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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, August 1, 2016
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Frederick “Skip Vadnais, Chairman; Gerald Schwall, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Dave Perry, Member

Also Present: Helen Dennen, Interim Town Administrator

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:00 p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to enter into Executive Session, 2nd by G. Schwall, 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) 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 security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto; *

Topics of Discussion: Police Department Personnel; Police SOA & Patrolman Contract Negotiations; Personnel Issues; Potential Litigation; Krasnianski vs. TOR vs. Praetorian Inc.

Call to Order at 7:30p.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; Withholdings 17-04A, \$120,573.57; Payroll: 17-05B, \$81,399.02; 17-04, Invoices: \$100,181.55; Veterans: 17-05V, \$9,595.44; Invoices: 16-57, \$375.00 . S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2016 Second, G. Schwall Voted 4-0; D. Perry made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 18, 2016. Second, G. Schwall, as amended Voted 3-0 (S. Pimental abstained, was not present); S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2016. Second, G. Schwall Voted 4-0

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3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday August 8, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM with Dighton Board of Selectmen
- National Grid will be working in Rehoboth on Wednesday August 3rd. It will be necessary to interrupt electrical service in the area of 0-58 Pond Street for approximately 3 hours. Rain date Thursday August 4th. Residents affected have been notified.
- Jane Foster: If anyone finds stray kittens in the fields near their homes, do not pick them up because it could be a dangerous situation. Please call me. Also do not put your face into a dogs face because it is very hot out and they are hot and cranky. Thank you for everyone who donated to the Rebecca Foster-Hunt fundraiser.

Town Administrator's Report: Helen Dennen

- The Planning Board would like to postpone the stop sign meeting with the Board until September 7th. Bob Moitozo is out of the country and would like to be present.
- We received a new large copier for Selectmen's Office on Friday. Copier will be used by Planning/Conscom, Assessors, BOH and other department needing to make a large copy. You can scan to it and scan to your emails. I want to thank Derek Rousseau and the IT Committee for selecting a copier that meets our needs and will for years to come. What would the Board like to do with the old copier? Leave it at Town Hall until it sells.
- Public Hearing for Eminent Domain taking for roadways accepted will be held on Monday 8/29/16. This allows the Town to record roadways at the registry of deeds. No land will be taken from anyone and the roadway will remain the same.
- Workplace safety training sessions will be this Thursday for our Town employees. Two police officers will do the training in two sessions 9AM and 9:30AM. The department head meeting will follow.
- Dean Harrison would like to meet with the Board mid to late September to provide an update on the Anawan School project and a vote of support for a letter from the Board to go with the Comprehensive Permit Application.
- Dighton Board of Selectmen & the DR School Committee Capital Subcommittee will come before the Board for a brief discussion with both Boards. You have a copy of the presentation.
- Reminder: I will be out of office on 8/3/16, Donna will answer phones in the morning and Carol will be in in the afternoon, because Kelly is on vacation.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Eagle Scout Project

Tom Savory, Eagle Scout: My eagle project will be to fix up Anawan Rock.

- Fix broken fence
- Clean pathway
- Fix large sign with new shingles
- Add more wood chips around large rock
- Replace bench and fix another bench
- Add QR code at sign that will pull up information about the Rock

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- Remove stumps from ground

SV. You have received support from the Historical Society. DP. This is a very ambitious project, I assume you will be supervised and have other scouts helping. TS. I will be supervising. There will be approximately 10 – 13 kids and a required two adults supervising. The Boy Scouts carry full insurance on scout projects. GS. I just want to comment on a great presentation you made. TS. It should take no longer than a month. SV. I would suggest you contact the Tree Warden to maybe assist you in the project, if needed (wood chips, taking down old trees, removal of debris).

On a motion made by S. Pimental it was voted to approve the Eagle Scout Project presented by Thomas Savory to clean and fix up Anawan Rock area Second by G. Schwall All Vote 4-0

Action Item #2: Rte 6 & Barney Avenue Project

Mike Tyler: Very dangerous intersection at Providence Street and needs improvement. With the Boards approval we entered into an engineering contract with GPI. Jim Noyes of GPI: Presented copies of plan to the Board. It is a Y intersection and we would like to make it a T intersection to be safer. We will be widening the pavement and striping a right lane and left lane for turning. This does not require any land takings. We would like to do the same thing on Barney Avenue down the road. To be able to put a street light you need to have a lot more cars coming out of Providence Street and Barney Avenue. It would be 3 days to detour the road and reopen at 5PM. MT: The next step is sending plan to the State. SV. Thank you for your presentation.

Action Item #3: Chapter 90 Reimbursements

On a motion made by D. Perry it was voted to approve and sign Chapter 90 reimbursements as \$4,468.70 for drainage improvements, \$30,593.52 for front end loader, \$465,322.11 for roadway improvements and \$93,684.60 for salt shed, Second by S. Pimental All Vote 4-0

Action Item #4: Municipal Complex Update

GS. The meeting was scheduled on July 28, 2016 I was not able to attend. Bob Ashton has given me an update. The members present were Chief Trombetta, Chief Barresi, Scott Meagher, John Santos, Ted Rouse, Helen Dennen and Bob Ashton. Member not present was Bill Maiorano. They discussed setting public workshops and open houses to inform the public starting in September. We also need a page on the Town's Website. The Committee should come to meet with the Board next week August 8, 2016 during our workshop meeting in regards to what will be covered during the public sessions and how will they be handled. We need to seek information from the Department heads as to why we need this investment (for example Chief Barresi has run out of room). We are about to be fined by the State for how we hold prisoners.

