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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectmen Michael Costello and 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) (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.*

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

Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Board observed a Moment of Silence for Michael O'Hern, Sr. and expressed their sincere gratitude for his devotion to the Town over his many years of service, and their condolences to his wife Pat, and his sons, Michael Jr. and Sean.

J. Muri motioned to have the Town lower the flags half-mast from September 9th till September 11th after his services. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for September 8th, 2020: D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 21-09B Payroll-Rescind, \$105,303.05; 21-09B Correct Payroll, \$108,303.05; 21-10 Payroll, \$129,574.62; 21-09A Withholdings, \$31,453.84; 21-10 Warrant, \$28,144.59. D. Perry motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

D. Perry motion to rescind the vote of last week's payroll of 8/31/2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0
Correction on Payroll: voted \$105,303.05 should have been \$108,303.05. It was a typo made by the Treasurer, but the Payroll was entered correctly.

Warrant for August 31st, 2020: D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 21-09B Payroll, \$105,303.05; 21-08A Withholdings, \$134,225.60; 21-09 Warrant, \$2,456,234.75; 21-09R Refund Warrant, \$40.56; 21-09R1 Refund Warrant, \$2,211.85. D. Perry motioned to re-approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 7/15/2020 & 7/27/2020
Executive Session Minutes: none.

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 15, 2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for July 27, 2020. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Open Forum – Announcements:

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, September 14th at 7:00 PM at the Rehoboth Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road.

A Public Hearing will be held on September 14th for the Anawan Brewing Company, LLC located on Park Street.

Town Administrator's Report:

Update from the Town Nurse: We have not received any new COVID cases this week, however tick-borne disease cases are on the rise. A free Flu shot clinic for children ages 6 months to 18 years will be held on Monday, 9/21. You can make an appointment by emailing jconlon@town.rehobothma.us

Have put together an "In-House posting" for Assessor's Administrative Aide. Waiting to hear back from Gene on his approval. Dave Scanlon has approved.

Will begin working on Dealership Renewals this month.

Last week Cindy and I attended a webinar for the ABCC upcoming Alcohol Renewals. Electronic signatures will be allowed this year, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion: Arson Watch Award Thank You to Katie Martini and Lt. Larrivee

Lt. Randy Larrivee of the Rehoboth Fire Department and Beckwith Middle School 7th Grader Katie Martini were present.

Discussion:

Lt. Larrivee spoke about the program that is run by insurance company. Contest is for middle school students only, 1200 contestants every year. Katie won 1st place in Bristol County and 2nd place in the State, for which she received a plaque and a cash prize. The poster will be published in a calendar. The grant money can be used towards any type of safety procedure. Lt. Larrivee thanked the art teacher, Miss Jen Viletra for working with the students and also his wife for her support

The Board thanked both Lt. Larrivee and Katie for their commitment and efforts.

Action Item #2: Discussion: Fire Chief Job Description- Interim Director of REMA

G. Schwall motioned to table this discussion. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: Discussion: Reed Street Bridge Project

On September 2nd D. Arruda spoke to Pamela Marquis from MassDOT. Ms. Marquis was inquiring if we are planning on holding a Town Meeting in the Spring/Summer of 2021. She needs direction to hold the funds until we are able to work on the project. She needs to input the information into her fiscal year information which runs from October 1 2020 to September 30, 2021.

Discussion:

M. Costello spoke to Board about the issue. Hoping by January 2021 we know what direction the Town will be going. Funds are very helpful to repairs on the bridge that are strongly needed. Can move funds to FY2022 if not. Will look at it again in a few months.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Working with Patrolman's Unions this week with legal counsel. Will advise Board of outcome.

Schwall: -Thank you to everyone who helped with the Election.

-Most votes cast in State Primary, 1984 was last time we had a similar turn out

-Thank you to Palmer River staff, election workers, janitors and voters.

-Thank you to Town Clerk's office. Laura, Lynn, Odete, Logan and all election workers came together as a team.

-We do it again for the November 3rd Election Day, 2 weeks in person voting and weekends

-State and Municipal funding will be cut. Reminder to Dept. Heads there is a budget freeze in place.

Perry: Thank you to Laura and her team for all they do.

Muri: -Blanding Library – Social distance opening contact library or visit website for more details

-COA still closed, but business is ongoing by appointment

-COA will be meeting in September through Zoom

-Working with Planning Board/Daniel on street naming process

-Annex Building siding is almost complete


Costello: -Mike O'Hern will be missed. Prayers and thoughts with his family.

-Highway is cleaning under guard rails to keep vegetation to a minimum. Working with D. Perry and Rob Johnson.

-Modular Buildings are being disassembled, Septic is on-going

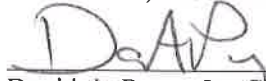
-Thank you to Laura, a lot of hours go into the Election

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:15 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

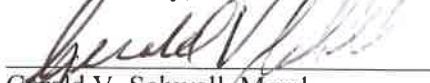


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

James Muri, Vice Chairman



David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk



Gerald V. Schwall, Member



Michael Costello, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 12/21/2020