

**May 23, 2016**  
**Board of Selectmen Regular Minutes**  
**Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center**  
**55 Bay State Road**

**Present:** Selectman Pimental, Selectman Schwall, Chairman Vadnais, Selectman Perry  
Helen Dennen, Dean Harrison

**Executive Session:**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Perry at 6:05 PM, it was voted to enter into Executive Session for the following:

MGL CHAPTER 30A, §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; Topics of Discussion: Town Accountant Position; Clerical Contract; Police Grievance/Arbitration Decision; Potential Litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Pimental aye; Perry aye; Schwall aye; Vadnais aye

**1.) Call to Order:**

Chairman Vadnais called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Business for Discussion:**

**WARRANTS:** 16-46A Withholdings \$24,988.13; 16-47B Invoices \$113,370.42; 16-47B Payroll \$87,938.20

**MINUTES:** On a motion made by Selectman Pimental it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 3/14/16; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Schwall with following amendments: eliminate Schwall presented and change to Frank Barresi; EMS should be all caps; add vendor after MHQ, Vote 4-0

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 3/28/16; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Schwall with following amendment: change Schwall abstained to recused himself on page 2. Vote 4-0

**Announcements:**

Selectman Schwall stated he had been approached recently by individuals stating they did not know about the compressor station project. Selectman Schwall advised that anyone can sign up to subscribe to "News & Alerts" on the town website. Simply click on subscribe, enter your email and follow the step by step process. This is a good way to keep informed.

Next regular Selectmen's meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2016 at the at the DR High School in Room 211 at 6:15 PM.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Sale of Tax Possession Real Estate at Public Auction /Four Public Auctions to Be Held On the Premises of Each Property to be held Wednesday, June 8, 2016 : Auction 1. at 10:00 AM to be held on the premises at: 21 First St.; Auction 2. at 11:00 AM to be held on the premises at: 5 Brook St., Auction 3. at 1:00 PM to be held on the premises at: 248 Winthrop St.; Auction 4. at 1:00 PM to be held on the premises, for convenience, at: 248 Winthrop St.; Agricultural Ave., parcel auction to be held at 248 Winthrop St.

Helen Dennen will attend June 7, Annual Municipal Licensing Meeting 11:45 to 3 PM / agenda updates by ABCC and on Class II Auto licenses / internet sales

Highway Materials Bid Opening is scheduled for June 16, 2016

Next Department Head meeting will be June 2nd.

Starting with our first meeting in June Board will be presented with the start of the reappointments for all department, boards, committees, etc.

**Action Item (1): 7:15 PM Pole Hearings**

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Schwall, it was voted by roll call vote to open the Pole Hearing: Pimental aye; Perry aye; Schwall aye; Vadnais aye.

Michael Fraiser of National Grid came before the Board for two requests for joint pole locations from Mass Electric and Verizon as follows:

- To install two (2) 35' poles with anchors for the purpose of removing pole to tree guys on Reservoir Avenue Poles 3868-84 and 3876-84
- To install three (3) 35' poles with anchors for the purpose of removing pole to tree guys on Reservoir Avenue Poles 3854-84, 38959-84 and 3860-84

Chairman Vadnais called for any abutters or other interested parties, to which there was no response.

On a motion made by Selectmen Schwall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Pimental, it was voted by roll call vote to close the Pole Hearing: Pimental aye; Perry aye; Schwall aye; Vadnais aye.

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, second by Selectman Pimental it was voted to approve both requests for placement of poles as outlined. Vote 4-0

Selectman Perry inquired of Mr. Fraiser on how to get a pole moved. Mr. Fraiser gave Selectman Perry his phone number stating he could help him with the matter.

**Action Item (2): Dean Harrison Presentation on Anawan School Project**

Dean Harrison of Women's Development Corp. along with Paul Attemann, AIA, CNU, LEED-AP, of Union Studios. Union Studios has been retained as the architect and has prepared the overall conceptual design plans for the Anawan School. Paul presented the Board with drawings and design plans noting that there will be 36 units; 31 one bedroom units and 5 two bedroom units with a common sitting area and kitchen.

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The design fits into the community and was built on historic features of current building. The playground will remain as is and the community garden will be moved to along the back property line.

Ron Whittemore questioned if issues regarding water and sewerage issues had been resolved. Dean Harrison stated he has reached out to the abutter on the easement but has not as yet secured the easement.

The Board found the plan to be very impressive and commended both individuals on a nice job.

Dean stated they will be pursuing a local initiative program permit from the state.

The Board thanked Dean and Paul.

