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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, November 14, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:30 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;(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Contract Negotiations \*

**Call to Order at 7:00p.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; 17-19A, Withholdings, \$24,908.62; 17-20B, Payroll, \$85,473.66; 17-19 Invoices: \$4,071,308.96. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2016 as amended. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0.

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday November 22, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM.

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**Town Administrator's Report:**

- I met with David House and he has a quote from Solectria for approximately \$1,000 to provide solar monitoring services for both Highway and Senior Center. They will provide 5 years of monitoring & automatic notices. Kelly and I will receive these notices and we need to identify the problem. David will prepare an action chart.
- Electric Service for Town: David House is soliciting prices from an energy broker. Constellation has provided new pricing lower than before. David suggests if we go with them to sign a two year contract. He will have prices this week.
- Letter from Town Counsel requesting we inform them of our decision to stay with Talerman. The Board requests Jay Talerman come before the Board to discuss the firm splitting and how this will affect our Town.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Retirement letter from Detective Eastwood-DuVally**

Chief James Trombetta present.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to table retirement of Detective Eastwood-DuVally. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #2: Appoint Reserve Officer**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to table reserve officer appointment of Detective Eastwood-DuVally. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Appoint a Full Time Officer**

Chief Trombetta recommends that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mark Wetherell as a Full Time Officer. Mark Wetherell also had recommendations from Sgt. Rossi and Ferreira. Chief Trombetta stated that his father served Rehoboth well for 32 years and left as a Chief of Police and was also Chief of Police for CCRI.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Mark Wetherell, presently a reserve officer, as a full time Patrolman effective 11/14/16 with a one year probationary period. All Vote 4-0

S. Vadnais went on to talk of the generations in Mark Wetherell's family that have served the Town.

**Action Item #4: Discussion with Veteran's Service Officer: Memorial Day Parade**

Jake Kramer read a letter regarding Memorial Day and what it means. Jake would like the Board of Selectmen to support the changes he plans to make to the parade. He wants to teach younger generations the real meaning and understanding of Memorial Day. He wants to draw people in earlier with a large display of (military, fire, tactical) vehicles and the military before the start of the parade. He would like to start parade at the gazebo. He would like to make it a memorable

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and unique experience. Dave Perry concerned that there will only be a small showing before the parade. Also how long until parade starts for the people waiting along the streets. J. Kramer: Staging will take place from 8AM-9:30AM along with the Dighton-Rehoboth Marching Band; ceremony 9:30AM – 10AM; parade at 10AM. G. Schwall: Are the Veterans on board? JK. I have only had two negative responses. I am currently working with several veterans now. I met with the Dighton Veterans Service Officer and it will be a challenge to work together on this. Tish Vadnais: How will people join ceremony then try to see parade? JK. We will have police detail for the pedestrians crossing Rte. 44 after parking at the Lincoln soccer field and I also do not expect 100% participation in the ceremony. G.S. The Parks Commission needs to be informed if there will be any chairs or use of Redway Plains beyond the gazebo.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to support the Veteran's Service Officer to go ahead with the plans for the Memorial Day Parade as he stated. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Vote to Appoint Jake Kramer to IT Committee**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental to table item. All Vote 4-0

The talent bank form needs to be presented to the entire Committee and voted on to increase and restructure the committee, if they choose.

**Action Item #6: Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve budget amendment as amended below from \$300.00 to \$30.00:

Account Name	Department	Increase	Decrease
<b>012453-57320</b>	Elec. Inspector – One Day Conference	\$30.00	
<b>012453-57110</b>	Elec. Inspector – Mileage		\$30.00

Discussion: John Brennan took money out of his pocket to pay for this conference.

All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7: Nominate Assistant Animal Inspector**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to nominate Brian McKearney as the Assistant Animal Inspector for the term effective 11/14/16 – 4/30/17. All vote 4-0

**Action Item #8: Discussion Re: How to establish a Facilities Manager**

The Selectmen bring up thoughts on how to go about obtaining a facilities manager and what the facilities manager should try to accomplish and do daily. A monthly checklist is already in place for the buildings. M. Diegnan: The school department just hired a facilities manager; maybe you can pull the job description and use that as a starting point.

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**Action Item #9: Renew Personal Kennel Permit**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to renew personal kennel permit for Robert & Judith Grant of 7 Willard Avenue, Rehoboth, MA. effective 1/1/17 – 12/31/17 with discussion: S. Vadnais will talk to the Animal Control Officer and Town Clerk regarding how to move forward on renewing permit. The Board may require using a sign off sheet to make sure dogs are being vaccinated and well kept. License will be put on a future agenda. There was no vote to renew.

**Action Item #10: Chapter 90 Project Request**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve & sign Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the Pleasant Street Culvert Engineering. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10A: Quarterly Payment from Comcast**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept quarterly payment of \$58,520.79 from Comcast. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #11: Discussion with Citizens against Compressor Station**

Tracy Manzella thanked the Board for approving the non-binding vote to be on April's ballot and also for holding a meeting with Spectra. Tracy read a letter that she composed in regards to what the CARCS represent. Kelly Erskin: Feels Spectra gave vague answers. Kelly invites Board to listen to research acquired by doctors and professionals at the Blanding Library November 16, 2016 at 7PM. Kelly Erskin informs Board of all the meetings and people they have spoken with. They are also meeting with Congressman Kennedy on November 28, 2016. She also states that if the group is not successful at stopping the Compressor Station from going in; there are special Town Ordinances that can be filed and put in place to protect the abutters re: lighting, sound and health testing done. SV.: We will contact the Board of Health to discuss the comprehensive health testing ordinance. Kathleen Boivin: When will Spectra be coming back to answer remaining questions? D.P.: I will be setting up a meeting for them to return after the holidays. Chris Gauthier: I am an abutter to the proposed property and I look forward to working with you on this and if the compressor station goes in that you will help make sure the proper safety measures are in place.

**Open Forum:**

Lesley Gouveia: Asked someone on the Board if they can show up Wednesday evening 7PM at Blanding Library for the informational meeting and thanked the Board of Selectmen for their time.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **11/14/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** Asked Dave Perry about COA projects.

**Schwall:** I attended the Golf Team Award dinner and it was amazing to watch Bill Cute hand out the awards. He has a love and passion for anything he does. I also was able to attend the Veterans event at the Legion.

- Abby Abrahamson contacted me to see where we were on the Litter Prevention Intervention. I informed her that we need more information; where did Mansfield get the cans, how and who will decorate them, possible grants to support this, and sustainability of this project.

**Pimental:** none

**Perry:** I will discuss the trash bins with the Highway Department and see if this is something they want to take on.

- We had another leak in the roof over the vault that needs to be repaired. We received quotes and need to take action. The Board of Selectmen agree. This is why we need a facilities manager.
- The Generator and Heating System at the COA will be scheduled to be fixed shortly. We are waiting for delivery of products. The Generator project will be starting sooner.

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:30 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall - aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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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 12/19/16