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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, October 3, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Frederick “Skip” Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Dave Perry, Member

**Absent:** Susan Pimental, Clerk

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:33 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Schwall, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (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.

The individual to be discussed in such executive session shall be notified in writing by the public body at least 48 hours prior to the proposed executive session; provided, however, that notification may be waived upon written agreement of the parties. A public body shall hold an open session if the individual involved requests that the session be open. If an executive session is held, such individual shall have the following rights:

- i. to be present at such executive session during deliberations which involve that individual;
- ii. to have counsel or a representative of his/her own choosing present and attending for the purpose of advising the individual and not for the purpose of active participation in the executive session;
- iii. to speak on his/her own behalf; and to cause an independent record to be created of said executive session by audio-recording or transcription, at the individual's expense;

(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body \*

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Topics of Discussion: PILOT Agreement; Conservation Restriction; Highway Contract; Licensing Issue\*

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

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-13A, Withholdings, \$32,292.27; 17-14B, Payroll, \$80,950.04; 17-13 Invoices: \$76,683. G. Schwall made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 3-0

**Minutes:** G. Schwall made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2016. Second, D. Perry All Vote 3-0; G. Schwall made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2016. Second, D. Perry All Vote 3-0; G. Schwall made a motion to approve and hold, as amended, the Executive Meeting Minutes from August 29, 2016. Second, D. Perry Voted 3-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday October 11, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Fire Chief – Pinning Ceremony for 7 new firefighters that graduated from Fire Academy. It was a brutal schedule for the recruits. They shortened the time from 6 months to 4 months to complete academy. Rehoboth had the most number of graduates to complete difficult and rigorous schedule.
  1. Christopher Arruda – pinned by his wife Samantha
  2. Alex Reinko – pinned by Chief Barresi
  3. John Farris – pinned by father, retired Pawtucket Lieutenant, David Farris
  4. Daniel Honeycutt – pinned by Attleboro Assistant Chief Dan Gunet
  5. Dillon Leffort – pinned by his grandfather, retired Fire Captain Don Leffort
  6. Marty Parker, Jr. – pinned by his father Rehoboth Fire Fighter Marty Parker, Sr.
  7. Justin Tetrault – pinned by father Rehoboth Fire Fighter Richard Tetrault
  8. (last year's class) Christopher Riley – pinned by Fire Fighter Fred Christie, Sr.The Selectmen voiced their appreciation and gratitude towards Chief Barresi and the Fire Department for all that they do for the community.
- The next informational workshop on new Municipal Complex project will be held at the Senior Center, Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 5PM – 7PM. Open house of Town Offices and Public Safety facilities will be, Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 5PM – 7PM.

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**Town Administrator's Report:**

- I have put together information for a surplus sale and I will send letters out to the departments asking for a list if the Selectmen approve. On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve a surplus sale for November 1, 2016. All Vote 3-0
- Adjuster from insurance company inspected vault on 9/28/16 and took pictures. He will forward a report soon regarding mold issue.
- The bids for the generator and heating system will be opened on 10/3/16 at 10AM. Tom Bryant will be present to review the bids.
- The next department head meeting will be 10/20/16 and that will be for October and November.
- Dr. Azar has sent an invitation for a meeting with G. Schwall and S. Pimental for 10/24/16. Gerry will let Helen know if he can attend.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Anawan School Project**

Dean Harrison present to give an update on the progress of the Anawan School Project. He shows that the traffic pattern has been changed and the community garden may need to be relocated. The playground will stay as is. The floor plans changes were minor. There will be 6 total units in the new building and 4 units in the existing building. Dean goes over the floor plan. We need to submit a zoning application to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Part of the financing we are going for will be a tax credit program, which is the major source of funding for these type of developments. We need to go through the DHCD for the tax credit application process. We need to submit a project eligibility letter. I will be asking for the support from the Town as part of the application. During the application process the Town has 30 days to respond to DHCD, which is part of the eligibility letter. During this process, we will have a meeting at the site for any questions or concerns the Town may have. After we hear back from DHCD for approval, we then go forward with the application to the Zoning Board of Appeals. I have been working with Town Counsel to draw up an MOU. Paul Haverty of Jay Talerman: Dean and I went over MOU. There are just a few loose ends to complete. G.Schwall: Could we obtain a redline document to see the items that were changed in the MOU? PH: Yes. SV: We will wait for the final MOU for the Board to sign and precede from there. Ron Whittemore: Will the community garden be the same size? DH: Yes it will. We need to relocate the garden to accommodate for parking. We want to make it like one big community and have a nice flow of traffic. GS: Asked if the insurance liability factor has been resolved. DH: We are working on that process for insurance on a ground lease now. I am not sure how it works yet. Our vendors and consultants will have their own insurance when working on the site. PH: We will execute an indemnity agreement. DH: We will work with Don Backlund. The Board thanks both Dean and Paul for attending meeting.

