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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, February 13, 2017
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 5:01 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd 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 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 own behalf; and
- iv. to cause an independent record to be created of said executive session by audio-recording or transcription, at the individual’s expense;

(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: Personnel Issues*

Call to Order at 7:00p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-32A, Withholdings, \$22,986.60; 17-32B, Payroll, \$87,869.32; 17-32 Invoices: \$62,930.43. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: G. Schwall made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2017. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 3-0(S. Pimental abstained); S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2017. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday February 27, 2017 at the DRHS auditorium for Spectra meeting at 7PM.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Department of Housing Community Development would like to have a site visit of the Anawan School for our application. They would like to schedule it on February 21st between 9:30 – 2. S. Pimental or S. Vadnais will attend. They need to narrow time down within an hour. Counsel to be contacted in regards to them entering an unsafe building.
- I Attended MEGA workshop on workers comp. They now have an ICE system where all filings and reports are done online. This allows information to be obtained online and status updates immediately.

3.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Pole Hearing; Reynolds Avenue

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open Public Hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

Michael Frazier from National Grid: There is a development going in area, we will be adding two poles on Reynolds Avenue.

S. Vadnais asked if there are any concerns: M. Costello: Highway Superintendent; the road is only 1 year old. Mike asked if they use care when heavy equipment is on the newly paved road. He had previously sent a letter to National Grid.

No abutters spoke.

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

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve the placement of two poles on Reynolds Avenue as per plan that was submitted with regards to Highway Superintendent's request to use care on newly paved roadway. All Vote 4-0

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Action Item #2: Hire of Highway Truck Driver/ Laborer

There are two openings within the department.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to hire Dylan Maiorano as laborer/ truck driver full time effective immediately pending a pre-employment physical and drug screening; a six-month probationary period, obtaining the required licenses within 6-month probationary period and a pay rate of \$21.83 per hour. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to hire Diane Fyfe as laborer/ truck driver full time effective 2/21/17 pending a successful pre-employment physical and drug screening; a six-month probationary period, obtaining the required licenses within 6-month probationary period and a pay rate of \$21.83 per hour. All Vote 4-0

Congratulations and good luck. Thank you to all the applicants. The five that were interviewed were all qualified and we thank you for your time. Thank you to Mike Costello for help in narrowing down the search from over 30 applicants.

Action Item #3: Wheeler Street Bridge

Hank Coleman; Wheeler Street resident. Handed a petition to the Board.

Hank would like speed limit signs and a three way stop sign posted for speed control.

D. Perry stated that there is a lot more to it for speed limit signs. It requires a DOT application and a study performed. Any street not marked has an automatic 40mph in rural settings.

M. Costello: We can bring a change in our bylaws to the Town Meeting and try to change them.

H. Coleman: There has been numerous accidents at this intersection. There is more traffic at this intersection from new houses and Crestwood Country Club.

M. Costello to look into requesting a speed study from DOT. Mike will also look into changing the layout of the intersection.

G. Schwall: We need to put together a stop sign protocol.

S. Vadnais: The Board of Selectmen are requesting that Mike Costello and Chief Trombetta to put together a stop sign protocol in 60 days to present to the Board.

Hank Coleman will be drafting a warrant article for Town meeting and Town Counsel will help with the wording.

Action Item #4: Comcast PEG Funding Check

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept check in the amount of \$59,322.79 from Comcast in payment of PEG fund for October 2016 thru December 2016. All Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Women's Development Filing

The Department of Housing & Community Development regarding the application filed by the Women's Development Corp. They advised us that there is a 30-day review period from date of letter, 2/1/17, should we have any questions. The Board of Selectmen advised Helen to send out to all Commissions & Committees that would be interested including CPC. ZBA was already notified.

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OPEN FORUM:

Mike Deignan: Continuing the traffic complaint session; the Slater Street & King Phillip Street intersection had another accident resulting in \$5,000 damage to a rock wall on my property. There have been many complaints around Town of traffic violation issues. I would encourage this Board to hire more officers to write tickets or hire a constable.

S. Pimental will talk to Chief Trombetta about having a stronger presence in some problem areas.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

2/13/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Schwall: none

Pimental: none

Perry: none

- 4.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:39 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway,
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 3/6/17