# July 18, 2016 Board of Selectmen Regular Minutes Rehoboth Senior Center 55 Bay State Road

<u>**Present:</u>** Selectman Schwall, Chairman Vadnais, Selectman Perry, Helen Dennen, Alyse Vincent, Mike Deignan, Kevin McBride, Bob Saxon, Matt Habershaw, Sue Withers, Dave Scanlon, Sandra Marquis,</u>

Absent: Selectman Pimental

#### Selectman Vadnais called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

#### **1.1)** Executive Session:

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL chapter 30A, §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 Patrolman & SOA Contract Negotiations; REPAC vs TOR (2011) REPAC vs TOR (2015); Stoeckler vs TOR; PILOT Agreement

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

#### 1.) Call to Order

Chairman Vadnais called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen back to order at 7:21 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

<u>WARRANTS:</u> 17-02A Withholdings \$36,951.35; 17-03B Payroll \$78,534.96; 16-55 Invoices \$17,215.61

<u>**MINUTES:**</u> Regular Minutes: 4/11/16, 5/2/16 & 6/6/16 (Session 1-morning) Executive Session Minutes: 6/6/16 Session 1 – Selectman Schwall requested the minutes be held until next week when there was a full board present.

<u>Announcements</u>: Chairman Vadnais advised that Veterans Agent Jake Kramer's father had passed away last week and condolences go out to him.

Next Selectmen's meeting will be on Monday, July 25, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7:00 PM

#### **Open Forum:**

**Boston Post Cane:** Town Clerk, Laura Schwall advised the Board that the Boston Post Cane came back from the Cameo Shop where the owner arranged for it to be engraved. A special thank you to him for since he was on vacation until September and didn't want to charge us. Laura presented the Board with an invitation to a luncheon on July 25, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the Senior Center in honor of Francelina Veader as the Oldest Citizen of Rehoboth and presentation of the Boston Post Cane. An invitation has been delivered in person to Ms. Veader.

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**Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli**: Wendy came before the Board and presented the Board with a letter requesting two stop signs on Agricultural Avenue at the intersection of Fairfield Street and two stop signs on Agricultural Avenue at the intersection of Rocky Hill Road and one stop sign on Fairfield Street at the intersection of Ash Street along with noting there are no speed limit signs on Ash Street, Fairfield Street and Agricultural Avenue. She requested the speed limit signs be 25 MPH. Wendy also provided an email from Meghan Joyce for the stop signs.

Selectman Vadnais stated we have a moratorium on signs until we have an established policy; please pass your letter on to Helen and we will let you know when it will be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

<u>**Town Administrator's Report:**</u> Dennen advised Board that Roberta Oliveira, the new Town Accountant, had come in and met with Cheryl today, and would be starting next Monday, 7/25/16

## Action Item (1): Highway Search Committee / Personnel Board

Members of the Highway Search Committee and Personnel Board (Dave Scanlon, Sue Withers, Sandra Marquis) came before the Board for a discussion regarding the Highway Superintendent Job Description. Kevin McBride feels some adjustments need to be made in job description as far as education and licensing. He does not feel the applicant needs a hoisting license. Bob Saxon feels they should possess leadership and safety skills. He does feel they should hold a hoisting license. Matt Habershaw feels street smarts is sometimes better than education and believes they should possess a hoisting license. D.P: informed the Highway Search Committee members that they were chosen because of their good judge in character and also they have the skills to know what it takes to be a Highway Superintendent. Dave Scanlon: Job description has not been voted on by the Personnel Board yet.

Application deadline is August 31 at 4pm. The Highway Superintendent Search Committee will be performing interviews and present their recommendations to the Board. A member of the Personnel Board will be sitting in on the interviews.

Chairman Vadnias requested a nominee for Chair to the Highway Superintendent Search Committee; on a motion made by Kevin McBride Second by Matt Habershaw it was voted to approve Bob Saxon as Chairman for the Highway Superintendent Search Committee All Vote 2-0

## Action Item (2): Hass Family Realty Trust Agricultural Preservation Restriction

Chris Chisholm, APR Regional Planner, Department of Agricultural Resources, came before the Board requesting approval of the federal documents for the Hass Family Realty Trust ("HASS") Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) as follows: Addendum MDAR & Town of Rehoboth Application for 2014 ALE Agreement, Amendment #3 Town of Rehoboth Co-holder document and Memorandum for the Record-Town of Rehoboth document. The Board noted Town Attorney Talerman's concern that the documents indicated a contribution of \$229,000 leading one to think that the Town was providing that amount of funding, when in fact the Town was only contributing \$54,000.

Chris Chisholm assured the Board that the Town was only responsible for \$54,000; the federal forms cannot be altered. The \$229,000 would be paid by the Department of Agricultural Resources up front and then reimbursed later by the federal government. The Town will get bill from DAR.

A motion was made by Selectman Schwall to authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign the Hass Agricultural Preservation Restriction documents noting the Town's contribution of \$54,000 from CPC funds per a

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5/11/16 Special Town Meeting vote as certified by the Town Clerk; motion was seconded by Selectman Perry. Vote 3-0

# Action Item (3): Lindley Road Right of Way

Rachel Smith on behalf of Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council came before the Board to discuss plan prepared by Otis Dyer who reviewed all the deeds referencing Lindley Road. Chairman Vadnais stated so we (the Town) have a foot as well as vehicular right of way, to which Rachel replied yes. Chairman Vadnais suggested that a group of interested individuals (1) stakeout the roadway to show the boundaries of the roadway; (2) at a later date send out a letter to the abutters of the roadway letting them know of our intentions; (3) plan a course of action that needs to be taken possibly getting the Conservation Commission involved.

