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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 **6:03 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 Muri, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session.

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

Topics of Discussion: Medical Leave Update, FMLA Request; Town Accountant Contract: Fiber Project

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for April 16, 2019: G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; 19-41A Withholdings, \$28,372.25, 19-42B Payroll, \$103,822.49; 19-41 Warrant, \$42,488.32. D. Perry motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none.
Executive Session Minutes: none.

Open Forum – Announcements:

On Tuesday, April 30th the Rehoboth Green Energy Committee will be hosting a Q&A session at Goff Hall. Green Communities Regional Coordinator, Seth Pickering, will be present to answer questions regarding the Stretch Code which voters will be asked to consider at the Annual Town Meeting on May 13.

This year's Financial Summit will take place on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center 55 Bay Street Road Rehoboth MA and will include a review of the FY2020 Budget and Warrant Articles. The Summit will also be carried live on Channel 9 and available for replay from the rehobothtv.org website.

Ron Whittemore of Pond Street announced that the Town Clean-Up will be held on April 22 to 28. Information regarding sign ups, locations and bags can be found on the town's website.

To be included on the Town Meeting Warrant on May 13th, 2019, info on “Spruce Up the Town”. Small Spruce tree saplings will be available to purchase at the May Town Meeting, Transfer Station, Homestead Farms, and Farmers Market. All proceeds to go to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful litter control projects.

Town Clerk L. Schwall announced that the census has been completed. The town’s population is 12,745; which is an increase of 81 since 2017.

Next Selectmen’s meeting will be held on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center. There will be no meeting on April 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: 7:15 PM Public Hearing – ABCC Amendment – Alteration of Licensed Premise MFB Foods, Inc. D/B/A Rehoboth House of Pizza

At 7:15 S. Vadnais motioned to open public hearing. Second by Selectmen D. Perry. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the ABCC Amendment as submitted by Michael Benjamin and forwarded to the ABCC for processing. Second by F. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

J. Muri conditioned upon max #24 seats between both units 2 and 3. Second by F. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall stated the background, that the ABCC is requiring a public hearing before they will approve the application to add the second unit to the existing license. We will conduct the public hearing and then deliberate amongst the Board before voting. Building Commissioner and Health Agent are in support of the proposed license amendment. All paper work appears to be in order.

M. Costello stated that any other changes warrant another public hearing.

At 7:19 J. Muri motion to close public hearing. Second by S. Vadnais. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2: 7:30 PM Public Hearing – Utility License Application

S. Vadnais motion to approve the Utility License Application to MLD Excavating, Inc. for the installation of natural gas service to #12; #16; #19; and #20 Skyla Way, Rehoboth, MA. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to open public hearing at 7:30. Second by J. Muri. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 5-0.

M. Costello motion to close public hearing at 7:34. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

D. Perry sated that subcontractor to work with Columbia Gas “Builder Dig”.

Roland Gagnon of 8 Arcade Ave. was BOS waiver notified.

The applicant Mr. Dias has 20 years of experience and is a licensed utility installer.

Action Item #3 Approve and sign Warrant for May 13 STM and ATM

S. Vadnais motion to accept the May 13 STM and ATM Warrant, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

Mike Deignan of 5 Slater St, Chairman of the Financial Committee;
Town Budget included in warrant
Revenue estimates- FY2020 vs. FY2019 \$1.477 million more revenue FY2020 than FY2019 to fund town government and education service
Tally needed from school and town
\$2.286m more from FY19 from all schools, including Bristol Aggie and Bristol-Plymouth
FY18 35% town vs 65% education

Action Item #4: Personal Kennel Renewal Applications

D. Perry motion to approve personal kennel permit for Robin Anderson, 30Terrybrooke Road, for 9-dogs for the purpose of breeding, private sale, and showing. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to approve the personal kennel permit for James and Ellen Burke, 134 Martin Street, for 9-dogs for the purpose of breeding and showing Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to approve the personal kennel permit for Robert and Judith Grant, 7 Willard Avenue, for 10-dogs for the purpose of breeding, private sale, and showing. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Chapter 90 Request from the Highway Superintendent

D. Perry motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request as submitted by the Highway Superintendent. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0. M. Costello abstained.

