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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MONDAY JUNE 25, 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 8:00 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; (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:** Personnel issues

**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 June 28, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-52B Payroll, \$138,859.25; 18-51A Withholdings, \$129,977.90; 18-51 Warrant, \$36,671.94; 18-51R1 Refunds, \$3,225.78; 18-51R Refunds, \$3,442.47; 19-01V Veterans, \$10,018.21. G. Schwall made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by, J. Muri. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** On a motion made by D. Perry, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Regular Minutes for 4/30/18. Vote 5-0

On a motion made by D. Perry, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Executive Minutes for 6/11/18. Vote 5-0.

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

Workshop Scheduled for Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Senior Center, all are welcome and it will be televised in case some business comes up and we need to discuss it.

### **Senator Feeney's Visit**

S. Vadnais introduced Senator Paul Feeney; he attended the meeting to discuss State Budgets and Legislative matters that may impact Rehoboth.

"I was elected and sworn in on 11/1/17 after Senator Timilty took job as Norfolk County Treasurer. I became Chairmanship of the Public Service Committee and Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee of Public Health. I began working right away on many issues for the district and Commonwealth; coming in mid-session at the end of a two-year cycle is difficult."

"House passed their version of the budget based on government recommendations. Senate took up our recommendation last week of May, now it sits in with the Conference Committee. We are hoping we get something at the next conference, but may be unlikely. We may hear something by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July."

### **Highlights for Senate:**

- \$41.5 billion adopted for final Senate budget, close to what the House had.
- Revenue increased this year; budgeting very conservatively.
- Projected increase-unlike 2 other sessions, which is a good sign that revenue is coming in above projections.
- Issue- Change in Federal Tax code-need to make sure it is not artificial and that numbers that came in last year were not inflated.

### **Education:**

- -Senate's budget investing heavily into education, which is important to Rehoboth. Senator Feeney's opinion is we need to invest more.
- Both chambers working on a few things

Foundation Budget – How it affects community in each district.

Special Education costs is the big driver-Statutorily hit 75% funding on reimbursement of Special Education. Budget for FY18 came in at approximately 67%-left many communities struggling. He tried to amend and get us closer to 75%, it did not pass but, were able to get up to 72%. We fixed FY19 to fully fund Special Education to 75%-Statutory Mandate-which will help communities with their budgets.

### **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)**

- Senate's focus is to do more for RTA and give them proper resources.
- Approximately \$88 million allocated for this year's budget-will see what happens at final budget.
- We are establishing a task force to look and funding for RTA moving forward

### **Rehoboth Specifically:**

- \$20K for COA for their HVAC system. Thank you to the senior advocate and the community for fighting for this to pass.
- Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC)-Public education formula has not been touched since 1993. 1-2 billion dollars in short fall through out the state. We are working on that to improve. Formula is geared towards more urban cities and does not work for

communities like Rehoboth. My colleagues and I are working hard to get the formula changed and get funding that will help education throughout the Commonwealth.

- Energy Ominous Bill-Increase renewable Energy Portfolio
  - MA invest in renewable energy-sets aggressive goals
  - Can produce many jobs
  - Filed one amendment to Senate-Divest MA Pension Funds from thermal coal
  - Part II filed by Senator Pat O'Connor, Republican from Weymouth, Bi Partisan Amendment to change regulations on siting compressor stations in MA. I spoke to the Senate and we spoke about Rehoboth. Important to regulate siting of compressor stations, need to send message to federal government; who knows their town better than the people and you should have a stake in it. If passed it will help Rehoboth. \*Problem is it needs to be approved by Attorney General's office, it may not pass, but wanted to put it out there so you are aware.
  - Sponsored amendment – place air monitoring station at least one mile from any compressor station. Would have to be checked regularly by DEP.

### **Upcoming Legislations**

- Many Bills are trying to get passed at this time
- Housing Bill- On zoning
- Opioid Bill-I don't have answers so I rely on others from different areas to help me out (Police Depts, Fire Depts, recovery facilities, people from the recovery centers, etc.). Upcoming meeting in Attleboro that is district wide to discuss what actions to take with this bill. All are invited.
  - June 26 at 6:30pm at Murray U.U. Church, Attleboro.

### **Closing**

- Was also a selectman in Foxboro
- I want to be a resource for you and I'm here to help.
- I'm available 24/7
- Drew Phelan-Assistant-617-722-1222 or email [drewphelan@masenate.gov](mailto:drewphelan@masenate.gov)
- By mail: MA State House Rm 507, Boston

The Board was thankful for all the help that Senator Feeney provided for the COA. Also, were appreciative of the fact that education is a priority for him as well. Senator Feeney will look at the outdated formula for funding education that does not apply to Rehoboth and other small town/cities.

