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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, June 12, 2017**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Frederick “Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Dave Perry, Member; James Muri, Member

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**Absent:** Susan Pimental

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:00 p.m. J. Muri 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; (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; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Police Grievance; Police Personnel Issue; 297 Winthrop Street Pilot Agreement\*

**Call to Order at 7:45 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 17-49A, Withholdings, \$31,102.73; 17-49B, Payroll, \$91,854.04; 17-49 Invoices: \$50,449.29; G. Schwall made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** G. Schwall made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2017. Second J. Muri, All Vote 4-0

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**Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday June 26, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM and it will be an abbreviated meeting.
- The Board of Selectmen was invited to a "Meet and Greet" in honor of the newly appointed principal of DR High School John Gould, III on Tuesday June 13, 2017 from 5PM – 6:15PM. G. Schwall will attend.
- The Town currently has several open positions for which we are looking for individuals to fill on the following boards and committees: If interested contact the Selectmen's Office
  1. Park Commission - 1 vacancy until Town election
  2. Housing Authority – 1 vacancy until Town election
  3. Finance Committee – 3 year appointed term
  4. Board of Health – 3 year appointed term
  5. Personnel Board – 3 year appointed term
  6. Agricultural Commission – Alternate members for a 1 year appointed term
  7. Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 Associate members for a 1 year appointed term

**Town Administrator's Report:**

- We received a report from Rep. Howitt that the Wheeler Street is 86% complete and is anticipated to be complete towards the end of July. The District has sent your request for a ribbon cutting to Jim Kersten in Boston. Work remaining on bridge: final paving and striping; signage installation; guardrail installation; seeding of slopes; inspection and punch list items.
- The Zoning Workshop is June 20, 2017 7PM here at Senior Center. Jay Talerman will be present.

**NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Appoint Dr. Bruce Thayer to Council on Aging Board**

Ron Whittemore: The Council on Aging Board voted to unanimously appoint Dr. Bruce Thayer.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Dr. Bruce Thayer to the Council on Aging Board effective 6/12/17 – 6/30/18 to fill term vacated by Robert McKim. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #1A: Finance Committee Reorganization**

Pursuant to the General Bylaws of the Town of Rehoboth, the Board of Selectmen shall call the Finance Committee together for organization within thirty days from the end of the Town Meeting:

George Solas made nomination for Chairman to be Mike Deignan, second by Doug Furtado. All Vote 2-0 (M. Deignan abstained)

Chairman Deignan made nomination for Vice Chairman to be Doug Furtado, second by George Solas All Vote 2-0 (D. Furtado abstained)

Chairman Deignan made nomination for Clerk to be George Solas, second by Doug Furtado All Vote 2-0 (G. Solas abstained)

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**Action Item #2: Chapter 61A Release; 297 Winthrop Street**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to sign amended release of Chapter 61A for 297 Winthrop Street from Prosperity Partners, LLC to new owners Michael S. Marino, Trustee of Winthrop Street Property Trust. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: Ambulance Agreement Update**

G. S. We are fortunate to have the Ambulance Committee we have to provide services to the Town. The agreement was last updated in 2005. We are very close to a final document that is fair and equitable for the Ambulance Committee to keep serving our Town.

**Action Item #4: Approve & Sign Grant Agreement for Public Library Services**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve and sign Grant Agreement for Public Library Services between Town of Rehoboth and Antiquarian Society for FY18 7/1/17 – 6/30/18. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by J. Muri it was voted to appoint new members to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee effective 6/12/17 – 12/31/18 as follows:

Andrew Carden; Frank Cardoza; Cheryl Gouveia; Jean Grota; John “Jake” Kramer; Laura L. Schwall. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #6: Vote to Appoint & Reappoint**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Town Maps Review Committee – 1 Year Term</b>		
Charles “Chuck” Procopio	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Stephen Silva	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Karl Drown	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Robert Materne	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
William Costa Sr.	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Edwin “Ted” Ballard	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
James Muri	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Community Preservation Committee - 3 YEARS</b>		
Hilary Chmielinski-Representing BOS	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Lynore McKim- Representing Parks Commission	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Agricultural &amp; Natural Resources Preservation Council – 3YEARS</b>		
Eugene Campbell – Representing BOA	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Lynore McKim – Representing Parks Commission	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Carol Williams – Rep. Reh. Land Trust	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

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**Reappointments continued.....**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

Frederick "Skip" Vadnais Jr. – Representing BOS	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
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All Vote 3-0(S. Vadnais abstained)

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Conservation Commission - 3 YEARS</b>		
Thomas B. Nicholson	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Scott S. Pennoyer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Hornbine School Association Committee - 3 YEAR TERM</b>		
David R. Downs	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Historical Commission - 3 YEARS</b>		
Sharon Beskid	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
John Carr	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Rehoboth Community Garden – 1 Year Term</b>		
John P. Maguire	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Lisa Reigel	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Gail Roy	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Michael Zeug	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to table next appointment until further information.

