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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, May 16, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Frederick “Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk

**Also Present:** Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

**Absent:** Dave Perry; Member

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:00p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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) 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:** Potential Litigation; Clerical Union Contract; Town Accountant Position; Contract Updates; Police Grievance \*

Roll Call Vote – Pimental – Aye; Schwall – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Voted 3-0

**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:** G. Schwall read the weekly Warrants; Withholdings 16-45A, \$65,324.13; Payroll: 16-46B, \$81,741.45; 16-46 Invoices: \$3,871,763.82. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2016, 2015. Second, G.Schwall to move forward. Voted 2-0(G.Schwall abstained, was not at meeting 5/9/16); S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2016, 2015. Second, G.Schwall Voted 3-0; S. Pimental made a motion to

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approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 29, 2016, 2015. Second, G.Schwall Voted 3-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Doug Forbes of MEMA presented LEPC Certification to Bill Maiorano. Gave Town full certification. Has created a safe environment. Opened the door to 5 years of grants. Bill Maiorano congratulated the whole committee. It was a team effort. Chief Barresi also present.
- DR Regional High School Commencement Exercise June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30, invited the Board of Selectmen; G. Schwall will be attending
- Next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be May 23, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM
- May 30 is Memorial Day; no Board meeting on Tuesday May 31- give time to catch our breath and get Executive Session minutes caught up. It will be a busy summer.

**Town Administrator’s Report:** Helen Dennen

- Town Historian appointment slip for E. Otis Dyer, Sr. in packet for Board to sign
- John Santos vacation time extended to end of July and Skip approved until end of August; the Board has approved it on a one time offer as an exception to the rule. John’s wife made vacation plans without his knowledge.
- Dean Harrison; Anawan School- coming in next week to give an update and informal presentation.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting – Two Pole Hearings for Reservoir Avenue for a total placement of 5 poles
- Helen put forward her vacation request which was approved by the Board

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Munroe Conservation Restriction**

Scott MacFaden of Wildlands Trust, Inc. put a conservation restriction on most of Sharon A. Munroe’s property approximately 100 acres. Has a long agricultural history and seven generations on this property.

The Board of Selectmen thanks Sharon Munroe.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve and sign Conservation Restriction to Wildlands Trust, Inc. for the Munroe Farm Conservation Restriction, identified as follows:

**Grantor:** Sharon A. Munroe

**Grantee:** Wildlands Trust, Inc.

**Address of Property:** Portions of Lot 1 and Lot 2, but excluding two unrestricted building envelopes, “Wood Yard” Area, And parcel shown as Assessors Map 51, Lot 4, 200 and 201 Fairview Avenue, Rehoboth, MA 02769

**Title Reference:** Book 2155, Page 42, and Land Court Department CA No. 263286, Book 3317, Page 64, Book 7066, Page 98, and Book 7970, Page 288, in the Bristol County Registry of Deed Northern District

All Vote 3-0

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**Action Item #2: GPI Contract Rte 6 & Old Providence Street Intersection**

To prevent a safety issue and poor line of sight. Chapter 90 funds, no idea of total cost. Businesses are complaining about drivers using parking lot to cut through.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve and sign contract with GPI for engineering work for the intersection of Rte. 6 and Old Providence Street project All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #3: Board of Selectmen Vacancy**

Discussion regarding filling the position on the Board of Selectmen vacated by Mike Costello. The Board is not in favor of spending extra money to hold a special election. The Board of Selectmen feels that the four remaining members can do the job until Selectman Pimental's term is up in April 2017.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to leave vacancy on the Board of Selectmen at this time All vote 3-0

**Action Item #4: Board of Selectmen/ Town Administrator**

The Board discussed their involvement in Town Management and roles of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator. Do we want the Department Heads to contact the Town Administrator or the Selectmen? The Board agrees to continue with the same management technique that the Board and the Town Administrator have been practicing.

**Action Item #5: Town Administrator Evaluation**

The Board of Selectmen needs to evaluate and let Helen know how she is doing. The Selectmen need to meet with Helen separately. It's a two way street and Helen will also let us know what she expects from us. The first step is for Helen to do self-assessment. Timeline is the middle of June.

**Action Item #6: Highway Department**

The Highway Department needs to fill the position vacated by a retiree. There are six applicants. Applicant's information will be emailed to the Board of Selectmen and interviews will be scheduled for Monday May 23, 2016.

**Action Item #7: Projects Timetable**

Highway Department

- What the functions of department should be
- Write job description for the department

Police Department

- Review of staffing, equipment, & structure

Municipal Complex

- Education

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- Every other Monday meeting will be workshops to concentrate on these three projects. First meeting will be a discussion of all three topics to work on direction, plan, and what we want to accomplish. Start June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action Item #8: Municipal Complex Committee**

The Public Safety Building Space Needs Assessment Committee will now be called the Municipal Complex Committee. Reappoint all but may not need John Souza. Mike O'Hern, Sr. was a suggestion as a new appointee. The Board would not like to add anyone new to the Committee at this time due to the 2 years of hard work already done by the Committee. Make copies of plans to inform and educate residents and give them the ability to formulate questions.