**Action Item (3): Town Accountant Interview**

The Board interviewed Roberta Oliveira for the position of Town Accountant. Ms. Oliveira was referred by our current Town Accountant Cathy Doane. Ms. Oliveira has worked for Cathy Doane in the Town of Acushnet for the past two years and has worked for Acushnet for 8 years total.

Ms. Oliveira stated she has filled in as Acting Town Accountant and is a year away from obtaining her certification as a Municipal Town Accountant.

On a motion made by Selectmen Pimental, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to offer the position of Town Accountant to Roberta Oliveira contingent upon successfully negotiating a contract with her. Vote 4-0

Ms. Oliveira will meet with Selectman Schwall to speak about the particulars in the meeting room following this interview.

**Action Item (4): Veterans Service Officer Interview**

The Board interviewed John Kramer for the position of Veterans Service Officer.

Selectman Perry noted that three additional individuals were interviewed and Mr. Kramer is being put before the Board as the recommended candidate for the position. Mr. Kramer stated he worked at the Attleboro Reserve Center for five years before going out on a military medical retirement. The Board found Mr. Kramer's resume very impressive.

Mr. Kramer is available to start immediately. Richard Grenier will be available, as needed, to train Mr. Kramer.

On a motion made by Selectmen Perry, seconded by Selectman Pimental it was voted to appoint Mr. Kramer as Veterans Service Officer and Veterans Graves Officer effective 5/25/16 thru 6/30/16, on a six month probationary period which will be effective thru 11/23/16, contingent upon a successful pre-employment physical and drug screening test. Vote 4-0

Selectman Schwall thanked Mr. Kramer for his service.

The Board requested a letter of appreciation be sent to Richard Grenier for his service to the Town as Veterans Service Officer.

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**Action Item (5): Highway Department Interviews**

The Board interviewed two candidates for the position of Truck Driver / Laborer for the Highway Department: Paul Strollo and James Raposa.

James stated he applied because he would like to work closer to home; has experience welding, truck maintenance and mechanics; holds a class A license; boilermaker; snowplowed for Town last year.

Paul stated he has years of construction experience; snowplowing experience; works for the Town as a Reserve Officer.

Selectman Schwall read In-House Job Posting for the position of Truck Driver / Labor for the Highway Department.

Selectman Schwall noted he did not see any references for James. He did speak to Chief Trombetta about Mr. Strollo and received a favorable reference noting that he got along with public very well, dependable and always available. Selectman Schwall read letter of recommendation for Paul Strollo from Highway employee Kevin Chace, Crew Chief.

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall, it was voted to hire Paul Strollo as a Truck Driver / Laborer for the Highway Department contingent upon

- Successful DOT pre-employment physical and drug screening
- Obtaining a current medical card
- Obtaining a Massachusetts Class B Commercial Driver's License with air brake endorsement or higher within one year from date of initial employment for the Highway Department
- Hired under the Highway Department Collective Bargaining Contract on a six month probationary period

Vote: 4-0

**Action Item 6: Boston Post Cane**

Town Clerk, Laura Schwall came before the Board to discuss the Town of Rehoboth's Boston Post Cane.

Clerk Schwall informed the Board that the canes were originally given to 700 towns in New England with the request that it be presented to the oldest male citizen of the town for as long as he lived. The cane would then be passed onto the next oldest citizen.

The Rehoboth's Boston Post Cane was regularly presented until 2001. The last recipient passed away in 2005. The cane went missing but appeared again in 2015; the cane had been given to the Selectmen's by the then COA Director Norie Palmer. The cane was passed onto to the Town Clerk. It is now in the possession of the Town Clerk and in the Town's vault. It is the Town Clerk's hope to revive the tradition, but keep the original cane in a secure display.

Clerk Schwall would like to go forward with presenting a symbol of the cane to the oldest citizen in Rehoboth. The original cane will be preserved in a case at the Town Offices. Clerk Schwall asked for direction from the Board; the Board asked that she research the costs and various items to be presented to the oldest citizen. People who have been presented with the cane in past years will be researched.