On a motion made by Selectman Schwall, seconded by Selectmen Perry it was voted to stake out Lindley Road and to identify the roadway boundaries. Vote 3-0

# Action Item (4): Municipal Complex Update

Discussion by Board on any updates on Municipal Complex Project. G. Schwall encourages emails and questions.

# Action Item (5): Performance Evaluation

Kelly started working as a temporary employee on 9/14/15 as Interim Assistant Town Administrator.

Helen Dennen performed evaluation of Kelly Hathaway as Interim Assistant Town Administrator and stated she is a very good worker, always eager. I feel Kelly has performed exceedingly well in the position and recommend she be **hired** on an interim permanent basis as Interim Assistant Town Administrator. I recommend Kelly be provided all benefits offered to a full time employee under the Town's Personnel Policies, which includes: Health insurance; Vacation time (credited back to her date of hire);Sick time; Other time off benefits, i.e. personal days, etc.

G.S; She has a great personality; she is a breath of fresh air.

D.P: One of the better decisions we have made.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve hire of Kelly Hathaway as Interim Assistant Town Administrator with full time employee benefits. All Vote 3-0

G. S.: Discussion in future regarding compensation for Interim Town Administrator and Interim Assistant Town Administrator.

# Action Item 6: One Day Liquor License

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve one day liquor license for Lissa Trott of Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC on 37 Chestnut Street for dates; 7/30/16, 8/20/16/ 8/27/16 from 5PM – 10PM for weddings with transportation dates being;

7/29/16, 7/31/16 & 8/19/16, 8/21/16 & 8/26/16, 8/28/16 All Vote 3-0

## Action Item 7: Compressor Station

Discussion regarding two letters received from Citizens Against the Rehoboth Compressor Station Group

- 1) To publicly take a position for or against
- 2) To oppose DPU's pipeline tax

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S. Vadnais: discussed meeting with Mayor of Attleboro. They will continue to keep an open communication in regards to compressor station. The Board of Selectmen will also continue to answer questions and concerns from citizens. A letter will be sent to Chairman of Seekonk or Town Administrator to open a formal line of communication. The Board of Selectmen does not have a vote on if the compressor station is put in Rehoboth or not, but will address questions and forward to the proper officials. G. Schwall and S. Vadnais opposes a tax to be put on every residents electric bill.

Alys Vincent & Tracy Manzilla present to share concerns. They formed a committee called BC Cares against compressor station in Rehoboth. Alys read letter that she had presented to the Board of Selectmen earlier (see attached). Alys also mentioned putting up signs. The Board allowed signs to be put on private property with the owner's permission, not on town property. Alys requested we move her link to home page on website instead of Board of Selectmen page. It will be kept on Board of Selectmen page and we will contact Town Counsel as to advice regarding this link on web page.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to send a letter calling for a ban of any tariff tax due to compressor station on energy bills and also send a letter to Governor Baker, Senator Timilty, Congressman Kennedy, Representative Howitt, Senator Markey and Senator Warren. All Vote 2-0(D. Perry abstained - due to lack of knowledge as to what kind of tax it is). Helen will form letters.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve a letter will be sent to FERC to request a scoping hearing in Town of Rehoboth and extend comment period. All Vote 3-0 Concluded discussion 9:55PM

#### Additions to Agenda:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
014233-55300	Snow Gravel/Sand	14,083.00	
014233-52420	Snow Equip R & M		896.00
014233-51310	Snow Wages OT		13,187.00
012913-52430	REMA Vehicle R & M	266.50	
012913-57310	REMA Dues		266.50
012112-51120	Dispatcher Wages FT	1,745.68	
012112-51310	Dispatcher Wages OT		1,547.50
012112-51520	Dispatcher Wages Holidays		198.18

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve budget amendments below All Vote 3-0

## New Item: Chapter 90 Project Request

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve project request for \$175,527.18 for the first year of a three year lease of three new International 6 wheel trucks with explanation. All Vote 3-0

\*Chapter 90 will not allow town to fund all three trucks without having funds in bank, it will be three different motions; this being the first one.

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# **Open Forum:**

M. Deignan: 5 Slater Street; The Town website is the same as Town property.

I want to follow up on Wendy Wolfe-Cadarelli discussion regarding stop signs. There seems to be a disregard when it comes to speed signs and stop signs with death resulting. I encourage the Board of Selectmen to have a meeting with the police department about traffic enforcement. I will be asking others to send in letters regarding this. D. Perry: Have them make a spreadsheet of the chronic problems. I have witnessed the speeding problems on Fairview Avenue. G. Schwall: I will present this to S. Pimental, the police liaison, tomorrow. S. Vadnais: You cannot use stop signs as a way to slow traffic down. A stop sign is put in place for a safety issue. We will also bring this up to the Planning Board at one of their meetings. MD: What is going on with the Regional Agreement Amendment Committee? S. V: Nothing, there was no quorum. No other meeting scheduled yet.

# 7/18/16 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Follow up regarding flooding issue on Gorham Street. The Board of Selectmen has decided it is the mail truck. It is not a storm water issue. D. Perry will address the issue.

Schwall: none

Pimental: absent

Perry: none

Adjournment: on a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Schwall it was voted to adjourn the 7/18/16 Board of Selectmen's meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator Kelly J. Hathaway, Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

(absent) Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved 8/1/16