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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Michael Costello, and Deborah Arruda, Assistant to the Town Administrator

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a) (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;*

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye, Schwall, aye, Vote 5-0

Topic of Discussion: Clerical and Highway Union Negotiations; Fiber Project Contracts; Potential Litigation;

Call to Order at 7:20 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In addition, there was a moment of silence for Mark Johnson.

Services for Mr. Johnson will be held at the Congregational Church from 3-7pm tomorrow March 5th.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for March 7, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 19-35A Withholdings, \$32,100.12, 19-36B Payroll, \$105,137.24; 19-35 Warrant, \$85,486.08. G. Schwall motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 6/25/18 Selectman Schwall motion to Approve Regular Minutes from 6/25/18, second by Selectman Perry. Vote 5-0.

Executive Session Minutes: 2/25/19. Selectman Schwall motion to Approve and Hold Executive Minutes from 2/25/19, second by Selectman Perry. Vote 5-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, March 11th at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

The Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station (CARCS) will be hosting an informational event on Tuesday, March 19th at 7:15 PM at the Blanding Library. Snow date is March 26th. The event will feature

two guest speakers, Bob Ackley from Gas Safety, Inc. and Boston University Professor Dr. Nathan Phillips. CARCS will also be giving a brief presentation on the 2018 baseline air and well water testing results, as well as their plans for 2019. Elected officials from the Commonwealth and surrounding municipalities will also be in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1 Discussion with Town Clerk, Laura Schwall RE: Residency Certification Process

M. Costello motion to approve Town Clerk to return the responsibility of the Residency Certification Process back to the school department. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

M. Costello stated the responsibility is solely with the school department.

J. Muri stated the follow thru process is very extensive and should not be in the Clerk's office.

S. Vadnais stated in the past parents always went to the school to register their children.

D. Perry clarified that grandparents/guardians can only make changes on the census if they are legally taking care of the child in the year that the census is done.

G. Schwall feels strongly that the laws need to be enforced and the school department needs to verify residency.

Action Item #2: FY2020 Budget Review

Following FY2020 budgets have been submitted for the Board's review and consideration:

Forestry-G. Schwall motion to Table until 3/11, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Animal Control G. Schwall motion to Table until 3/11, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Veteran's Services G. Schwall motion to accept budget as submitted, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Memorial Day Activities- G. Schwall motion to accept budget as submitted, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Highway

G. Schwall motion to accept budget with the following amendments, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0 M. Costello abstained.

Amendments to Budget:

Professional Tech - Zero out from \$1300

G. Schwall motion to approve change, second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Wages line should be increased by \$400

Snow Removal should read \$10K Gravel and \$40K Snow Removal.

G. Schwall motion to approve increasing snow removal line by \$50K, second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. M. Costello Abstained

G. Schwall motion to approve looking into subbing out snow removal and getting RFP, second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0 M. Costello Abstained.

Equipment R&M and Supplies should both be kept in the budget

Action Item #3: Town Meeting Warrants

G. Schwall motion to close the May 13 Special Town Meeting Warrant, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

G. Schwall motion to close the May 13 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #4: Town Events Committee: Taste of Rehoboth Contract

G. Schwall motion to approve contract between the Town of Rehoboth and Four Seasons Events, LLC d/b/a Francis Farm, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

D. Perry motion to authorize Selectman Schwall to execute contract and to review and approve related documents necessary for this event. All documents will be reviewed by and discussed with Town Counsel before signing on behalf of the Board. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0 G. Schwall abstained.

Action Item #5: Schedule Public Hearing for 48 Danforth Street

G. Schwall motion to hold Public Hearing to solicit feedback from the public regarding the Town's potential purchase of a Chapter 61B property, located at 48 Danforth St and described by the Seller's attorney as Map 44, Lot 29. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

G. Schwall motion to schedule Public Hearing for April 22, 2019. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Mike Deignan recommends a placeholder for the warrant.

M. Costello motion to amend date to April 8, 2019 for the Public Hearing. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: Agricultural Trust Fund

G. Schwall motion to approve expending up to \$16,500 from the Agricultural Trust Fund to acquire 3-parcels of land along Sprague Street. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0, M. Costello, nay.

Discussion:

M. Costello states land is locked and we cannot do anything with it. If property owner continues not to pay the taxes, the Town will end up taking the land, why should we pay for it now?

S. Vadnais explained that there is a lot of Town owned land around the parcel, we can use this area as a "right of way."

D. Perry states if we don't take it that one of the abutters may take it.

S. Vadnais asks how much money does it cost to go through land court and how much time will it take?

G. Schwall explains that the Agcom trust fund is only for the purchase of the land.

T. Vadnais asks if someone else can purchase the land. The Board answers "yes."

Action Item #7 Appointment: Gabrielle Salisbury

G. Schwall motion to appoint Gabrielle Salisbury to the Agricultural Commission. Effective term 3/4/19-6/30/19. She is replacing the vacated position from Albert Bouchard. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Action Item #8 Appointment: John Carr-Community Preservation Council

G. Schwall motion to appoint John Carr as the Board of Selectmen's representative to the Community Preservation Council. Effective term is 3/4/19-6/30/19. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: No Report


Schwall: Gerry read notice on Algonquin Gas to the public that explains the protocol when providing services to the town.

Perry: No Report


Muri: Facility Manager started today and will contact department heads to go over needs.

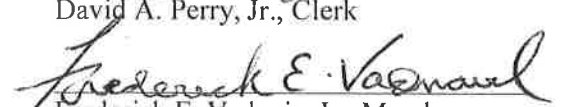
Costello: No Report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:48 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

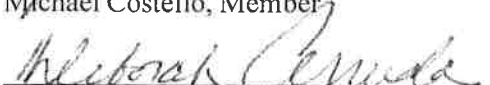

Gerald V. Schwall, Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Arruda

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved 8/26/19