Selectman Costello asked Senator Feeney to look into increasing Chapter 90 Funding. The roadways in town need to be worked on, but we need more help. Many cars pass through our town from all over and we feel the state could help us more.

### **Additional Announcements**

L. Schwall – Override Election day is Tuesday, July, 17<sup>th</sup>- all 3 precincts will be open from 8am – 8pm. Last day to register to vote is June 27 from 8am – 8pm. Absentee ballots are open now until 8pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for absentee application is Noon on July 16<sup>th</sup> and ballots are due by 8pm on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

S. Vadnais - On Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Rehoboth Town Clerk, Laura Schwall, was recognized for her positive public leadership and volunteerism efforts by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women (MCSW) at the fifteenth annual Unsung Heroines celebration conducted at the Massachusetts State House in Boston. It is a great honor and we thank you for all you do.

**NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1A: Vote to Award Bid for Public Safety Building Roof Repair**

Robert Berry, Vice President from Rockwell Roofing was present to have the contract signed and to answer any questions.

Vote to Award Bid for Public Safety Building Roof Repair to Rockwell Roofing, Inc of 44 Pond Street, Leominster, MA for \$142,000.00

Bids were opened on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 1pm, 5 bids in total were received and 3 were competitive.

References for Rockwell Roofing were all positive.

G. Schwall – Notifying the community that this roof needs to be replaced because this portion of the building (Fire Station) will be staying. The new roof will be covering the fire station and bays.

Motion made by D. Perry to award the bid for Public Safety Building Roof Repair to Rockwell Roofing of 44 Pond Street, Leominster MA for \$142,000.00. Notify the town 24 hours prior to beginning the project. Non-inclusion form and corporate vote have been received and reviewed. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #1: Reappointment of George Solas to FinCom**

Vote to reappoint George Solas to the Finance Committee effective 7/1/18 – 6/30/20

J. Muri motioned to approve reappointment of George Solas to the Finance Committee, effective 7/1/18-6/03/20. This is a 2-Year term NOT 3-Year term so the committee can get back on track. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

**Discussion:**

M. Costello - Is this allowed under the bylaws to have an individual appointed to Finance Committee that serves under the school committee as well?

S. Vadnais – Per our counsel the bylaw does not pertain to this situation since the school district is a separate entity and not a Town Dept.

**Action Item #2: Joint Meeting with Finance Committee for Reorganization**

**Tabled**

### **Action Item #3: Dissolving of Veteran's Memorial Committee**

Vote to accept letter from Veteran's Memorial Committee to dissolve the committee, effective 6/30/18.

\*Selectman Schwall recused himself. He thanked the entire committee for their outstanding work. Also, a job well done with the tribute to the memorial, it was beautiful for the veterans of Rehoboth.

Jennifer Rousseau – The recommended plan that we are presenting is for ongoing maintenance and event planning at the memorial. Any maintenance would fall under the responsibility of the Veteran's Agent. Any future events would fall under the responsibility of the Parks & Recreation Dept. The highway department will continue to help out where needed.

Derek Rousseau – All departments have been very helpful with our recommendation. Thank you to all the businesses and residents for their support and donations. We could not have done it without them.

S. Vadnais – We will have a meeting with the Parks & Recreation Department and the Veteran's Agent to discuss future responsibilities, budgets and plans. We have overlapping in departments and we need to clarify how we will be moving forward.

M. Costello motion to dissolve the Veteran's Memorial Committee, second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Selectman Schwall rejoined.

G. Schwall – We were able to have an account set up already for the funds that are being collected. It was passed at the Special Town Meeting and then renewed at the Town Meeting for FY19.

G. Schwall motion to approve the transfer of \$5000 to the Ciccone Gift Fund, approved by the Veteran's Memorial Committee and town accountant, upon approval by the Board. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

### **AT 8:00 PM THE BOARD ENTERED INTO A SHORT RECESS TO HOLD A SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Selectman Vadnais announced that they have accepted and signed a new 3-year contract with the new Conservation and Planning Board Agent, Andrew Poyant. Effective date 7/16/18.
- Selectman Vadnais announced they have signed a 3-year contract with the Health Agent, Karl Drown.

### **Action Item #4: Discussion regarding: Complaints received on 58 Winthrop St.**

\*Selectman Muri recused himself.

Reviewing complaint made by neighbor at 54 Winthrop St, Mr. & Mrs. Gardner. Board has received pictures, fire and police reports, and property of record card showing no permit for apartment.

