

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING TUESDAY, February 16, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry and Gerald Schwall, Members

**Also Present:** Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

**Executive Session:** At 6:01 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Vadnais, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 21; (3) 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:** Rehoboth vs. REPAC; Highway Contract Negotiations; Personnel Issue FMLA

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Voted 5-0

**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:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-32A , \$25,658.21; Payroll: 16-33B, \$84,351.23; Invoices: 16-33, \$3,899,658.97. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2015. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0; Regular Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2015 Second S. Vadnais Voted 5-0; Regular Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2015 Second D. Perry as amended per G. Schwall Voted 5-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

• Next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be Monday February 22, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

**Town Administrator’s Report:** Helen Dennen none

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 Chapter 90 Project Request**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental and Second by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve the Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the following projects:

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- Salt Shed Phase 2- procurement of structural steel
- Salt Shed Phase 3- installation of fabric structure
- Pleasant Street Culvert- Engineering Services

All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #2 Letter of Support (tabled from last week)**

Residents of The Preserve would like mailboxes placed in front of their property instead of central delivery points. Selectmen Vadnais: based on Chief Trombetta’s correspondence I would be in favor of the petition due to the posing safety hazard, roads are dark. Selectmen Pimental read Chief Trombetta’s report in favor of door to door service.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais, Second by Selectmen Schwall is was voted to approve petition and forward a letter to Rehoboth Post Master regarding door to door service for The Preserve. All Vote 5-0

Michael Levinson, resident in The Preserve, thanked the Board of Selectmen. A copy of the letter will also be sent to Michael so that he may follow up and inform the petitioners.

**Action Item #3 Budget Amendments**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve budget amendment below.

Line #	Department	Increase by:	Decrease by:
011253-53000	BOS Contracted Services Prof/Tech	\$500.00	
011253-52910	BOS Contracted Services Custodial		\$500.00

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Perry it was voted to approve budget amendments below.

012052-51920	Police comp/Training *	\$4,793.16	
012052-51520	Police comp/Holidays		\$3,502.76
012052-51120	Police Comp/Full Time		\$1,290.40
012103-57140	Police Exp/Registration	\$50.00	
012103-57200	Police Out of State/Travel		\$50.00
012103-54400	Police Oper Supplies	\$311.88	
012103-52421	Police Radio Repair		\$311.88
012103-57140	Police Exp/Registrations	\$597.00	
012103-52430	Police Vehicle R/M		\$597.00

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012103-54400	Police Oper Supplies	\$882.00	
012103-54800	Police Auto supplies		\$621.63
012103-55840	Police Det/Prisoners		\$177.06
012103-51960	Police Initial Equipment	\$735.93	
012103-52421	Police Radio Repair		\$500.00
012103-55840	Police Det/Prisoners		\$235.93
012052-51550	Police Comp/Court Time	\$598.54	
012052-51430	Police Comp/IOD Replac		\$598.54
012052-51510	Police Comp/Vacation *	\$1,398.20	
012052-51560	Police Comp/Family Leave		\$1,398.20

All Vote 5-0

- Selectmen Pimental stated the vehicle registration line item was related to an officer leaving the force. Selectmen Schwall: The training amount was already budgeted last year and brought by the Department, to the Town Meeting. I don't know why they are over spending. Selectmen Pimental: They are within their budget; they are just moving line items. Selectmen Pimental: I will get more information for you.

**Action Item #4 Sign Placement Request**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to approve sign placement at the various locations, for the various events below. All Vote 5-0

Locations:

- Intersection of Routes 118 & 44
- Intersection of Bay State Road & Route 44
- Island in front of Rehoboth Congregational Church
- Intersection of County Street & Bay State Road (where Francis Farm sign is located)
- Intersection of Fairview Ave and 118 (soccer field corner)

For the following events:

- March 6 American Girl Doll Tea
- April 10 Bus tour of historic homes
- May 6 Annual Meeting
- June 5 Strawberry Country Festival/Family Day
- June 29 thru July – Celebrate Arts, Rehoboth Local Art Show
- September 23 Wine Tasting/Silent Auction
- November 11 & 12 Folk Art & Artisans Show
- December 8 Winter Events (TBD)