Action Item #6: Request to Sign MVP Application and Letter of Support for MVP Grant

J. Muri motion to sign the Letter of Support. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to sign the Grant Application. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #7: Request for Board to Sign Resolution

M. Costello motion to approve signing "Resolution for State Action to Combat Nip Bottle Litter" as submitted. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item #8: Application for Auctioneer's License

D. Perry motion to approve Auctioneer's license for Dean Botelho of the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to be used on August 17 and August 18. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: Reserve Fund Transfer

Police Department:

M. Costello motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfer for the Police Department as submitted and approved by the Finance Committee. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Town Clerk: Binding and Printing:

D. Perry motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfer for the Town Clerk's Office as submitted and approved by Finance Committee. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

M. Costello stated that Town Clerk trying to preserve old documents. Grant secured in 2014 helped some, but not all.

J. Muri stated Town Hall facility has no method or room to save documents.

D. Perry- people questioned why we need to save documents? Resident looking for information on their Great Grandmother, Town Clerk was able to look back and find out information on his family.

Action Item #10: Appointments

D. Perry motion to appoint Daniel Roach as the Records Officer for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. This is an indefinite appointment. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

D. Perry motion to appoint Norman Todd to the Municipal Building Study Committee effective 4/16/19 through 6/30/19. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

J. Muri stated that it was a pleasure to work with James Medeiros, who resigned from this position on April 10th.

M. Costello motion to appoint G. Schwall as the Rehoboth Board of Selectmen representative on the SRPEDD Commission. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 4-0 G. Schwall abstained.

Action Item #11: Request for Comments from the Planning Board – Form M

J. Muri motion that Phase II of the Preserve does not merit Gravel Permit. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

M. Costello concern with wire fence but all set.

S. Vadnais stated no fill is being moved outside of normal working area: request is within reason.

OPEN FORUM-PUBLIC:

Lorraine Botts

A lot of rumors about school administration and misappropriation of funds.

J. Muri – get books audited

G. Schwall – get books audited

L. Botts

Are you going to do it?

G. Schwall stated we are entertaining request at this time from CPA firms

-we needed to work and complete litigation with REPAC

-been told school committee will not help us

-have to proceed smartly, also looking at other alternatives

OLD BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Gerry you were going to speak to Dean on the Anawan School project. Have we received any information on that?

G. Schwall- Not yet

D. Perry was asked about stock pile on Dorrance property; residents are questioning them.

Dave has spoken to Mike Costello and he was cleaning behind Police Department, cutting back brush

S. Vadnais -Board of Selectmen have to approve use of area because of people's concerns.

S. Vadnais-D. Perry and M. Costello will work together to find use for stockpile- please report back on 4/29

Schwall: Opioid- Board of Selectmen received litigation and paperwork filed already.

Pharmacy vs. State, County vs. Municipal

Thank you to both the Police and Fire Chief for their input. Chief Trombetta had to go back 10 years on paperwork.

Perry: National Grid pruning trees-where can trucks be parked when not in use - Anawan school area or Dorrance area?

S. Vadnais motion to allow trucks to park at Dorrance area. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Muri: Mike Zarzycki has resigned from the position of Facility Maintenance Manager

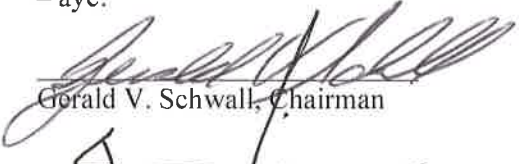
J. Muri motion to accept resignation. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 5-0

Would like to bring candidate #2 in for interview on 4/29.

Costello: Willow Street, Mason Street, and Sweeney Road are now under construction being repaved.

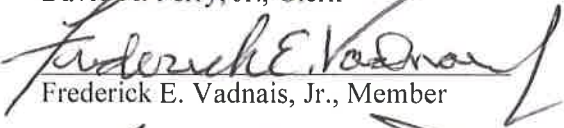
Reynold, Bliss, and Davis will be chip sealed in May.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:39 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 2/10/2020