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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY JULY 9, 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; Helen Dennen

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for July 12, 2018: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-53A, Withholdings, \$30,480.85; 19-01, Payroll, \$132,045.91 18-53, Warrant, \$75,024.20; 19-02, Warrant, \$24,430.69. G. Schwall motion to approve warrants, Second by Jim Muri. Vote 5-0

Minutes: On a motion made by J. Muri, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve and hold Executive Session Minutes for 5/23/18, as amended. Vote 5-0.

On a motion made by J. Muri, Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve and hold Executive Session Minutes for 6/11/18. Vote 5-0.

On a motion made by G. Schwall, Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve and hold Executive Session Minutes for 6/25/18. Vote 5-0

Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center in the conference room. It will be a short meeting to address mandatory items.
- Ron Whittemore - Keep Rehoboth Beautiful-Looking for more volunteers. Would like to build on the successful April clean-up and other projects in town. Also working towards another successful town clean-up in April 2019. Talent Bank form available on Town website
- Laura Schwall – July 17th is Election Day poles open from 7am-8pm for all 3 precincts.
 - S. Vadnais – Will continue to announce Election Day at meetings.
- Clambake for 375th celebration is on July 21st at 2-7pm, last day to order tickets is 7/14.
- Kate Farrington – There is a bumper sticker on the "Welcome to Rehoboth" sign, can it be removed? It's on Rt44 coming in from Seekonk?
 - G. Schwall – I will take it down.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Public Hearing for an application submitted by Robin Anderson for Kennel Permit for more than 4 dogs at 30 Terrybrooke Road. Hearing will be on 7/23/18 at 7:15.
- Vote to waive building dept. fees for replacement of roof at PSB. Bill McDonough called and asked if the Board would consider waiving the fee. Cost for permit is approximately \$2,100 to \$2,200.
 - G. Schwall motion to approve, Second by J. Muri to waive Building Dept fees for PSB roof replacement. Vote 5-0.
 - D. Perry – During site visit question was asked if permit fees were included in bid, and the answer was NO.
- The Veterans Memorial Future Plan has been sent to the Parks Commission & Veterans Agent with a request to meet with the BOS on 7/23/18
- North American Auto complaints heard at the 6/25/18 BOS meeting. Bill McDonough is working with individual and will have update ASAP.
- Highway curb cut fee & sign off needs to be added to Building Permit.
 - D. Perry – Each job has to be conditioned differently, by job, by request. Will meet with Mike and Bill McDonough to make sure permit reflects sign off and fee.
 - M. Costello – we need to include it on permit because later the resident calls complaining that plows cut up their driveways and we find out that they never paid the fee, but the town has to fix the problem.
- MVP Program Listening Session tomorrow evening (7/10/18) at 7pm at the Senior Center. This is an excellent time for the public to get more information on climate change and how it will affect our community. One of the main effects of climate change and of most concern, is our water resources. We extend this opportunity to all citizens to attend and become an informed citizen.
- Please be aware the Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (“Algonquin”) is scheduled to perform maintenance work at its valve site near New Street in Rehoboth, Monday, July 9, 2018 through Thursday, July 13, 2018. The work will require intermittently releasing small quantities of odorized natural gas at various times.
- Mike Costello – LED bulbs were put in 36 street lights and the town received a rebate check for \$4269.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: FinCom Presentation on Override Election Information:

S. Vadnais – We will listen to the presentation from FinCom first. Questions taken will solely be about presentation.

Purpose of Presentation:

1. Explain how property taxes are calculated
2. Discuss types of Proposition 2 ½ Overrides
3. Illustrate the estimated impact of 7/17 override
4. Show types of property tax relief available to some tax payers

Questions from Residents:

- Is my tax bill divided by general funds & school funds?
 - M. Deignan – No, amount divided quarterly.
- Numbers on website - cost of school system budget & total cost over time

- M. Deignan – Town clerk’s website you can review warrants and annual town reports that go back a few years
- L. Schwall – Warrants go back to 2014 and Town Reports go back to 2008
- M. Deignan – Need to check Mass General Law that was adopted by Rehoboth, but some of those who can apply for relief help are: blind; 70+; veterans; surviving spouse. You should also check with the Assessors’ office.
- M. Deignan – Thank you to the BOS for allowing me to make this presentation. If you have any questions please call or email me.
- G. Schwall – This presentation is available on Town Website.

