Chairman of Finance Committee, prefers to see it as an article. Should not be in a budget line, should be a separate article shows actual cost.

**Schwall:**

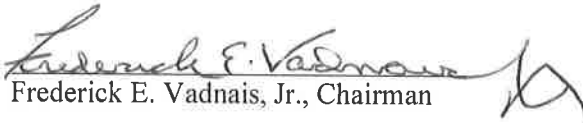
- When visited PSB with D. Perry, Linda showed them the drain problem, which has been taken care of, but now runs out into parking lot, which can freeze. Solutions were discussed.
- Car traveling to field behind Town Hall are speeding through the parking lot, suggested portable speed bumps to be used seasonally (not in winter so as to not interfere with snow plows), speed limit signage, and a painted crosswalk. Then Police can enforce.
- Beware of (actual) snakes at Town Hall. Spotted in hallways and offices.

**Perry:**

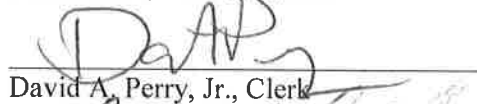
- Approached by Legion to see if BOS would have a discussion about altering the property line outside the parking, and about their need for a well and septic system. Would need to check with Chiefs, etc.
- Requesting an executive session for discussion of the position of the Town Planner/ Conservation Agent

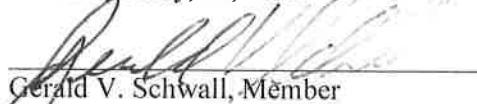
**Costello:** absent

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:36 PM, Second by Selectmen Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall - aye

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

James Muri, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Member

absent  
Michael Costello, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy McDonough  
Assistant to the Town Administrator

**Approved: 12/21/2020**