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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING Tuesday April 5, 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: None

Call to Order at 7:00p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Re-Organization of the Board of Selectmen:

M. Costello asked for nominations for the position of Chairman. G. Schwall made a motion to nominate S. Vadnais to serve in the position of Chairman. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

S. Vadnais asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. D. Perry made a motion to nominate G. Schwall to serve in the position of Vice Chairman. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

S. Vadnais asked for nominations for the position of Clerk. M. Costello made a motion to nominate S. Pimental to serve in the position of Clerk. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-39A, \$27,578.34; Payroll: 16-40B, \$105,353.79; Veterans 16-40V, \$9,903.93. 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 1, 2016 and July 30, 2014. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold Executive Session Minutes from March 21, 2016, Second D. Perry Voted 5-0

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3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:

- Town Clerk- Laura Schwall: Thanked everyone who came out to vote—375 voters. Thanked all 27 election workers and Assistant Town Clerk who came out in the bad weather. Election results are on the website.
- Massachusetts Tax Amnesty Program starts April 1st – May 31st—Town’s website has more information on this program.
- Next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be April 11, 2016 7:00 PM at Senior Center

Town Administrator’s Report: Helen Dennen

- Spoke with Representative Steve Howitt – he can put something in the state budget earmark as an amendment for a particular project/item. I suggested the new boiler at the Senior Center. The Board of Selectmen agreed. G. Schwall – the Senior Center was mentioned to be a future warming center so that Beckwith may not need to be opened. Before that happens we need a reliable boiler.
- Auction for Tax Possession Real Estate is tomorrow April 6th 1 PM here at Senior Center. All information is on Town Website.
- Participated in conference call regarding Electric Aggregation Program. If you preferred to be on the program and do not see ConEdsolutions as your supplier and rate at \$.0949 per kWh please call. Stefano Loretto of Good Energy will come out and give a presentation if we would like.
- Would the Board like to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board regarding solar array farms. The Board of Selectmen asked Helen to set up an Executive Sessions meeting with the Planning Board this month.
- Don Backlund is coming in on April 14th at 11 AM to discuss rates

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Vote to Approve & Sign Financial Interest Disclosure RE: Frank Gouveia

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve and sign financial interest disclosure regarding Frank Gouveia. This is needed because his wife Cheryl Gouveia works for the Town. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Frank Gouveia as an Appointed Constable

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Francisco “Frank” Gouveia as an Appointed Constable for a term effective 4/5/16 – 6/30/16 All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Robert G. Lockhart of Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc. at the So. Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 61 Reed Street for May 7, 2016 from 12 PM – 8 PM, transportation of liquor 5/6/16 & 5/8/16; firing range to be closed at time of event. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #4: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Darlene Araujo of the Dighton Lions Club at the So. Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 61 Reed Street for April 22, 2016 from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM, transportation of liquor 4/21/16 & 4/23/16; firing range to be closed at time of event. All Vote 5-0

Selectman Costello requested times reflect the entire event so that there is no issue of going over the time allotted.

Action Item #5: Discussion Re: Correspondence from Executive Office of Public Safety & Security on Regional Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPS)

PSAPS is asking if we are interested in regionalizing 911. The Board of Selectmen not interested. No action taken.

Action Item #6: Contract for Town Clerk

G. Schwall recused himself.

Vote to approve and sign contract with General Code for scanning software for Town Clerk's Office. Town Counsel approved with some amendments. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by M. Costello it was voted to approve and sign contract with General code for scanning software. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #7: Review of 5-9-16 STM & ATM Warrants

Article 3; Item #5: D. Perry recommended putting in new boiler at \$45,000.00 to be sure to have enough funds to repair Senior Center and also a self-contained diesel generator at \$52,000.00. M. Costello mentioned using a propane generator because there is a 1,000 gallon propane tank on property. Ron Whittemore: propane doesn't have the same heat value as diesel and requires more maintenance and more heat costs. He goes on to discuss the benefits of a diesel generator and the new boiler figure.