Action Item #2: Farmer’s Market Agreement

Review and vote to approve and sign Farmer’s Market Agreement as presented.

- G.Schwall – First 2 pages of packet BOS worked on, the rest of the of the packet was worked on by Market Manager.
- M. Costello – Has information been reviewed by counsel?
- Rachel Smith – No, once BOS approves we can give it to counsel. After all changes have been made we will give it to counsel for review.
- G. Schwall – Once changes have been made and BOS approves agreement, any other changes going forward will have to go through AgCom. If AgCom wants to make further changes then they will have to present them to the BOS for approval.
- M. Costello – Has AgCom reviewed agreement?
- Rachel Smith – AgCom reviewed the basic copy before Market opened. I just got this copy on Saturday.
- G. Schwall – This version has been out for one week, since the last incident. The rest of it has been out for several weeks. I think you are looking at an old copy.
- J. Muri – Has BOH looked over this agreement? We should Table until AgCom & BOH has looked at it.
- Rachel Smith – No, BOH has not.
- G. Schwall – Rachel and I are not going to run the Farmer’s Market. Laura Samsel needs to run through the proper channels and then come back to the BOS. A question for the Board is, do we allow the Farmer’s Market to continue without the agreement?
- J. Muri – Motion to Table until AgCom can look at agreement, Second by D. Perry.
- D. Perry – Motion to amend motion made by J. Muri and allow Farmer’s Market to continue while AgCom reviews agreement. G. Schwall, nay; M. Costello, aye; J. Muri, aye; D. Perry, aye. Vote 3-1, Skip recused himself.

Discussion:

- Rachel Smith – AgCom agrees with whatever the BOS decides would be best in regards to regulations/liabilities.
- Mrs. Vadnais – Speaking as a vendor; thank you Dave for your motion. We would be doing a huge disservice to the Town if we took the FM away. Vendors that are there are doing a great job and people look forward to coming. Laura is doing a great job and trying hard. She is a volunteer and she is trying to keep things safe for everyone. I do agree everyone needs to be licensed.

- G. Schwall – BOS will not put together vendor agreements, permit agreements, etc. Laura need to get that together & present to BOS.
- D. Perry – We have great vendors and FM is an asset to the community. But, in today's world we have to watch out with all legal aspects. Appreciate your time.
- S. Vadnais – As part of Mass Dept. of Agriculture (MDAR) – we should not be looking at what other states do (i.e. S. Carolina and Virginia) when looking to put an agreement together. MA works with the vendors.

Action Item #3: Clerical Staff Hiring

Dave Scanlon present to advise Board and announce names of individuals hired for the following positions:

- Highway Conservation Planning Office Administrator Position – Clerical Union hire
 - Assistant to the Town Administrator Position – Personnel Policies hire
- Happy to fill last two positions. Deborah Arruda will be filling the position of Assistant to the Town Administrator. She has experience in Human Resources, worked as an assistant to V.P. of Sales, and was a team manager as well.
 - Stacy Vilao will be filling the position of Office Administrator to Conservation/Planning Board and Highway. She worked in the Conservation/PB department previously and knows the job well.
 - Both will be starting on Monday, July 16th.
 - D. Perry – I see Highway, Concom, and Planning Board, was Stormwater removed?
 - G. Schwall - No, it's in the job description.
 - M. Costello - How is this going to work, do I have to drive to Town Hall to give work to the Assistant?
 - D. Perry – Why was hiring procedure different for these two positions?
 - S. Vadnais – BOS voted to be done this way. Dave & Mike get together on this and see how this will work and go through Helen.
 - M. Costello – Very dissatisfied with this procedure and we lost a good worker. I asked Helen why I was not allowed to sit in on the interviews, I did not get a response. I want to know why? Why were other selectmen allowed to interview applicants!
 - S. Vadnais – I suggested and a motion made during a previous meeting. Everyone at the table voted. Now it's too late, too bad.
 - J. Muri – I do understand and recall the vote but, going forward we may need to get a hiring committee that brings suggestions to BOS.
 - M. Costello – Just stating that we are all equal at this table, what is afforded to one member should be afforded to all members.