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**Action Item #2: Volunteer Coordinator for Animal Shelter**

ACO Rob Johnson recommends Sandra Ruscetta for the position. He states that she is the only volunteer, very qualified and works well with animals. She is working with Friends of Animal Shelter in the trap & neuter project and has worked well with all of the people involved. She has read job description and handbook and stated that it is similar to other shelters she works with. She will help get volunteers on board. She knows this is an unpaid, volunteer only, position. On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Sandra Ruscetta as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Animal Shelter effective 10/3/16 – 6/30/17 All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #3: 8:00PM Public Hearing: Class II Auto License: CT Auto Sales: Alfred Soares**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open public hearing.

Roll call vote: Perry – aye; Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye

Abutter, Richard Cohen, 245 Winthrop Street, he is happy that the building is being fixed up, but concerned about safety of being going in and out of lot onto Rt. 44. It is a very bad intersection. Mr. Soares shows R. Cohen and the Board of Selectmen the diagram of the parking lot, entry and exit, and how many spaces to be made. Mr. Soares also shows the back of the building where there will be additional parking available. Mr. Soares wants 40 vehicles total to be inside building and outside. Dr. Cohen is pleased with Mr. Soares explanation of where people will be parking and how they will be exiting the lot. D. Perry: It would have been easier to have a plan with the parking spaces drawn on it. It is hard to issue a license for 40 cars if they cannot fit in the lot. S.V.: You have a lot of work to do to get the building ready for inspection and the septic has to be addressed with Bob Ashton of the Board of Health. Mr. Soares wants to be open Monday – Friday 9AM – 6PM and Saturday 9AM – 4PM.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to close Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve and hold Class II Auto License CT Auto Sales until Board of Health, Building Department and Fire conditions are met, hours of operation Monday – Friday 9AM – 6PM and Saturday 9AM – 4PM for a maximum of 40 vehicles.

Discussion: G. Schwall is concerned about people parking on the shoulder of Rt. 44. A certain number of parking spaces should be kept for people coming in to look at vehicles and should be marked as such. D. Perry would like a plan drawn up with 40 spaces on lot.

G. Schwall amends motion to approve and hold Class II Auto License CT Auto Sales until Board of Health, Building Department and Fire conditions are met, hours of operation Monday – Friday 9AM – 6PM and Saturday 9AM – 4PM in addition a plan submitted and approved by the Board to address public parking entrance and exit at such time we will approve the number of vehicles.

All Vote: 0-3

Hold on vote until next week, Mr. Soares will come back next week with a parking plan showing numbers of vehicles and where buyers will park, enter and exit grounds.

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**Action Item #4: 8:15PM Public Hearing: Class II Auto License: Fournier Auto & Truck Sales, LLC.: Theodore Fournier**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to open the Public Hearing and continue to next week. Roll Call Vote: Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye.

**Action Item #5: Report of Highway Search Committee**

Members of the Highway Search Committee: Bob Saxon, Kevin McBride, Matt Habershaw, Dave Scanlon present.

Bob Saxon: We met on multiple occasions. Out of the 8 applicants we selected 5 that we interviewed. We had one from New York and one from Virginia that are very interested. D. Perry announced the three applicants that are moving forward to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen: Mike Costello, Thomas Degnan, Jr., and Timothy Conklin. B.S.: If you are not happy with the three names that we have chosen, we will go over the process again. Kevin McBride: We collected the names and reviewed resumes. We made a short list and interviewed the 5. We also allowed them to ask us questions or voice concerns they may have during the interview process. We also did reference calls.

