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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, February 29, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry and Gerald Schwall, Members

Also Present: Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:00p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd 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: Highway Contract Negotiations Discussion; Police Grievance*

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 16-34A, \$111,799.46; Payroll: 16-35B, \$76,612.88; Invoices: 16-34, \$71,053.30; Invoices: 16-35, \$27,311.42. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2015. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2015. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 30, 2015. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 4-0 (S. Vadnais abstained); S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 19, 2016. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 5-0

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3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:

- Laura Schwall: Voter Super Tuesday, the Presidential Primary, tomorrow all three polls are open 7 am- 8pm, if you don't know if you're registered or where you go to vote you can go to the Secretary of State website click on elections and you can find all the information you need.
- G. Schwall: Like to congratulate Mike and Ana Deignan who were married today and are spending their honeymoon at the Board of Selectmen Meeting.
- The Rehoboth Business Association will hold a "Meet the Candidates" night on 3/22/16 at Hillside Country Club starting at 5:30 pm with a social hour followed by a Q & A forum starting at 6:30pm. Cost is \$20 per person RSVP by 3/18/16 by calling Cindy at 508-641-7146. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

• Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday March 7, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen
None

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1 Tolling Agreement

On a motion made by Selectmen Perry Second by Selectmen Pimental to approve and authorize Selectmen Costello to sign Tolling Agreement for Pleasant Street Bridge contingent on Town Counsel to review.

Discussion: Selectmen Vadnais concerned about fine print. Would like to table until Town Counsel reviews and then comes back in front of the Board.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental Second by Selectmen Schwall to table item until Town Counsel reviews Tolling Agreement All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2 REMA Appointments

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental Second by Selectmen Vadnais the board voted to appoint Donna M. Bishop and William E. Curren to the Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency effective 2/29/16 thru 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Selectmen Costello: Helen both CORI checks have been completed? Yes

Action Item #3 Budget Amendments

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

Line #	Department	Increase by:	Decrease by:
012203-54400	Fire Software Expense	\$119.00	
012203-54500	Fire Other Station Supplies		\$119.00

All Vote 5-0

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Public Hearing Continued from 2/22/16

Action Item #4 7:15pm Public Hearing Class II Auto License Application

Selectmen Costello opens public hearing regarding Class II Auto License for US Financial Vehicles, LLC.

Present: Johny Elnemer, Sabah Elnemer, Maria Raposa,

Building Inspector Present: John Santos

Fire Chief Barresi present.

Selectmen Costello: John has been to see you and do you feel the business can operate from that portion of the building? John Santos: Yes I do. I walked through the building some parts I hadn't been in, and there is new, fire coded sheet rock placed, the corrosion I noticed before, has been taken care of; there are all new fire extinguishers. Mrs. Raposa also gave me a proposal to do the rest of the sheet rock and also four quotes to have someone come in and look at the heating system. It's going to be a work in progress.

Chief Barresi: I have a signed contract from Mrs. Raposa, to have someone come in and put in a fire alarm system in two weeks.

Selectmen Vadnais: Are you still looking for 90 days to complete? Chief Barresi: Yes John Santos: 120 days from this day forward.

Selectmen Pimental: Was there a report about a wall? John Santos: The wall in question is not a structural wall so it is not a structural problem.

Selectmen Costello: Moving forward we are looking at 90 days to complete fire concerns and 120 days to complete building concerns.

Selectmen Schwall: Have the cars been removed? John Santos: The whole front has been cleaned up and the cars are removed. They are working on the back now.

Selectmen Perry: For the record, the Health Inspector was out there and he is ok with the cesspool as is for now. It is completely functional and is completely legal as long as they don't refinance or sell the building.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental Second Selectmen Schwall it was voted to close the Public Hearing: Roll Call Vote: Vadnais-aye, Pimental-aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye, Costello-aye.

On a motion made by Selectmen Vadnais Second by Selectmen Pimental is was voted to approve Class II Auto License with 90 days to complete fire code issues and 120 days to complete building code violations and all other issues.

Selectmen Schwall: I want the applicants to know and understand that if in 120 days the landlord has not lived up to her responsibilities, the license will be revoked. I want you to understand that you are taking a risk. Sabah Elnemer and Johny Elnemer said they understand everything.

All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #5 RAAC Presentation

David Katseff Co-Chair: We are 12 members plus 3 resources. Our objective is to come up with an amendment to our regional agreement that satisfies all of the laws. I would like to introduce the members of the RAAC: Chris Andrade my Co-Chair; Tiffany Bartholemew, from Rehoboth; Dean Cronin, Board of Selectmen member from Dighton; Bill Dalpe, from Rehoboth; Glenn Jefferson, school committee member from Dighton; Sue Lorenz, Sue McBride, Rehoboth Finance Committee; Tony Rodriques, from Dighton; George Solas, Finance Committee Member from Rehoboth; Ed Swartz, Chair of Finance Committee from Dighton; Skip Vadnais, Board of Selectmen Representative from Rehoboth. .

Power Point Presentation was done on the Original Regional Agreement which is also on the Districts Website.

The Board of Selectmen and the RAAC discussed:

- 5 weighted votes for each town to satisfy “1 man, 1 vote”.
- Newly elected School Committee member not seated until July 1
- Quorum for a legal meeting – 7 members minimum
- Two different thresholds for votes
- Each town should not be responsible for repairs of another town’s school
- Looking into pure 50/50 split on central office and district programs that benefit the district
- School choice and the benefits
- How towns are assessed – the wealth factor
- Mentioned complaint on RAAC now at State Level and needs to be resolved so as not to cloud process going forward
- Full regionalization – separate K – 8(melding)
- E & D monies
- Alternative Method vs. the Statutory Method (default method, not supported by the State)
- Need to come to a fair agreement that would support the education of the kids

At the closing of the meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the RAAC, Chairman Mike Costello thanked them for the presentation and the information. Dave Katseff: We will also plan to have other public forums. We will then present our recommendation to the school committee for approval. All the amendments to a regional agreement must be finally approved by the Commissioner of DESE.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
2/29/16 Selectmen's Reports:

Costello:

Vadnais: We need attention to Allens Lane near Mello Brook if two large vehicles are passing there is a drop down and no guard rails, it could cause a roll over. I need that addressed immediately tomorrow with the Highway Department. MC will take care of it.

Schwall: I attended a meeting of IT Committee, they discussed coming before the Board with a policy as to what their roll is so that they are acting within the scope of what the Board would like. They will give us a draft to review first. Just one case was when they bought equipment for the Fire Department didn't realize that there is maintenance fees attached. I would also like to Board to consider an article on the warrant. The Board stated to write it out and present it to them. There is a version of the Valor Act that we have adopted also applies to seniors and I would like that approved. There is no income requirement.

Perry: Regarding the COA heating system we should have some guidelines and an audit done within a week.

Pimental:

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., Second by Selectmen Vadnais. All Vote 5-0

Michael R. Costello, Chairman

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Gerald V. Schwall, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 5/16/16