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**Action Item 7: Library Agreement**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2nd by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve and sign the Grant Agreement for Public Library Services between the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc. and the Town of Rehoboth effective 5/23/16 thru 6/30/17. Vote 3-0 (Schwall absent from this portion of meeting)

**Action Item 8: One Day Liquor License**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve application for One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for:

Name of Licensee: Carol C. Marcil / Young's Caterers, Inc., 364 Newman Ave, Seekonk, MA 02771

Address of Licensed Premises: Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA

Effective date (s) of license & authorized hours of sale:

6/11/16	10AM – 10 PM	Company Outing
6/17/16	4 – 10 PM	Company outing

Transportation of Liquor dates: 6/10/16, 6/12/16 & 6/16/16,6/18/16

Vote 3-0 (Schwall absent from this portion of meeting)

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve application for One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for:

Name of Licensee: Carol C. Marcil / Young's Caterers, Inc., 364 Newman Ave, Seekonk, MA 02771

Address of Licensed Premises: Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street, Rehoboth, MA

Effective date (s) of license & authorized hours of sale:

6/11/16	3:00 – 11:00 pm	Wedding
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Transportation of Liquor dates: 6/10/16, 6/12/16

Vote 3-0 (Schwall absent from this portion of meeting)

**Action Item 9: One Day Liquor License**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve application for One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for:

Name of licensee: Sonia Cabral, Cabral's Catering, 94 Robert Street, Attleboro, MA 02703

Address of licensed premises: Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street

Effective date (s) of license: June 12, 2016

Transfer of Liquor Dates: 6/11/16 & 6/13/16

Authorized hours of sale: 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Vote 3-0 (Schwall absent from this portion of meeting)

**Action Item 10: Budget Amendment**

On am motion made by Selectman Pimental 2nd by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve the following amendments. Vote 3-0 (Schwall absent from this portion of meeting)

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Account Name	Department	Increase	Decrease
015113-57310	BOH Dues	90.00	
015113-57320	BOH 1 Day Conferences		75.00
015113-52430	BOH Vehicle R/M		15.00
014223-52420	Road Program Equipment R/M	3,558.00	
014223-52430	Road Program Vehicle R/M	5,417.00	
014223-58400	Highway Road Program Improvements		8,975.00
012103-53420	Police Postage	\$12.17	
012103-53030	Police Advertisement		\$12.17
012943-53010	Forestry Medical & Physical	156.00	
012943-53850	Forestry Purchased Services		156.00

**Action Item (11): Municipal Complex Committee**

Chairman Vadnais presented the Board with a letter to be sent to the members of the Municipal Complex Committee (formerly the Public Safety Building Assessment Needs Committee) thanking them for their work and asking for their assistance with moving forward with the project. The Board was in agreement with sending the letter.

**Action Item 12: Appointment Alternate Inspector of Buildings**

John Santos requested the Board appoint William McGrady as his 2nd alternate inspector behind Bill due to some issues with vacations over lapping. Mr. McGrady is the current Swansea Building Commissioner.

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selectman Perry, it was voted to appoint William McGrady as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate Inspector of Buildings effective 5/23/16 thru 6/30/16.

**Action Item 13: Approval of Grant of Bliss Land**

On a motion made by Selectman Pimental, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to approve and sign Grant of Land to the Conservation Commission for the purchase of the Bliss Street parcel by the Conservation Commission. Vote 4-0

It was noted that the land conveyance documents were prepared by Town Counsel.

**Action Item 14: BOS Liaison Assignments**

Due to the resignation of Mike Costello, the Board reviewed a revised BOS Liaison Assignments listing. Several corrections were made and the Board was in agreement with the assignments.

**5/23/16 Selectmen’s Reports:**

**Vadnais:** Chairman Vadnais requested the Mayor of Attleboro be contacted and a meeting be arranged for Chairman Vadnais to discuss info on the Compression Station and those areas of impact on two major Attleboro schools.

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**Schwall:** Selectman Schwall advised he attended a meeting in the Assessor's Office on an agreement the Board of Assessors has entered into with DOR to expedite the setting of the tax rate. Only 31 communities have chosen to participate. We will be able to set our tax rate by the end of October. Selectman Schwall thanked Linda Greaves and Board of Assessors.

Selectman Schwall announced that it appears we have hired a Town Accountant and he will prepare a formal offer of employment letter to be sent to Ms. Oliveira.

Selectman Schwall attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party held at the Senior Center last Thursday honoring those citizens attaining 90 years old. We appreciate all they have done for the Town and noted it was a very fun event.

**Perry:** Selectman Perry was called about work on Reynolds Avenue being done by the Highway Department within 100' of wetlands. Mike Tyler, who was on vacation, was called and came in and spoke to Leeann. There is a blanket order for Town, but Highway is to give 48 hours' notice to Conservation before starting work.

**Pimental:** none

**Adjournment:** on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to adjourn the 5/23/16 Board of Selectmen's meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

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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

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved 6/6/16