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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY MAY 29, 2018  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Dave Perry, Clerk; James Muri, Member; Michael Costello, Member

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**1.0) Executive Session at 5:30 PM:**

On a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, and Section 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; (4) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation

**Topics of Discussion:** FMLA; Police Personnel; RPAC vs TOR

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

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for May 31, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-47A Withholdings, \$124,924.43; 18-48B Payroll, \$95,719.99; 18-47 Warrant, \$85,921.74; 18-47R Refunds, \$2,462.58; 18-47V Veterans, \$9386.96; 18-47R1 Refunds, \$24,797.56. J. Muri made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** On a motion made by J. Muri, Second by M. Costello it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 4/3/18. Vote 5-0

On a motion made by J. Muri, Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 5/2/18. All Vote 5-0.

On a motion made by G. Schwall, Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve Board of Selectmen with Regional School Agreement Study Committee & FinCom for 2/27/18 - All Vote 4-0, D. Perry abstained.

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

DRRHS has invited the Board of Selectman to attend "Class of 2018 Graduation Ceremony" on Friday, June 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at the Robert T. Roy Stadium. RSVP: to [lstahowiak@drregional.org](mailto:lstahowiak@drregional.org)

- Gerry & Laura Schwall will attend
- J. Muri will attend
- Skip is attending Bristol Aggie's graduation ceremony.

ConCom/Planning Assistance – Stacy Vilao will start on Monday, June 4, 2018 and will come in on Tuesdays when there is a Monday holiday. She is unavailable on Monday, June 18 due to a prior commitment.

Helen met with Don Backlund and Mark Cuddy. As she related to Selectman Schwall they had questions about the building on the Dorrance property that would be best answered by Selectman Schwall. G. Schwall never spoke to them, no one from the insurance company has contacted him. G. Schwall asked Helen to confirm that they have the correct contact information

Helen has received agreements for the 375<sup>th</sup> Taste of Rehoboth to be held at Francis Farm on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for approval by the BOS.

- G. Schwall motion to approve and move ahead, Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Helen has spoken to Sarah Bellino regarding roof bids. Helen made minor changes to the RFP and asked the Board to review the specs to make sure everything is ok.

- G. Schwall motion to approve the recommended changes so we can move forward with RFP to keep to deadlines. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0
- **Discussion:** add any information to RFP that may be discussed during tonight's meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Discussion w/Town Clerk Re: Scheduling of Town 2-1/2 Override Election**

Town Clerk Laura Schwall was present to discuss election dates for the Board's consideration for the Town's Special Election and the wording on the Ballot; need motion to approve.

"Shall the Town of Rehoboth be allowed to assess an additional \$2,115,992.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the expenses of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2019?"

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes                      \_\_\_\_\_ No

M. Costello motion to approve override election date of 7/17/18, Second by J. Muri.  
Vote 5-0

- **Discussion:** Laura feels this is the best date without conflicts and allows time to get out any absentee ballots, if need be.

D. Perry motion to approve wording on Special Election Ballot and date of 7/17/18 for the Election, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

- **Discussion:** Selectmen D. Perry concerned with wording because it sounds like Town has the money. Laura confirms the wording used was taken from Proposition 2 ½ Law.
- G. Schwall wants to make it clear the wording was used in the 2014 Election & Town Counsel has approved it as well. Also, the election can only take place at a minimum of 35 days after the BOS approves it, so 7/17/18 is the best date due to the holiday and vacations.
- Jay Crandall – questioned timing of ballot going into The Reporter. We need to give the residents enough time to read and understand what is going on; letting the community know it is permanent.
- BOS agreed with Mr. Crandall the he or a group of residents could put a write up in The Reporter explaining to others what is happening. It will make the July issue. Voters need to be educated.
- G. Schwall asking the Board to consider a meeting or an Action item at their next meeting allowing the Finance Chair to do a 15-minute presentation to the Town explaining the process of the override and how it affects them. Then allowing for Q&A from the residents.
- D. Perry - we are here to inform the public and we want to make things as easy as possible for everyone
- S. Vadnais – schedule the Finance Presentation for 7/9/18 which is just before the election giving residents time to come to the meeting with their questions. Continue to post this date as well as the election date on upcoming BOS meetings.

**Action Item #2: Vote to approve temporary banner to advertise fundraiser for Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.**

Vote to approve banner request by Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. to be hung on the corner of Rt. 44/Rt. 118 on 5/30/18 and to be removed on 6/17/18.

- Banner for fundraiser advertisement
- Banner will be 4' x 2'
- Will be removed immediately after event
- Selectmen can choose which corner (Dunkin; near realtor)

J. Muri motion to approve the banner for Greenlock Therapeutic, as long as it meets the requirements set forth by the Highway Superintendent, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #3: Vote to approve roadway usage**

Vote to approve roadway use for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Impact Ride on Sept. 29, 2018 to support Susan G. Komen, New England's Commitment to Saving Lives; Tricia Belden is the Development Coordinator; following requirements of Chief Trombetta.

G. Schwall motion to approve roadway usage subject to the letters from Police Chief, Fire Chief & Hwy Superintendent. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #4: Review of RFP for roof replacement at Public Safety Building**

An RFP for replacement of the roof on the Fire Dept/Ambulance bay side has been prepared and forwarded to Sarah Bellino for review.