Action Item #4: One Day Liquor License Application

Vote to approve One Day Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for: Michael Malafronte - Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club; address of licensed premises: 165 Providence Street; effective date (s) of license: July 28, 2018 & September 15, 2018 from 12:00 noon -8:00 PM

Transportation of alcohol dates: 7/27/18, 7/29/18, 9/14/18 & 9/16/18

Restrictions attached to this license by local authorities: Firing range to be closed during sale of alcoholic beverages

J. Muri Motion to approve One Day Special Liquor License to Michael Malafronte, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: REMA Grant

Bill Maiorano submitted a contract for the FY2017 State Homeland Security Program grant in the amount of \$2,500.00.

G. Schwall Motion to approve and authorize Chairman Vadnais to sign contract for purchases of shelter safety supplies, Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. S. Vadnais abstained

➤ G. Schwall – Thank you, Bill for getting the grant.

Action Item #6: Appointments/Reappointments

Hornbine School Association Committee – 3 Year Term			MTA	
Brenda E. Saben	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS Vote 5-0	
Historical Commission – 3 Year Term			MTA	
Mark P. Canuel	New	7/1/18 – 6/30/21		
Daniel M. Cardoza	New	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS Vote 5-0	
Name	Position	Appoint/Reappoint	Term	MTA
William McDonough	Building Commissioner & Zoning Officer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS Vote 5-0
Michael Costello	Highway Superintendent	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS Vote 4-0-MC Abstain

Action Item #7: Resignation of Hilary Chmielinski

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018, the Town Clerk's Office received the signed resignation of Hilary Chmielinski's resigning from the Rehoboth Community Preservation Committee effective immediately. Dr. Chmielinski has served on the CPC since July 1, 2009. Due to Dr. Chmielinski and his family moving to Wareham, he will no longer be able to participate in CPC functions. Dr. Chmielinski's current appointed term was to expire on June 30, 2020.

Vote to accept resignation.

G. Schwall Motion to accept Dr. Chmielinski's resignation, Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

- Send letter of "thanks"

Action Item (8): Special Year End Budget Amendments

Vote to Approve Special Year End Budget Amendment:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011513-53069	BOS Town Counsel Special Counsel	\$7,400.00	
014273-54111	BOS Gasoline-Town Vehicles		\$7,400.00

D. Perry Motion to approve Special Year End Budget Amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B, and send to FinCom for their approval, Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Action Item (9): Budget Amendments

Vote to approve Budget Amendments:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
011563-52480	BOS Computer Expense-Hardware	\$9,170.00	
011563-53000	BOS Computer Expense-Prof/IT Consultant		\$6,570.00
011563-53180	BOS Computer Expense-Training		\$1,000.00
011563-54400	BOS Computer Expense-Other Software		\$1,600.00
015113-53000	BOH Professional & Technical	\$150.00	
015113-52430	BOH Vehicle R/M		\$150.00
015113-54200	BOH Office Supplies	\$405.00	
015113-57110	BOH In State Mileage		\$250.00
015113-57310	BOH Dues		60.00
015113-57320	BOH One Day Conference		95.00
012103-52430	Police Cruiser R/M	\$1,095.00	
012103-54400	Police Other Operating Supplies		\$1,095.00
012103-52424	Police Radar Repair	\$170.00	
012103-52421	Police Radio R/M		\$170.00

D. Perry motion to approve Budget Amendments, Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

Discussion:

J. Muri – BOS items on budget list, server was very slow and needed to be replaced. Consulting is mostly done by Derek Rousseau, which frees up dollars to buy hardware. Thank you, Derek for all your hard work.