Mr. & Mrs. Gardner – Have complaints on 58 Winthrop Street for the trash on the property.

- BOH gave them one month to clean it up and they have not. In the past when they are served papers from BOH they hide the trash in a blue truck and then take it out after the inspection.
- Lived in my home for 40 years and never had a rat problem; believe I saw one today.
- They have had fires and with all the trash, gas and propane tanks, they are endangering my family, if something had exploded.

Board discussed the following:

- Issues with trash on premises & possible rodent issue.
- Premises is licensed for Class II not Junk Yard.
- No permits on file for apartment.
- Need to speak to Building Commissioner and ConCom.
- Place on Agenda for July 9<sup>th</sup> to revisit.
- Owner is in violation of BOH order to clean up premises over a month ago.

#### **Action Item #4A: Discussion on Override**

- Some of the Board members feel strongly about the override because it will help the town as a whole, not just the schools. The town's budget is always much less than other towns near us.
- We need better communication between the town, schools and Finance Committee.
- Demand as a town for a revised regional school agreement that is fair and equitable for BOTH towns.
- Seek a pledge from the school administration to implement a "zero base" budget.
- Work with Senator Feeney and the state to try and get a tax safety approval for residence that truly cannot afford an increase (i.e. similar to a 40B).
- Residents need to attend the July 9<sup>th</sup> presentation on the override to become better educated on how the override will affect each person.
- The Board will be setting up a meeting to meet with the Dighton Board members very soon.

#### **Action Item #5: Special One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for David Trott, Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC and Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club**

Vote to approve One Day Special Wine & Malt only liquor license for:  
David Trott of Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC  
37 Chestnut Street

Premises for License: 37 Chestnut Street

Effective date: 7/14/18 Transportation of liquor dates: 7/13/18 & 7/15/18

Motion made by D. Perry to approve Special One Day Liquor License for David Trott at Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC, second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Vote to approve One Day Special Wine & Malt only liquor license for:  
Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club  
165 Providence Street

Premises for License: 165 Providence Street

Effective date: 7/7/18 from 1pm to 9pm Transportation of liquor dates: 7/6/18-7/8/18

Motion made by D. Perry to approve Special One Day Liquor License for Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #6: Appointment for 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

Motion made by D. Perry to approve the appointment of Jennifer LeComte to the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, effective 6/25/18 – 12/31/18, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #7: Appointments & Reappointments**

<b>Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency – 1 Year Term</b>			<b>MTA</b>
Roland Aubin	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Donna M. Bishop	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Robert Bombardier	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Matthew M. Bomes	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Joseph Borges	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
William E. Curren	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
David A. Drowne	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Bernard J. Fagundes- Deputy Director	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Gary A. Kloss	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Nona Maiorano	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
William R. Maiorano- Director	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Roger D. Mayer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Stephen Morawiec	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
John Morrish	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Michael Ponte	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Tom Rose	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Eileen M. Ryan	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
Jon C. Vieira	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC

**Vote 5-0**

<b>Computer IT Committee - 1 Year Term</b>			<b>MTA</b>
Anna Deignan	Reappointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC
Mark Welzel	Reappointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC
Peter Beerman	Reappointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC
John “Jake” Kramer	Reappointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC
<b>Vote 5-0</b>			
Laura Schwall	Appointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC
Derek Rousseau	Appointment	7/1/18-6/30/19	DP/MC

**Vote 4-0 (G. Schwall abstained)**

<b>Rehoboth Well GEO Mapping Committee– 1 Year Term</b>			<b>MTA</b>
John F. Hermance	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/JM
Katie Eyer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/JM

**Vote 5-0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appoint/Reappoint</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>MTA</b>
Francis Barresi	Forest Fire Warden	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/MC
<b>Vote 5-0</b>				
Matthew Habershaw	Conservation Commission	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS

**Vote 5-0**

**Action Item #8: Reserve Fund Transfer**

Vote to approve request for transfer from the Reserve Fund as follows:

<b>Into Line #:</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Balance in Account</b>	<b>Amount of Transfer</b>	<b>MTA</b>
011513-53069	BOS Special Town Counsel	\$7,466.36	\$16,000.00	DP/GS
019143-51740	Treasurer Health/Life Insurance	\$103,927.00	\$8,000.00	DP/GS