Schedule for this RFP is as follows:

- To be advertised in the Goods & Services Bulletin on Wed, May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice appears in bulletin on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Needs to run for two weeks prior to opening bids which would be until 6/19/18
- Bids will be opened on 6/20/18 at 1 PM
- BOS vote to award bid on 6/25/18 & sign contract

D. Perry Motion to approve and authorize issue of RFP, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

- **Discussion:** Need site visit scheduled (GS & DP), upgrade insulation to R38, and add square footage to RFP; Fire Dept is 8100 sq. ft. and Ambulance bay side is 4606 sq. ft.

**Action Item #5: Appointment for member of the Bristol County Advisory Board**

Vote to appoint Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. as a member of the Bristol County Advisory Board, effective 7/1/18 – 6/30/19

M. Costello Motion to approve the appointment of Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr to the Bristol County Advisory Board as a member, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0, Skip abstained

**Action Item #6: National Grid Energy Initiative Commitment Letter & Certificate of installation.**

Vote to approve & sign National Grid Energy Initiative Commitment Letter & Certificate of Installation for LED Retro Fit lighting for town street lights.

Michael Costello, Highway Superintendent, has been asked to approve & sign the certificate of installation, after confirming all installation has been performed to the satisfaction of the Town. We will be receiving a rebate of approximately \$4,000.00.

G. Schwall motion to approve the National Grid Energy Initiative Commitment Letter & Certificate of Installation, Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #7: Budget Amendments**

**Vote to approve Budget Amendments:**

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease	MTA
012052-51540	POL-Sick Replacement	\$2,251.96		
012052-51310	POL-Wages Overtime		\$2,251.96	DP/GS
012203-52420	Fire-Equipment R/M	\$23.26		
012203-54500	Fire-Other Station Supplies	\$307.01		
012203-52430	Fire-Vehicle		\$330.27	DP/GS

Vote 5-0

### Vote to approve Special Year End Budget Amendment:

Special Year End Budget Amendments: following budget amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B (requires vote of BOS & Finance Committee) and to forward to the Finance Committee				MTA
Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease	
014223-55300	HWY-Road Program/Gravel,Stone,Sand	\$3,500.00		
014263-54800	HWY-Equip Repair/Auto Supplies		\$3,500.00	DP/JM
014223-58400	HWY-Road Program/Improvements	\$8,600.00		
014263-52420	HWY-Equip Repair/Equip R&M		\$8,000.00	
014263-55800	HWY-Equip Repair/Equip Supplies		\$600.00	DP/JM

Vote 3-0, M. Costello recused himself and G. Schwall was not in the room.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

#### 5/29/18 Selectmen's Reports:

**Vadnais:** Dave and Jim please work with the heads of Planning and Conservation Boards to get the interview process going. Helen has scheduled June 6<sup>th</sup> in the evening for the interview day. Waiting to hear from one member, all others agree on the date. If they cannot make it just send an alternate committee member. Helen needs to notify applicants as well.

**Schwall:** Exhaust venting system for fire department that BOS approved a while back, there were some questions which I took care of and then gave the authorization to move forward. Install should be within a week.

Station 3 boiler, there was a signature missing on the contract which, held up the install, it is now scheduled for July.

SEBLLC website is still showing us listed as 7/24 for the lottery night at the Senior Center, (Helen will look into having that corrected).

**Perry:** Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day parade was great and it was nice to see so many people there. Looking forward to next year's parade.

**Muri:** Marched in Dighton-Rehoboth Memorial Day parade the day was nice & cool, pleasant for walking. Thank you to all who participated from Rehoboth, especially the Veterans who have given to their country.

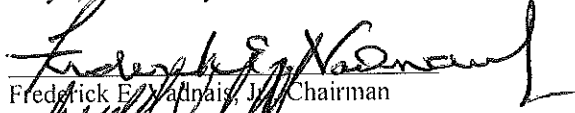
Follow up to Resilience Workshop, Helen and I need to schedule a Listening workshop. It is the next step towards us getting the grant.

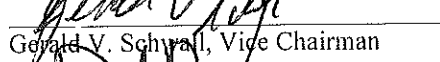
COA Building's HVAC system had numerous deficiencies that have been corrected. Exhaust fan will be done by a different sub-contractor and will be scheduled soon.

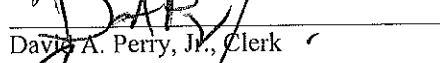
**Costello:** 103 Chestnut St construction, Dave Perry, Conservation & I took care of their issues. Dave and I also took care of other issues that came up.

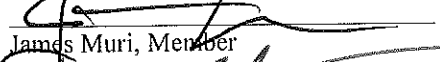
Oakhill Ave sub-division I reviewed the set of plans it may reach into Rehoboth. I'm in touch with Attleboro's Planning/Zoning Dept. If there are plans for another phase there will be jurisdiction problems due to road being inaccessible from Rehoboth.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:20 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri – aye

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

  
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk

  
James Muri, Member

  
Michael Costello, Member



Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Arruda  
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved by: 9/24/18