On a motion made by G. Schwall it was voted to approve to hold a Special Town Meeting January 23, 2016 to consider the question of the Municipal Complex Second by S. Pimental All Vote 4-0

We will not bring this to a vote until every question is answered. Before Special Town Meeting we will discuss how much the project will cost.

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Action Item #5: Informational Session on Compressor Station

DP: It was told to us that a lot of concerned residents do not know about the compressor station. I reached out to Spectra and I will be meeting with a couple of their representatives tomorrow. The Board is arranging a Public Meeting with Spectra here on September 19th or the 26th. We are inviting a representative from Seekonk and also Attleboro. I will be giving a list of questions to Spectra. Residents can submit questions to the Board of Selectmen for Spectra. This meeting will not be an open forum. Please submit your questions on how the compressor station will affect you as a resident and citizen. Helen will contact Seekonk and Attleboro to inform them of this meeting and if they will attend.

Action Item #6: Agricultural Avenue Parcel

Tabled until Dave can meet with Conservation Commission to gather more information.
GS. Feels the Town should hold onto the land.

Action Item #7: Animal Control Department

SV. We have an action that needs to be taken today. D. Perry asked, if no action taken what will happen? The Animal Control Officer's appointment ends today. There has been a lot of discussion over the past year regarding organization, function and the responsibility of the Town to implement Chapter 140; having to do with the care and keeping of domestic animals. D.P.: I know Jane very well and I love her; I don't think there is anyone more dedicated in what they do. It hardens me to say but I think we need to make a change. Jane they don't make people like you anymore. But I don't know how to put it in a motion or what we do. S.V. We have a vacated position as of midnight tonight.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental for discussion, it was voted to extend Jane Foster as Animal Control Officer until October 31, 2016

G. S.: I'm not prepared to take action tonight. S.V.: We have had hours of work on this. S.P.: Is there a reason for 60 days vs. 90 days. S.V.: I think that you are prolonging the inevitable. D.P.: I don't see where 60 days is going to make a difference. This is one of the hardest decisions. All Vote 1-3

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental for discussion it was voted to appoint Rob Johnson as Interim Animal Control Officer effective 8/2/16 – TBD

Rob will be appointed until someone can fill the position.

All Vote 4-0

D. Perry that was the toughest motion I had to make. S.V. I agree.

Action Item #8: Chestnut Street Mobile Home

Due to a house fire the residents need a place to live. They just received insurance money and have pulled a building permit to repair the home.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to extend mobile home permit for an additional six months. All Vote 4-0

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Action Item #9: One Day Liquor Licenses

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve one day special wine & malt License for Lisa Mattiello: Pranzi Catering, 10 Rosario Drive Providence, RI 02908 at Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street Rehoboth Ma 02769 for August 7, 2016 from 6:30PM – 10:00PM; transportation of liquor dates: August 6 & August 8, 2016. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve a one day special wine & malt license for Raymond Medeiros of Rehoboth Lions Club for 95 Cameron Way, Rehoboth, MA effective August 27, 2016, transportation of alcohol August 26 & August 28, 2016 All Vote 4-0

Action Item #10: Senior Center Boiler & Generator Projects

Ron Whittemore member of the COA Board. I wanted to know the status of the project so I called Tom Bryant and he had not heard from the Town and assumed we found another engineer. I told him that was not the case. The Board had approved him quote in July. He came down today and looked at what we have in place. We now have to have him come up with the specifications. I would also like several people to help review the plans: Dave Perry, Don Welshman, myself and anyone else who the Board thinks can contribute.

D. Perry: I did call Tom Bryant the day after the Board approved his proposal. I told him to get everything over to the Town Hall and I assumed he had done that. It was lost in transit. It was resent again and everything is in motion. Contact me if there are any questions about this project. R. W.: So we will say that any questions will go through you for this project. D.P. Yes.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

8/1/16 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: We received a letter from Mr. Macoux of 551 Tremont Street who wants to thank the Tree Warden & Police Department regarding a tree that was down across Agricultural Avenue. He was impressed with how the departments handled the situation.

Schwall: none

Pimental: There is a fundraiser for Miss Massachusetts August 19, 2016 to help with expenses for her travel to Miss America pageant. I can also present the Proclamation to her and the Board is also welcome to attend.

- An officer (Jake Miranda) was pictured while changing an elderly man's tire. I forwarded the picture to the Chief. It's a good thing.

Perry: We had an issue on Gorham Street. At first the resident thought it was storm water issue than a Highway issue and we filled in a spot around the mailbox that we thought might be the problem. I met with the resident last Friday, I had a very good 20 minute meeting with him and his neighbor. The situation was resolved verbally and Mike Tyler will go with me next week and fix what is needed. It will be straightened out by Friday of next week.

- I was going to meet with Planning Board regarding stop signs and that meeting has been postponed until September 7, 2016

5.0) ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:55 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye; Perry - aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator
Approved 9/6/16