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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, April 10, 2017
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member; James Muri, Member

Also present: Helen Dennen

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:05 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, 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 sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body*

Topics of Discussion: Police Contracts; ACO Contract; Disposition of Town Land/Property*

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-40A, Withholdings, \$28,532.46; 17-41B, Payroll, \$84,566.84; 17-40 Invoices: \$164,389.61; 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 the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2017. Second, D. Perry. All Vote 4-0 (J. Muri abstained-not present at meeting); S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Regular Session Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2017. Second, G. Schwall. All Vote 4-0 (J. Muri abstained-not present at meeting); J. Muri made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 4, 2017. Second S. Pimental, All Vote 5-0

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Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday April 18, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- Rehoboth Police Department has notified us that someone is going to residents' homes and identifying themselves as census representatives. We are informing the public that no one from the Town or State is going door-to-door in Rehoboth so please be aware.
- Chris Gauthier- Cross Street; CARCS; Follow up on what Town's stand would be in regards to the Compressor Station and to draft a resolution to have more of an impact. Chris presented a list of people that CARCS would like to have receive the resolution or letter. Chris gave documentation to the Board regarding a scoping hearing and forming new Town bylaws to protect the Town of any future threats. The Board assured Chris that Town Counsel and the Selectmen have been already working on changes to the Town Bylaws.
- Paint your own wine glass event hosted by the Painted Lady to benefit Dighton-Rehoboth Marching Band: Apna Punjab-3 Park Street; must be 21+ years old. Event is Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 7PM – 9PM- tickets are \$30; cash bar and food will be available for purchase. Purchase tickets online at Eventbrite.com or through link on DRMB boosters.org by 4/18/17.
- J. Muri: There is a health advisory out there regarding E. coli, a very bad bacterial infection, that has been linked to the product, I Am Healthy Soy Butter.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Rep. Howitt sent me an email regarding an update on the Wheeler Street Bridge. MassDOT is anticipating reaching field completion towards the end of May early June, weather has hampered work. The following items need to be completed; paving is scheduled to occur in late April early May, line striping, guardrail installation, sign installation, then some planting and minor landscaping will take place. Rep. Howitt feels that there should be some type of ribbon cutting for the opening of the bridge.
- Reminder: Board of Selectmen will be meeting with the Dighton Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:30PM at the Dighton Town Hall.
- I have a scheduled meeting with Town Counsel, Jay Talerman and Dean Harrison of Women's Development at the Town Offices on Tuesday April 18th at 1PM to go over the Anawan School project, if any of the Selectmen would like to join. I have also invited John Souza, Ryan Duvally, Leeann Bradley and Carol Williams.
- The Adobe class will need to be rescheduled, due to a scheduling conflict. I will be working on a new date.
- Town Offices will be closed Friday April 14 and Monday April 17.

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NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: 7:15 PM Public Hearing; Transfer of All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License

Rehoboth Wine & Spirit, Inc. to Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC. dba Rehoboth Wine & Spirits Manager of Record Priti A. Patel

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to open public hearing; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry - aye

All paperwork in order. J. Muri asked Ms. Patel if any new signage or lighting will be placed and she responded no. No further questions by the Board or abutters.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to close public hearing; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry - aye

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to accept transfer of all alcohol package store liquor license from Rehoboth Wine & Spirits, Inc. to Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC. dba Rehoboth Wine & Spirits, manager of record Priti A. Patel. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Discussion Re: Public Safety Building Deficiencies/Non-Compliance Issues

Chief Trombetta & Paul Rene, owner of Rene Detention Systems present.

J. Trombetta: Rene Detention Systems is a company that has given us a quote to rectify the deficiencies list that was given to us by the State. The Police Department has been written up several times and will be fined soon for the deficiencies of the building.

Paul Rene explained that Rehoboth's Police Department is one of the worst buildings he has looked at. The lock up facilities are all out of compliance. Paul is afraid that the Town could suffer law suits if someone gets hurt in the lock up facility. It will take approximately \$100,000 per cell to bring to compliance and another new male cell with a sally port is needed at approximately \$200,000. The worst-case scenario is that the State can shut the cells down.

J. Trombetta: Asked to have ceiling and roof inspected for mold and mildew due to leaking and also have vents cleaned. The Board agrees and will look into having an engineer come in to inspect Town buildings fully.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall for discussion it was voted to add a contingency line on Special Town meeting for any findings from an engineer pertaining to the Town Buildings in the amount of \$300,000 for remediation.

The Board will request money from Reserve Fund pay for engineer.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to open STM Warrant. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to add a warrant on Special Town meeting for any findings from an engineer pertaining to the Town Buildings in the amount of \$300,000 for remediation. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to close STM Warrant. All Vote 5-0

S. Meagher from Ambulance: We lost a lot electronics because of the roof leaking and we will soon need a different vehicle due to State regulations and we have no room to house it.