On a motion made by M. Costello Second by S. Pimental to include diesel generator in article. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by M. Costello Second by D. Perry to include placement boiler in article. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open the warrant for Special Town Meeting All Vote 5-0

D. Perry made a motion to amend replacement boiler amount from \$40,000.00 to \$45,000.00 Item #5 and include new diesel generator for \$52,000.00 Item #6 both of Article 3 All Vote 5-0

Article 11: The Board discussed a new committee to be created called: Hornbine School Association Committee which will be on next week's agenda and also creating a revolving account.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was approved to establish a revolving account not to exceed \$10,000.00 for which the Hornbine School Association Committee shall expend funds with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, All Vote 5-0

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Article 1: On a motion made by M. Costello Second by D. Perry it was approved to remove from Article 1 Budget Adjustments the Computer Maintenance Line for \$1,500.00 All Vote 5-0
On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by M. Costello it was voted to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental is was voted to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to put in as a place holder for the Annual Town Warrant until Town Counsel can review the documents, land off Plain Street to be named the Walter H. Munroe Conservation Area All Vote 5-0

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

Action Item #8: Discussion Re: FY 2017 Budget

Mike Deignan Chair of the Finance Committee discussed FY2017 budget with the Board of Selectmen. The Finance Committee voted overall to accept budget as given based on the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen. There is a sizable \$900,000.00 deficit. I noticed there was \$125,000.00 charge for Beckwith roof and was not under revenue debt exclusion. I am waiting to hear from Cathy Doane on this. I am looking at a way to provide a balanced budget not fund out of free cash. The Dighton Rehoboth line reflects use of E & D funds.

George Solas: This goes back to the assessment we are given from the school. For the past three years we are \$1.2million in reverse and Dighton increases. We need to go back to the way it was in 2014 and prior. The school committee has control over it. S.P.- We generated more free cash and instead of cutting we should use some of the free cash. We need to go back to the school committee instead of cutting positions in the town. S.P. – Can we get the original budget for the school that was submitted by Dr. Azar? M.D: We also need to review police budget to see if we all have the same document with the same numbers. S.V.- We will discuss this further next week.

Action Item #9: Police Reserve Fund Transfer

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by M. Costello is was voted to approve and sign request for Reserve Fund Transfer for \$4,999 for the Police Department All Vote 3-1 G. Schwall- Nay (S. Vadnais left room)

Action Item #10: Bliss Street Purchase & Sale by Conservation Commission

On a motion by M. Costello Second by D. Perry it was voted to table item until further review by the Conservation Commission All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #11: Vote to Approve Special Charity Wine License to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation per Approval from ABCC

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by M. Costello it was voted to approve Special Charity Wine License to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation per approval from ABCC for an event at the Crestwood Country Club on April 8, 2016. Vote 5-0

5.0) OTHER BUSINESS:

G. Schwall received a call regarding two parcels of land up for auction that abut conservation land. Rachel Smith and Rebecca Smith would like them taken off and go through the process to add them to the conservation land.

On a motion made by M. Costello Second by G. Schwall it was voted to remove parcel 16-M46 and 16-M47 from tomorrow's auction sale. Vote 5-0

Conservation Commission will look into the other properties to see if they abut conservation land. The Town has 30 days to reject an auction bid.

On a motion made by M. Costello Second by S. Pimental it was voted on a new policy to notify other departments, boards, and committees of land being auctioned in the future. All Vote 5-0

S. Vadnais mentions the Forestry Project continues and has not been forgotten.

Rachel Smith reads a letter Agricultural Commission received along with a \$200.00 donation in memory of Walter Munroe.

On a motion made by M. Costello Second by S. Pimental it was voted to accept the donation of \$200.00 and have Cathy Doane set up an account in the Agricultural Commission's name. All Vote 5-0

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: none

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: none

Vadnais: RAC has produced minutes in draft and has forwarded them to the individual who has requested the minutes. At our next meeting we will be reviewing those minutes on their content and vote to accept or amend. The meeting after that we will be discussing an alternate method rather than a statutory method. At the next Board of Selectmen's meeting I will be presenting 3 different ways of presenting a statutory method for discussion.

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Schwall: Thank you Mike for your leadership you provided to the board as Chair and the help you provided to me my first year. We had discussed a written warning to be given to a Highway worker for causing the town to purchase an axle for a front end loader. Mike Tyler searched records and discovered a problem during a regulated maintenance check. At this time it is not appropriate to give the written warning.

Perry: none

Pimental: Congratulations Skip for becoming Chair

Selectmen Costello made a motion to recess the Regular Session Meeting at 8:50 PM to go into Executive Session Meeting and to return to the open meeting only for the purpose of adjourning the meeting.

6.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: On a motion made by Selectman Costello, it was voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 (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; and to only return to Regular Session Meeting for adjournment. Topics of discussion: Pending litigation

Second by Selectmen Perry. Roll Call Vote: Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye; Perry – aye; Costello - aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Michael R. Costello, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 6/20/16