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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

At 5:30 p.m., on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to enter Executive Session, pursuant to. *MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (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.*

Topics of Discussion: Highway Union Negotiation update; Land Court Litigation-Police Union; Civil Action.

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

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for September 3, 2019-Ratified: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-10B Payroll, \$99,622.90; 20-10A Withholdings, \$35,333.59; 20-09 Warrant, \$243,704.39. J. Muri motion to approve and ratify the weekly warrant for 9/3/19 as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Warrants for September 9, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 20-10A Withholdings, \$28,962.23, 20-11B Payroll, \$99,957.64; 20-10 Warrant, \$103,538.85; 20-10R Refund Warrant, \$272.41; 20-10R1 Refund Warrant, \$4149.21. S. Vadnais motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: None

Executive Minutes: M. Costello motion to approve & hold Executive Minutes from 4/2/10, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to approve & hold Executive Minutes from 8/26/19, second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0 (J. Muri Abstained-absent on that day)

Gravel Committee Meeting Minutes: For review and editing purposes only.

Open Forum – Announcements:

Rehoboth Garden Club-Another successful flower show was held on 9/6 and 9/7. Thank you for all you do.

Bristol County Agricultural High School will be having a ground breaking ceremony on 9/20 at 10 AM for the Center for Science & The Environment. Need RSVP from the Board.

Ron Whittemore -21 Pond Street-Reminding residents of the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee will be having a Fall Clean-up on October 5th and 6th. Sign ups will be held on 9/28 and 10/3. For more information check out their website www.keeptorehobothbeautiful.com.

Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA.

Town Administration Office Updates:

On September 4th Debbie Arruda attend the ABCC Seminar in Mansfield. The process to apply or make changes to a license are the same, except for "Transfer of License," current owner will have to provide documentation from Department of Revenue that they have been compliant with payment of their employees' taxes.

On Friday, September 6, 2019 Debbie will begin her first round of classes in Hyannis for her MMA Certificate. Program will run for 25 "Fridays" ending on May 15, 2020. There were about 40 attendees, mostly from the Cape Cod area.

As of August 30th Debbie became a Notary for the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Vote to Close the October 29, 2019 STM Warrant

S. Vadnais motion to close the October 29, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

Chapter 90 Reimbursement request was for work completed earlier this summer on Mason St, Wheeler St, Sweeney Rd, and Willard Ave. Project approved by MassDot and reviewed by our accountant. The total of the reimbursement is \$525,947.247

D. Perry motion to approve the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$525,947.27. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0 (M. Costello abstained).

Action Item #3: Utility Installer License

J. Muri motion to approve the Utility Installer License Application and process as presented. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

Application approval gives the applicant permission to work in town, NOT to open the road. The installer will need to apply for a Road Opening Permit in order to actually do the work.

License stays with the company, not the installer. If the installer leaves the company, the license approval stays with the company and is good for one year.

The fee paid is a yearly fee not per job fee.

Applicant will have to provide information on Certificate of Insurance (COI) and provide a copy of their current hoisting license.

A copy of the application will be provided to the Board of Health and the Building Dept.

Action Item #4: Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant Award

The town received a grant in the amount of \$8,800.00 that will cover the costs of becoming a "Green Community" and for the preparations of future grant applications and activities. This is a program that is under SRPEDD. There is no cost to the Town for any services rendered.

J. Muri motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant Award on behalf of the town. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: Request from Dighton Selectmen to Resume Quarterly Meetings

The Board was in agreement to reinstate the quarterly meetings with the Dighton Board of Selectmen. In the past there were very good discussion between both boards. Chairman Schwall will review the upcoming schedule for November and a letter will be sent out to the Dighton Board inviting them to one of the Rehoboth BOS meetings in late November.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Chip Ventura -34 Plain Street

Looking for update on the pile of gravel (road sweepings) at the Highway Dept, have we been able to get rid of them.

Concerned about oil containers being left out in the open at Highway. Someone could come and knock them over and then the town would have a major mess on their hands. Can we put the oil somewhere else that is safer?

M. Costello-working on getting rid of the gravel; may have found someone to purchase it.

D. Perry and Mike will look into a closed container or may shrink wrap the plastic containers.

S. Vadnais- the oil program is a good program for the residents in town.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No Report

Schwall: No Report

Perry: No Report

Muri: No Report

Costello: Pavement work for Rt. 44 has been cancelled until Spring 2020.

Laura Schwall posted on the town website that Rehoboth is the 12th Safest Town in Massachusetts. The surrounding towns were Norton at 14, Seekonk at 54, Attleboro at 112. There is a list of all the cities/towns on the website. Thank you Rehoboth Police Dept for your great job.


Legion Traffic-cones are in place for the test run; so far, no issues.

S. Vadnais, The Board needs to see the project first along with Gerry Schwall, the Fire Dept and Police Dept.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:48 PM, second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Muri – aye, Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello – aye.

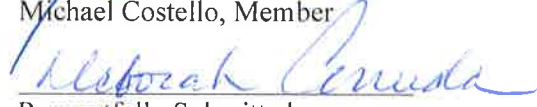

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Arruda
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 9/30/19