Ted Rowse: Discussed the plan for the Public Safety Building and at least doing that building for approximately \$5,000,000, instead of using money towards the existing building. He also discussed building a new Town Hall where the old one sits. Ted Rowse and the Board does not

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know what the underground conditions would be and it may be costlier than building the Town Offices at a new location.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental for discussion, it was voted to put the Municipal Complex combined plan back on the warrant for Town meeting.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by D. Perry it was voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. All Vote 5-0

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On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. All Vote 5-0

George Solas: The cost for the solution is so much cheaper than fixing the problem temporarily.

M. Deignan: Has the tiles been tested for asbestos? Yes; T. Rowse handed Mike a copy of the asbestos report. Has the water been tested? Yes. Mike would like these reports posted and available for residents to see.

Action Item #3: Municipal Complex/Town Offices

M. Costello: Handed informational packets on several different modular trailers to the Board of Selectmen and discussed different options. To lease modular on a 24-month lease for a 4 unit would be \$9,000 per month plus set up and break down costs of \$13,000. To buy the modular would be \$750,000. The extra costs would be wiring, plumbing and moving equipment in.

Action Item #4: Discussion with Elected Officials Re: FY18 Budgets & Warrant Items
Item Tabled

Action Item #5: FY2018 Town Operating Budget

M. Deignan present: Mike went over a tentative budget.

Approximately \$465,000 in free cash, does not take into consideration of Article 6; Security System for the schools \$8,800 (we will know more Monday night)

\$125,000 increase in motor vehicle tax; local receipts \$150,000 more; we have over a million-dollar deficit.

To balance the budget, we would use \$354,000 in free cash; reduce school budget request by \$310,000; the finance committee also made reductions on the requests from the Town side. The finance committee does not think the Town is able to fund four new police officers. S. Pimental voiced the need for four officers. The discussion was brought up about de-regionalizing K-8 and each town pay for their own. The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee set up a Financial Summit Meeting for April 27, 7PM at the COA.

Action Item #6: Review of 5/8/17 STM & ATM Warrants

Leeann will provide comments for the two Zoning bylaw amendments from Planning Board this week. G. Schwall will assemble a letter for the warrant and send out for review.

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Action Item #7: Snow & Ice Deficit

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve snow and ice deficit in the amount of \$6,779.14 which will result in a deficit balance of \$140,729.56. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #8: Budget Amendment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
012203-55801	Fire T/O Gear & Equipment	\$321.93	
012203-52430	Fire Vehicle R/M		\$321.93

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to rescind budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
015433-55800	VSO-Vets Graves/ Supplies	\$156.40	
015433-57110	VSO-Vets Graves/Mileage		\$156.40

All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to amend budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
015443-55800	VSO-Vets Graves/ Supplies	\$156.40	
015443-57110	VSO-Vets Graves/Mileage		\$156.40

All Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: SRPEDD Commissioner Appointment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Chairman Vadnais as the SRPEDD Commissioner on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. All Vote 4-0(Vadnais abstained)

OPEN FORUM:

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

4/10/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

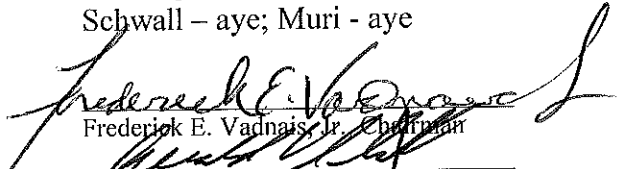
Schwall: Reminder: Marching Band Fundraiser; Eventbrite paint wine glasses.
Chief Barresi informed me that Tanker #3 was out. The motor is going. G. Lopes Construction has offered to rebuild motor at no cost to the Town and also contacted other businesses to donate parts.

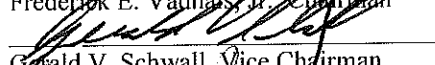
Pimental: People should try to get more involved, come to town meeting and learn more before voting. Sue goes on to discuss the need for a new building and tried to educate residents on the process.

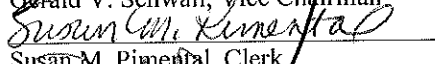
Perry: Misinformation is coming back as facts. Call us if you have a question and get the facts.

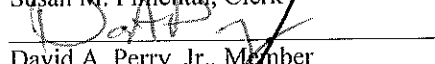
Muri: I am trying to get Rehoboth TV Incorporated. I am working with Helen and Derek Rousseau. I will be talking to the Department of Revenue.

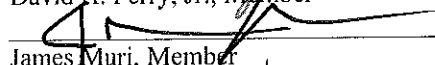
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:45 PM., Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri - aye


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman


Susan M. Pimental, Clerk


David A. Perry, Jr., Member


James Muri, Member


Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly J. Hathaway,
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 5/22/17