<b>Cultural Council – 3 YEARS From date of Appointment</b>		
Melissa Treichler	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 4/29/18

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Local Emergency Planning Board – 1 Year Term</b>		
Anthony Azar	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Frank Barresi	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Helen Dennen	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Jaime Conlon	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Bernard J. Fagundes	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Rob Johnson II	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Gary Kloss	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
William R. Maiorano	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Scott Meagher	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
John Santos, Jr.	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Linda D. Sherman	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
James Trombetta	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
Michael Costello	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr. - LEPB	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
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All Vote 3-0(S. Vadnais abstained)

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**Reappointments continued.....**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Council on Aging – 3 Year Term</b>		
Cornelius “Neal” Harrington	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 3-0 (S. Vadnais abstained)

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Council on Aging – 3 Year Term</b>		
Suzanne Laverdiere	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20
Ronald Whittemore	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/20

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by J. Muri it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appoint/Reappoint</b>	<b>Term</b>
<i>Laura Schwall</i>	E-911 Municipal Liaison	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Laura Schwall</i>	Census Liaison	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Laura Schwall</i>	Election Administrator	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

All Vote 3-0 (G. Schwall abstained)

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<i>Jaime Conlon</i>	Town Nurse	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Jaime Conlon</i>	Infectious Disease Coordinator	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Jaime Conlon</i>	Public Information Officer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Mark Hass</i>	Public Weigher of Livestock	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Sandra Ruscetta</i>	Volunteer Coordinator of Animal Shelter	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Jake Kramer</i>	Veteran’s Service Officer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Jake Kramer</i>	Veteran’s Graves Officer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Cheryl Gouveia</i>	SMGH Representative	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>John Santos, Jr.</i>	Fence Viewer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Linda D. Sherman</i>	Council on Aging Director	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Michael P. Deignan</i>	Fence Viewer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Debra Giles</i>	Assistant Treasurer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Gay &amp; Gay P.C.</i>	Special Labor: Town Counsel	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Norman Spring</i>	Photographer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

<i>Robert E. Johnson II</i>	Animal Control Officer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Robert E. Johnson II</i>	Field Driver	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Robert E. Johnson II</i>	Measurer of Wood & Lumber	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Robert E. Johnson II</i>	Moth Superintendent	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Brian McKearney</i>	Assistant Animal Control Officer	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Brian McKearney</i>	Field Driver	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>William Carmichael</i>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Frank Gouveia</i>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Michael O’Hern</i>	Constable	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>Robert Materne</i>	Overseer & Volunteer of Town Projects	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
<i>William E. Dalpe</i>	Fish Warden & Harbormaster	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18

All Vote 4-0

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On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to reappointment as follows:

<b>Mead, Talerman &amp; Costa, LLC.</b>	Town Counsel	Reappointment	7/1/17 – 6/30/18
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All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7: SRPEDD**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to appoint Highway Superintendent Michael Costello to the Joint Transportation Planning Group effective 5/24/17 – 5/25/18. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to appoint Town Administrator Helen Dennen as the Alternate Representative to the Joint Transportation Planning Group effective 5/24/17 – 5/25/18. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #8: Budget Amendment**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
012203-55801	Fire- T/O Gear & Equip	\$149.10	
012203-53010	Fire- Physicals		\$149.10

All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve special year end budget amendment as follows and Finance Committee previously approved:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011222-51140	BOS-Wages Selectmen's Office	\$11.00	
013933-56660	BOS-Other Tuition – B/P		\$11.00

All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #9: Chapter 61A Release**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by J. Muri it was voted to waive the right to purchase land 47 Spring Street known as Map 11 Lot 10A. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: Cannon**

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by J. Muri it was voted to accept gift of a M114 A1 Howitzer Cannon donated by the Mass Army National Guard. All Vote 4-0

A thanks to Representative Howitt and National Guard.

D. Perry: Parks Commission will meet to discuss where to place cannon.

**Action Item #11: BOS Summer Schedule**

The Board of Selectmen will be meeting every other week in the summer. No meeting on June 19, 2017.

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**OPEN FORUM:**

M. Costello: I had a conversation with a Principal in Attleboro that deals with challenged young adults. He asked if he could send a couple of supervised young adults down to the Highway Department to clean the trucks or the grounds. It is an educational program so the kids are insured through the school. I will see how the first one goes and take it from there. On a motion made by J. Muri Second by D. Perry it was voted to endorse educational program. All Vote 4-0

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**6/12/17 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** M. Costello: Lindley Lane; I have paved the road you will see a chain across it. I have also cleared back to the rocks that need to be moved. We need to have a discussion with Conservation Commission to see what they want to do with this land.

- Wig Wam: we need to get an update about what is going on with this case.
- Classification Plan/Compensation Plan: Update with Personnel Board

**Schwall:** none

**Pimental:** absent

**Perry:** We are looking for locations for the donated cannon and if anyone has a recommendation you can submit it to the Veteran's Agent or to me.

**Muri:** The Building Physical Assessment Selection Committee met and we have 3 qualified candidates. We have asked the vendors some additional questions and we put a required submission date for this Thursday for the answers to those questions. We will meet again the following Wednesday and hopefully we will have a decision.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen G. Schwall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:40 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri - aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman  
(absent)

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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James Muri, Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway, Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 8/7/17