**Vote 5-0**

**Action Item #9:**

Vote to approve Budget Amendments:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>MTA</b>
012203-52420	Fire-Equip R/M	\$583.95		DP/JM
012203-52430	Fire-Vehicle R/M		\$583.95	
012203-51910	Fire-Uniform Allow.	\$10.60		DP/JM
012203-55100	Fire-Educ. Supplies		\$10.60	
012203-55802	Fire-Hose Replacement	\$363.30		DP/JM
012203-53010	Fire-Medical & Phys.		\$153.90	
012203-57335	Fire-EMS Training		\$153.63	
012203-54200	Fire-Office Supplies		\$55.77	
012103-57120	Pol. -Hotel Meals	\$616.00		DP/JM
012103-53010	Pol. -Medical Physical		\$616.00	
012103-52426	Pol.-Mobil Computer	\$415.28		DP/JM



012103-53010	Pol.-Medical Physical		\$415.28	
012433-54200	Gas Office Supplies	\$207.93		DP/JM
012433-57110	Gas Mileage		\$207.93	

**Vote 5-0**

### **Action Item #10: Special Year End Budget Amendments**

Vote to approve Special Year End Budget Amendments:

<b>Special Year End Budget Amendments:</b> following budget amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B (requires vote of BOS & Finance Committee) and to forward to the Finance Committee				
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>MTA</b>
011222-51140	BOS Selectman Wages PT	\$90.00		DP/MC
011253-52420	BOS Contracted Services Equip/RM		\$90.00	
019143-51740	Treasurer Health/Life Insurance	\$22,000.00		DP/MC
015453-57700	Veterans Benefits		\$22,000.00	
				<b>Vote 5-0</b>
014223-52420	Highway-Road/Equipment R/M	\$2,800.00		DP/JM
014212-51910	Highway Wages/Uniform		\$300.00	
014212-51120	Highway Wages/Full Time		\$2,500.00	
				<b>Vote 4-0 (M. Costello abstained)</b>

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Vadnais:** The Board, Parks & Recreations and Veteran's Agent need to meet soon to review the Veteran's Memorial. Tentative date at July 23<sup>rd</sup>, as an agenda item.

Zoning Board of Appeals- Need to discuss vacated appointments, appointments that are being held, and evaluate the situation at hand. Tentative dates to meet 7/9 or 7/16.

S. Vadnais & M. Costello – Governor Baker is very interested in attending our 375<sup>th</sup> Parade. We need to contact his office 6 weeks out to get on his calendar.

**Schwall:** Laura & I attended Camp Ramsbottom grand opening of their new pool. Amazing camp!  
Owned the Pawtucket Girls & Boys Club  
Funds raised helped with the pool and remaining money will be put towards scholarships  
No child is turned away

We also attended the Farmer's Market, hours are 10am – 2pm. All fresh produce and meats are available. They are also selling prepared foods.

**Perry:** The bid was awarded for fire departments roof repairs. Despite the 2-1/2 the town still has to run.

**Muri:** The “curb cut” requirement can be added to the automated Building Department computer base permitting system that we are working on.

HVAC work at the COA has been completed and is working well and more efficiently for both heat and AC. Other repairs will be worked on at a later date.

Ron Whittemore of 21 Pond Street

COA did not have the proper duct work in place. Now with these repairs everything is working much better.

**Costello:** Very upset! Received a call from the states’ Ethics Complaint Dept regarding a highway employee helping with the 375<sup>th</sup> events. My clerk has worked on two things for the event, cutting tickets and delivering paperwork to the town’s treasurer’s department. The Ethics Department did not realize that this was a “Town” event and said that there may not be an issue, but they will confirm.

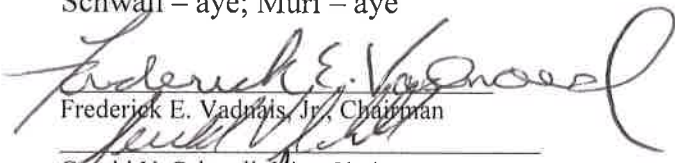
Blanding Road & Miller Street have been paved. Next, we will be working on Bay State Road and Chestnut. These streets will be stone sealed. Will last much longer.

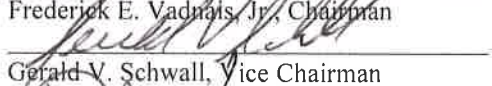
Looked into Rocky Hill Road and driveway issue. Homeowner not available so I left my card and information with contractor. A curb cut permit was not issued. I need to work with the building department to have that step on the building permit as a “check off” item.

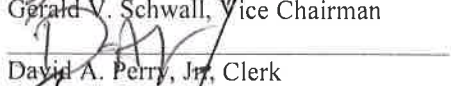
**\*Selectman Schwall motioned to approve adding Curb Cut to the building permit as a check off item. Second by selectman Muri. 5-0**

S. Vadnais – Mike Costello to work with Bill McDonough to get this done.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen G. Schwall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:40 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. 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: 3/4/19**