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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, March 28, 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 6:02p.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; (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining session or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Highway Contract Negotiations; Town Owned Property; Personnel Issue\*

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.

The Board of Selectmen also called a moment of silence for the passing of Gale Pray.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** M. Costello read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-38A, \$107,636.73; Payroll: 16-39B, \$82,866.31; Invoices: 16-39, \$122,484.75. 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 February 22, 2016, 2015. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve

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and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2014 Second. D. Perry Voted 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2014 Second. D. Perry Voted 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2014 Second. D. Perry Voted 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2015 Second. D. Perry Voted 5-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Reminder Town Election is Monday April 4, 2016 with voting at all 3 precincts 7Am – 8PM
- Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday April 5, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

**Town Administrator's Report:** Helen Dennen

- Mass Highway will begin spring State Highway sweeping weather permitting on or about March 28, 2016
- 29 Fall River Avenue- complying with all of Town's requests and ahead of schedule.
- Perryville Dam inspection – Conservation Commission will be asked to pay – due this year
- I am meeting with Dr. Azar tomorrow if Board would like me to address anything.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Local Access**

Derek has requested to get Board's support on updates to the Cable Access. He will be talking about money provided for Capital Expenditures through negotiations that have to last 10 years and operating funds payed on a quarterly basis through the Town. G. Schwall recused himself. Meeting rooms equipment getting old. We will be doing Senior Center first, Phase 1:\$33,396.00; Phase 2: \$17,695.50. Phase 3: School Committee Room with the oldest equipment \$26,152.50 for a total of \$77,244.00. It will take about 1 ½ months to complete all phases. It will improve quality. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by S. Vadnais it was voted to approve Derek to update Cable Access equipment at the Council on Aging building and the School Committee Meeting Room. All Vote 4-0 (G. Schwall recused himself)

**Action Item #2: Appointment of Police Officer**

Chief Trombetta: Bartucca is leaving and highly recommend Nicholas Barros as a full time officer.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second S. Vadnais it was approved to appoint Nicholas Barros as a full-time Patrolman for the Police Department effective 3/28/16 thru 3/27/17 on a one year probationary period per Masscop Patrolman's Contract, contingent upon successfully passing any physicals, etc. that may be required. All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #3: Chapter 90 Project Requests**

- Intersection of Rte 6 and Old Providence Highway, very dangerous. \$15,300 for engineering service to design and realign.
- \$29,000 to procure rebuilt front axle for 1999 John Deere Front End Loader and installation- State wants a certified John Deere Dealer handle.  
Is it true, we are incurring this expense because someone failed to maintain oil in vehicle? We have purchased a new maintenance program that is completely computerized. Have the individual who is responsible fill out letter stating a mistake was made and put in personal file.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept the Chapter 90 request for \$29,000 to procure rebuilt front axle for 1999 John Deere Front End Loader and installation All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept the Chapter 90 request for \$15,300 for engineering service to design and realignment of intersection of Rte 6 and Old Providence Highway All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #4: FY17 Budget Reviews**

**Highway Department:**

Warrant Article: \$2,800 for purchase of a new overhead door for Highway Garage – OK

Review of Highway Department budget for FY17.

- 2 new employees needed only have 3 workers.
- Put Superintendent budget line item for \$70,000 & \$42,700 entry level employee
- Discussed contracting jobs out vs. doing jobs in house (sweeping, clean catch basins, etc.)
- Need plan for drainage and paving to protect roads

Discussion of Police Budget from last week:

- One additional officer, not 2 to get back to the cuts made from three years ago

Veteran's budget discussed:

- \$28,000 with 28 hours per week increase

Building Department:

- Office supply increase was for a copier to make larger plans – look into putting on IT Committee

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to accept one additional police officer, not two that was requested by the Police Department. All Vote 5-0

S.P.: requested list of vehicles from Police Department, on what they want additional; portable radios. Helen will check on.

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**Action Item #5: 5-9-16 STM & ATM Draft Warrants**

On a motion by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to open warrant for Special Town Meeting All Vote 5-0

On a motion by D. Perry requests warrant for Special Town Meeting \$40,000 for new heating system for Council on Aging Building Second by S. Vadnais All Vote 5-0

Motion to close warrant for Special Town Meeting by D. Perry Second S. Pimental All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #6: Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget**

We have received information from a DR School Committee member advising that the DR Regional School Committee voted to support the recommendations of the Foundation Budget Reviews Commission's recommendation.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to send signed letter of support All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Request for Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve police department budget amendments. All Vote 5-0

Account Name	Department	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
012103-57140	Police	Exp Regs	\$950.00	
012103-57110	Police	Exp Miles		\$100.00
012103-55840	Police	Det/Prisoners		\$250.00
012103-57120	Police	Hotel/Meal		\$125.00
012103-52420	Police	Equip R/M		\$275.00
012103-52424	Police	Radar Rep		\$200.00

**Action Item #8: Discussion Re: Lindley Lane Right of Way**

M. Costello recused himself.

S. Vadnais would like to speak with counsel regarding this and ask how we should proceed. Lindley Lane Right of way some residents have obstructed it with lawns and landscaping. Also rocks and invasive species have become a problem. Ralph 9 Brennan Circle- we are only supposed to plant 10 feet from the property. After talking to counsel, we will call the Association of Horton Estates to a meeting to discuss further.

- G. Schwall- I would like a joint recommendation to name the latest land purchased by the Town in honor of Walt Munroe. It will be put on an Article for Town Meeting.

**Action Item #9: Town Forests**

Discussion regarding having a Town Forest Committee to monitor and manage Town Forests.

Send letter to Water Commission regarding becoming a member. Three needed for this committee.

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**Action Item #10: Appointments**

On a motion made by S. Pimental second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Cynthia C. Lee as an inspector – Unenrolled Election Worker Precinct 3 for a term effective 3/28/16 – 10/31/16 All Vote 4-0( G. Schwall abstained)

On a motion made by S. Pimental second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Lynore McKim to the Community Preservation Council as the Park Commission rep effective 3/28/16 – 6/30/17 All Vote 5-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**3/28/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** The boy scouts will be at the Town Meeting collecting non-perishable foods. Next Monday is election

**Vadnais:** Anawan Street in front of Journey Haven Riding the berm is down 10 or 12 feet and also on the corner near Fairview the support is lost, if we could get highway down there. They also did a good job on Allen Lane with the rails.

**Schwall:** 1)The Selectmen have been invited back for opening day for Rehoboth Youth Baseball Association Saturday April 30 at 9AM, I will respond for S. Pimental and I.2) I would also like to have the Board send a letter to the business manager of the Dighton Rehoboth School District. I was at a meeting where there was a discussion involving use of E & D funds to reduce the assessment to the member towns. I asked the manager what is the anticipated amount of this year's budget that will roll into E & D, she had no idea.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to forward a letter to the business manager of the Dighton Rehoboth School District requesting she to provide the Board of Selectmen with a 5 year history of the amount of money at the end of the year that has rolled into E & D with an estimate for this year as well. All Vote 5-0

3) I would like to have another pre-town meeting meeting. Also a budget presentation replayed on access channel.

**Perry:** Working on boiler at COA and why it is \$40,000

**Pimental:** none

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**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19p.m., Second by Selectmen Schwall. All Vote 5-0

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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 5/23/16