S. Vadnais: Should we give them the questions up front so they can have time to answer them?

K. McBride: We, as a Committee, discussed our questions ahead of time. We never discussed submitting them to the applicants ahead of time. The Board discussed not submitting questions to applicants before interview. The Board will review questions in two weeks on October 17, 2016 and October 24, 2016 will be the interview meeting. The Board thanks the Highway Search Committee for their expertise.

D. Perry informed them that the State is coming to inspect the County Street bridge on October 18, 2016

**Action Item #6: Rehoboth Litter Prevention Initiative**

Abby Abrahamson: This project has two goals: to raise awareness of litter problem and to distribute litter barrels throughout public walkways through the Town. I started it when I was walking and noticed a lot of litter around. The walking route starts and ends at the Shad Factory Pond, its 3.5 miles long. D.P.: How will these barrels be maintained? AA.: I contacted keep Mansfield beautiful and they have bins that can be painted to suite the Town and Waste Tech will be willing to empty them for a small fee of \$60.00 per year. D.P. We can also contact the Highway Department to empty the bins. AA: I would like to start with one or two bins to see how it goes. H.D: I spoke with Bob Ashton and he stated that the Highway Department will empty them and bring it to the transfer station. D.P.: I will talk to Highway Department. G. S.: Will you be painting the barrel to make it beautiful, if not who will? Abby is to bring to the Board: where to get the barrels, who will decorate them, and where the first will go.

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**Action Item #7: Job Descriptions**

Dave Scanlon from Personnel Board present.

G.Schwall: We spoke to the Clerical Union and the job descriptions were in need of updating.

D. Scanlon: We did a total of 18 new job descriptions. Supervisor of departments has seen and reviewed the job descriptions. This does not need a hearing to approve. The Board agreed to hold for a month and revisit.

**Action Item #8: Personnel Policies**

D. Scanlon: We made very minor changes. This does need to go before a public hearing. The Board reviewed personnel policies. Hold for a month. D. Scanlon informs Board that the Personnel Board is having a problem reaching a quorum and a new applicant was not appointed recently. S.V.: To check with Selectmen Pimental.

**Action Item #9: Resignation Marjorie Johnston**

Item Tabled

**Action Item #10: Common Vic License for Hazelton Golf Club**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve application for a Common Vic License for Hazelton Golf Club, LLC effective 10/3/16 thru 12/31/16, but hold on issuance of license upon condition that license shall be issued upon the completion of the premises and issuance of occupancy permit. All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #11: One Day Liquor Licenses**

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve one day wine & malt license for Lissa Trott of Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC on 37 Chestnut Street for dates; 10/16/16 from 1PM – 4PM for a shower & 10/22/16 from 4PM – 9PM for a wedding with transportation dates being; 10/15/16, 10/17/16 & 10/21/16, 10/23/16 All Vote 3-0

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve one day wine & malt license for Elizabeth Silver of Emery's Catering on 24 Central Street of Central Falls, RI 02863 to be at Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street, for 10/9/16 from 5PM – 10PM for a wedding with liquor transportation dates being; 10/8/16 & 10/10/16 All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #12: Library Payment**

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society in the amount of \$55,257.50 in payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter per the agreement for operation of the Blanding Library. All Vote 3-0

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**Open Forum:**

- Sandra Gagnon & Roland Gagnon: thank you for the Spectra meeting and all you have done. S.V: We are bringing them back to answer the unanswered questions. S.G.: Are you still pursuing the non-binding vote. S.V.: We are thinking of putting on our meeting agenda in January or May. M. Deignan: The Board has a right to put it on the April election ballot without putting a warrant article together for the Town Meeting. Although, you may have a larger turnout at the April election if you do bring it forward on the Town Meeting warrant.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**  
**10/3/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** none

**Pimental:** absent

**Perry:** none

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen G. Schwall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 10:05 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Perry - aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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\_\_\_\_\_(absent)\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 11/1/16