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**Action Item #5 Water Commission Appointment**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to appoint Kathleen J. Conti to the Water Commission to fill term vacated by A. Werner Horlbeck, effective 2/16/16 – 4/1/16 (Annual Town Election) All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #6 Comcast Check**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Perry it was voted to accept payment from Comcast in the amount of \$55,754.35 for Quarterly Franchise Fee for period 10/1/15 thru 12/31/15 All Vote 4-0-1 (Selectmen Schwall abstained)

**Action Item #7 7:30 PM Public Hearing Kennel Permit**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to open public hearing

Roll Call to Open Hearing; Vadnais – aye, Pimental – aye, Costello – aye, Perry – aye, Schwall – aye

James & Ellen Burke have applied for a Personal Kennel Permit for four or more dogs.

Selectmen Costello: Welcome to the Town. You have applied for 7 dogs; English Mastiffs. Are they all show dogs? James: Yes they are all show dogs and they are my personal dogs.

Selectmen Costello: You have met our Animal Control Officer. What type of temperament do your dogs have? James: Laid back. Selectmen Costello: Are they anxious and high strung?

James: No, not at all. Ellen: They will bark if there is a reason, otherwise they just hang out.

Selectmen Vadnais: You have outdoor fences for the dogs, 4x6 houses, and a heated barn; with consideration to put in air conditioning, that's great. Jane have you inspected the barn and kennel and is it satisfactory? Jane: Inspected kennel and it is satisfactory. James: We have been

doing this for 30 years and have never had a complaint. Selectmen Schwall: The number of dogs is blank on permit; how many dogs are we approving. Selectmen Costello: They applied for 7

dogs and that is what we are approving tonight. If they want more dogs next year they have to come for another public hearing and notify the abutters. Jane: Can they request here tonight to

have 10 – 15 dogs? Selectmen Vadnais: We will allow you to amend this to eight. It was advertised as 7 and we cannot double that amount without advertising for another public hearing.

Selectmen Perry: Jane I remember Mason Street was able to keep 40 dogs. Was it an open ended license? Jane: They had a breeding kennel, were grandfathered in and had 75 acres with a lot of

facilities for these dogs. Selectmen Vadnais: The law doesn't limit the number of dogs, we do. Abutters were present and no complaints.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais, Second by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to close public hearing

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

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais Second by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to amend application for license to eight dogs and location to be designated on license All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #8 7:40 PM Public Hearing Class II Auto License Application**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Schwall it was voted to open public hearing for a Class II Auto License to be used at 29 Fall River Avenue.

Roll Call to Open Hearing; Vadnais – aye, Pimental – aye, Costello – aye, Perry – aye, Schwall – aye

Selectmen Costello: We have a serious problem at that location with several violations. The Conservation Commission has an enforcement order on the property. The Building Department, the Board of Health Department and the Fire Department all have various violations. These violations are not with you they are with your landlord. Maria Raposa (landlord) came before the Board. Selectmen Costello: A list of violations can be obtained from the various departments. It was determined that vehicles were being junked on the property and this application is for a Class II not a Class III. We cannot proceed with the application until violations are addressed. I will continue the Public Hearing at a later time once these violations have been addressed. You will not have to refile. Once we receive letters from the departments telling us the violations have been remedied, then we will move ahead. Maria Raposa: A lot of this was brought on by the tenants. Selectmen Perry: It is under your control.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais, Second by Selectmen Pimental it was voted to continue public hearing at a later date. Vote 5-0

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Blue Wave**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, Second by Selectmen Vadnais it was voted to remove the Town's hold on the issuance of any permits for the Blue Wave Landfill Solar Project, subject to Lisa Mead's approval of the bond language to be submitted by Aidan Foley. All Vote 5-0

*Due to inclement weather the Board of Selectmen Meeting lost power.  
All other Agenda Items not heard.*

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**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion made by Selectman Vadnais, seconded by Selectman Pimental, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm due to power outage.

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Michael R. Costello, Chairman

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Gerald V. Schwall, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 4/11/16