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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, March 7, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Michael Costello, Chairman; Fredrick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member

**Absent:** Gerald Schwall, Member

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Perry, 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:** Police Contract Negotiations; Personnel Issue\*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Voted 4-0

**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 16-35A, \$24,327.02; Payroll: 16-36B, \$89,493.77; Invoices: 16-36, \$55,974.43; Veterans: 16-36V, \$10,463.67. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 6, 2015. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 27, 2015. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 4-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2015. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 4-0

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**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- D. Perry announced the Republican fundraiser 3/18/16 will be a Hot Dog Buffet for \$15.00, kids eat free. Lots of toppings, make your own hot dog, potato salad, beans 6:30PM at American Legion.
- M. Costello announced the new fire engine that was just delivered for station 2. S. Vadnais also added that there was a lot of thought put into making this vehicle and it is perfect for Rehoboth. Good Job. M. Costello: what makes me happy is that we paid for it, we are not leasing it.
- M. Costello: our hearts and prayers go out to the family of Craig Erickson who passed away last week. He was a lifetime resident of Rehoboth and being only 49 was well known.

• Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday March 14, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

**Town Administrator's Report:** Helen Dennen  
None

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1 7:15pm Public Hearing Class II Auto License Transfer of Location**

Selectmen Costello opens public hearing regarding Class II Auto License; Family Auto. On a motion made by S. Pimental and Second by D. Perry. Roll Call; Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – Aye; Costello - Aye

Edward F. Perry Jr.: owner, present

M. Costello: Where are you moving to? Perry: across from Pawtucket Cycle to the right of the car redemption center. M. Costello: How many cars will you have? Perry: about 28 the same as the other place. M. Costello: Will you have office space? Perry: Yes.

On a motion made by S. Pimental and Second by S. Vadnais the Public Hearing was closed with Roll Call: Perry – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – Aye; Costello – Aye.

S. Vadnais stated that the Building Inspector inspected building and it passed inspection.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve Class II Auto License to move to the new location of 513 Winthrop Street, Second S. Vadnais All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #2: Tolling Agreement – tabled from last week**

On a motion made by S. Pimental and Second by D. Perry item was tabled. All Vote 4-0: Town Counsel Jay Talerman is going to talk to The Army Corps of Engineers. D. Perry stated he would also like to talk to Leeann Bradley to explain the reason for this process. Army Corps of Engineers is keeping appeal period open in case anything arises.

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**Action Item #3: RANRPC Appointment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Eugene Campbell to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council as the Board of Assessors Rep effective 3/7/16 thru 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: May 9, 2016 Special Town Meeting**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry is was voted to schedule the Special Town Meeting for May 9, 2016 at the DR Regional High School starting at 7:00PM in the auditorium. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by S. Vadnais it was voted to open the warrant for the May 9, 2016 Special Town Meeting for acceptances of articles. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by S. Vadnais it was voted to close the warrant on March 22, 2016. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by S. Pimental it was voted to open the Annual Town Meeting so we may accept an article to amend the zoning map. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by S. Pimental it was voted to close the Annual Town Meeting warrant. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: Animal Shelter Electrical Work**

Jane Foster received an estimate for \$350.00 to have a new 30 Amp 4 wire electric clothes dryer receptacle installed at the Animal Shelter building. The dryer was donated to shelter. Jane will use funds from Animal Welfare Fund to pay.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve the electric work done and receptacle installed using Animal Welfare Fund to pay. All Vote 4-0

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS  
3/7/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Costello:** I would like to have a letter drafted to National Grid. I am having some concerns about them turning on the switches to these new solar projects when all the permits have not been signed off. We need to have an agreement with them to make sure they do not turn the switches on until they have a sign off from the Town of Rehoboth. Have Kelly work on this.

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** not present

**Perry:** none

**Pimental:** Skip when is the RAC Committee meeting again, are they presenting what we went over at the last meeting to the school. Skip: they will be calling another meeting that I will be a part of. S. Pimental: I would like some of my input and questions recognized. I am not in favor of the fact that we are losing a vote; the capital assessments of Dighton, I'm not happy with. Whatever is left of the Chapter 70 money should follow the child. McBride suggested an alternative method. We can't change a method that swings in favor of one town and not the other. We need to decide if we are all one district; we need to treat it like one district. I think they should figure out some calculation of what it would be to separate the K -8. Skip: This is the purpose of the committee; to look at regionalization/de-regionalization pros and cons. Pimental: Any capital or administration cost should be 50/50.

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., Second by Selectmen Perry. All Vote 4-0

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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 5/16/16