Action Item (10): Eastwood Estates

Plan for Phase II of Eastwood Estates-Planning Board asking BOS to review and make any comments before their 7/11 meeting.

Discussion:

- J. Muri – Normal subdivision to not usually come before BOS for review.
- S. Vadnais – Mike & I spoke about this and there is a large amount of gravel being moved for this project. We have to vote on this, does this issue trigger any bylaws or not?
- J. Muri – If someone is doing a gravel business for just homes and they are moving large amounts, that is one thing. A normal subdivision with no “funny business,” that is different. Not sure if we have to review.
- S. Vadnais – Mike you had restrictions on how much could be used per lot; need to make sure that is happening.
- M. Costello – It’s about 500 yds per lot. Roadways are where you see most of the cuts. If you are seeing big cuts and no fills, need to find out where it’s going. If going off site, is it meeting the criteria?
- G. Schwall – Isn’t that the purpose of having a meeting, so it is explained to BOS what is going on?

- D. Perry – We need to make assumption, are they just moving gravel on site or is it a gravel operation where it goes off site and then impacts our roads?
- S. Vadnais – “Removal” by definition is not taking it off the property, just disturbing it from its natural state is considered “removal.”
- M. Costello – Based on profile plans for this project there is more fill then cut out. You also have to take Grade level into consideration.
- S. Vadnais – Gravel law we have is very hard to work with. In the past PB would review project to make sure all was correct, until we had a recent challenge and had to go through lawyers. Now we have to do thing differently.
- G. Schwall – Do we have someone looking over this? Is Planning Board truly reviewing these projects?
- S. Vadnais – Yes, Planning Board is looking over plans to make sure everyone is complying of gravel laws & so forth.
- H. Dennen – Planning Board needs to know if you have any comments.
- BOS - No Comment.

Selectmen’s Reports:

Vadnais: Chief George Jennings from Seekonk Wampanoag Tribe is very interested in our current Town Hall building, if it ever comes available.

Schwall: Any updates on 58 Winthrop St?

- S. Vadnais – I spoke to our building inspector regarding the illegal apartment. The apartment is legal. However, the office was also being used as an apartment, which is illegal. BOH is taking care of the rodent problem. Junk in the yard is being relocated in other areas when inspections are happening, then owner puts everything back when they leave. Need an enforcement order. BOH has given them a 30-day time frame to get things in order.

Summer St – Solar farm area; weeds are very tall, need to take care of it.

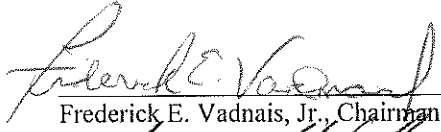
- J. Muri – They need to comply with the agreement

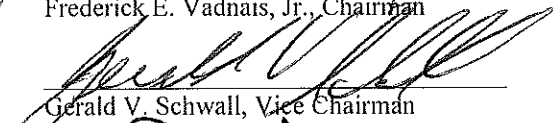
Perry: Important vote coming up, get out and vote.

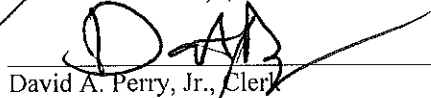
Muri: Anawan School project – I spoke to Dean Harrison liaison for Women Development Corp. They are working with the state and abutters on a solution to the well issue.


Costello: Bay Street/Chestnut St road work begins (chip sealing), please try to use an alternate route because roads may be closed throughout the day.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Schwall made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:14 PM, Second by Selectmen 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: 10/22/18