**Action Item #9: Pleasant Street Speed Limit Signs**

Mike Tyler is to look at Pleasant Street area near Davis Street regarding a speed complaint and lack of signage. He is to inform Dave Perry of the findings. This item is to be put on the next meeting under old business to address the matter further.

**Action Item #10: RAAC**

Selectmen Vadnais gives an update from the last RAAC meeting.

- Administrative function to be 50/50 – giving back \$120,000 to Rehoboth – not Alternative Method it is Statutory Method
- Alternative Method to be applied to the mandated minimum amount
- We would like an alternative method in agreement – both towns need to agree
- We need to go back to the way it was – we had the alternative method
- George Solas & Sue McBride – discussed Alternative Method vs. Statutory and how net minimum can be divided
- We need to have a Statutory Method that is functional
- Should be based on population
- Take out of pocket expense and divide it by enrollment per Town
- We all pay for our K – 8 and at High School apply the Wealth Formula
- We are subsidizing the K – 8 in Dighton
- Let's get the agreement together send it to Desi, before Town Meeting, and get their opinion
- Add Central Office and District Wide split 50/50

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to form an agreement with Rehoboth and Dighton pay for their own K – 8 with the High School having the Wealth Formula with Central Office and District Wide split 50/50 All Vote 2-0 (Skip abstained- he is on the RAAC)

Sue McBride to email this information to the Chairs of the RAAC

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**Action Item #11: Vote to Approve Request for Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve all requests for budget amendments below. All Vote 3-0

Account Name	Department	Increase	Decrease
012203-55801	Fire Turn Out Gear	143.19	
012203-57120	Fire Travel		143.19
012103-57140	Police Exp. Regs	135.00	
012103-52424	Police Radar Repair		135.00
012103-55810	Police photo/print supplies	31.22	
012103-52421	Police Radio repair		31.22
012103-57310	Police Exp Dues	100.00	
012103-52410	Police Bldg. R/M		100.00
012052-51310	Police Wages O/T	2,834.64	
012052-51560	Police Family Leave		2,000.00
012052-51520	Police Holidays		834.64
012052-51990	Police Holiday Replace	277.12	
012052-51520	Police Holidays		277.12
011873-54501	BOS Fac Maint-TOB/Custodial	200.00	
011873-52141	BOS Fac Maint-TOB Oil		200.00
011873-52971	Bos Fac Maint-TOB/Water	30.00	
011873-52141	BOS Fac Maint-TOB Oil		30.00
011873-59272	BOS FAc Maint COA Water	30.00	
011873-52132	BOS Fac Maint COA Gas		30.00
011873-52973	BOS Fac Maint PSB Water	50.00	
011873-52413	BOS Fac Maint PSB/repair		50.00
011873-52416	BOS Fac Maint Hwy/Repair	200.00	
011873-52146	BOS Fac Maint Hwy Oil		200.00
011873-52978	BOS Fac Maint Annex/Water	10.00	
011873-52148	BOS Fac Maint Annex/Oil		10.00

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**Action Item #12: Election Worker**

Town Clerk Laura Schwall recommended Desire G. Palmer's appointment with a letter. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall is was voted to appoint Desire G. Palmer as an Election Worker Inspector Precinct II Republican effective 5/16/16 thru 10/31/16 All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #13: Comcast Check**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall is was voted to accept Quarter Franchise Fee payment from Comcast for \$57,680.92 for 1/1/16 thru 3/31/16 All Vote 3-0

**Action Item #14: Holy Ghost Roadway Permit**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to allow Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to access Town of Rehoboth roadways on Saturday August 20, 2016 at 6:00PM for one hour and on Sunday August 21, 2016 at 12:00noon for one hour as outlined in their 4/30/16 letter for their annual procession. All Vote 3-0

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: none**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**5/16/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** none

**Schwall:** Update from David House regarding solar systems at both the COA and Highway Department: thorough report would present to the Board but he is out of town for a while: time sensitive: we are not producing enough power from the Highway Department due to an inverter failure. It shorted out probably from a lightning strike. This reduces the power production by a full 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is no longer under warranty and to repair it is \$4,500. D. House is recommending that we repair system. The COA has a similar issue (completely down) but is still under warranty. We should be monitoring the systems.

- Invite David House to speak in regards to monitoring systems options and COA system.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to expend \$4,500.00 out of Reserve Fund to repair Highway Departments Solar inverter. All Vote 3-0

- I attended a Legislative Clamboil by Bristol County Fire Chiefs Association as the Fire Chiefs guest at Seekonk Rod & Gun Club. I was impressed by the Chiefs and the respect that the Rehoboth fire department has for their peers. Steve Howitt was present. I was surprised to hear that there are no fire services funding from the State.
- There are some containers at station 3 for training purposes.
- I want to recognize the Garden Club. They held a fundraiser on Saturday at the Goff Hall. They also do a lot of work throughout the Town.

**Pimental:** none

**Perry:** absent

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**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:41 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

absent

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 6/27/16