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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, August 15, 2016**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Absent:** Helen Dennen

**Also Present:** Kelly J. Hathaway, Interim Assistant Town Administrator

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:33 p.m. S. Pimental 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;\*

**Topics of Discussion:** Potential Litigation; Highway Union Contract

**Call to Order at 7:00p.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, \$27,787.76; Payroll, \$84,476.74; Invoices: \$2,112,292.93(includes school bill). 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 the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 11, 2016. Second, G. Schwall S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2016. Second, G. Schwall Voted 4-0

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Monday August 22, 2016 at the Senior Center at 7PM with Dighton Board of Selectmen
- There is a concert to benefit the Blanding Library September 16, 2016 from 7PM – 9:30PM at the library 124 Bay State Road

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- National Grid will be flying helicopters over for aerial transmission line inspections for the next three weeks weather permitting. Full notice is on Town's Website
- Ron Whittemore: The Senior tax work off program's open enrollment is 9/15/16 – 11/1/16; 10 person limit. Seniors can work for the Town and receive a reduction in tax bills, \$9.00 per hour with no benefits. Applications and requirements at the Senior Center.
- Chief Trombetta: 8/10/16 in early am several officers chased a vehicle at high speeds until the vehicle crashed on Perryville and was pursued on foot by two officers and apprehended. Both officers were injured and currently still out of work. Lt. Medeiros did a fine job making sure our officers were taken care of. He was 22 from Franklin MA: Residents should be aware of the job they do to keep Rehoboth safe. I want to let my officers know that they did a fine job and hope that they will be back on the beat soon.

**Town Administrator's Report:** None

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Appointment of Patrolman**

Chief Trombetta: I have had many conversations regarding staffing and I decided to recommend Terry Hedrick as a full time Patrolman.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Terry Hedrick as a full time Patrolman under the MassCop Local 209 Contract with a one year probationary period effective 8/15/16. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #2: Appointment of Reserve Officer**

Chief Trombetta: This is the last wave of recruitment process from the academy. They have all been through the full interview process. Mark Wetherell's father served us very well for over 30 years; William Todd's father also served us well. Mark Rossi handles our reserve program and other officers involved are: Ramos, Eastwood, Ferreira, Forget and I just want to thank them.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Christopher A. Bizier; David J. Welch; Mark R. Wetherell; Justin A. Costa and William A. Todd as Reserve Officers for the Town of Rehoboth Police Department effective 8/15/16 – 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #3: PD Grants**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve Lt. Brady to move forward with applying for the FY2017 911 EMD/Training Grant and the FY2017 911 Support & Incentive Grant. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #4: County Street Bridge**

The Board of Selectmen feels that the bid we received to have the bridge inspected was high. The Highway Superintendent Search Committee, with their expertise, went and evaluated the bridge, gathered information from the acting Superintendent and found that the bridge is in better

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shape than it was presented to us. This bridge was over built with 7 pylons instead of 5 and the deck is in very good shape. The acting Superintendent contacted MassDot and they are going to inspect the bridge for free, saving us \$19,000. I suggest that we retain the people we have on the Highway Superintendent Search Committee to form a committee to help us in situations like this and assess projects. It would not be a committee to run the highway department or to be at the highway department.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to form a concept of putting together a permanent advisory committee to the highway department. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #5: DR School Committee Member Resignation**

G. Schwall read the Agreement between the towns of Dighton and Rehoboth, MA with respect to the formation of a Regional School District, Section 1D Vacancies. The Board of Selectmen will set the meeting date to appoint a new member to serve the term vacated by Tiffany Bartholomew until the next election. The information will be put on the website and cable scroll. The School Committee members will be notified and be sent all applications.

On a motion made by S. Vadnais Second by D. Perry it was voted to have joint meeting to appoint new member onto the School Committee on August 29, 2016. All Vote 4-0.

The cutoff date for applications is 8/25/16 by noon, submitted to the Board of Selectmen's Office.

**Action Item #6: 10/17/16 Special Town Meeting**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to set date of 10/17/16 for a Special Town Meeting starting at 7PM at the DR Regional High School in the auditorium. All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to open the Warrant for the 10/17/16 for a Special Town Meeting and close Warrant on 9/1/16 at 12 Noon. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #7: 9/8/16 Election Warrant**

On a motion made by S. Pimental and Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve and sign 9/8/16 State Primaries Election Warrant as submitted by Town Clerk to cast votes for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

Representative in Congress – Fourth District

Councilor – Second Councilor District

Senator in General Court – Bristol & Norfolk Senatorial District

Representative in General Court – Fourth Bristol Representative District

Sheriff – Bristol County

County Commissioners – Bristol County

District Attorney – Bristol County District

All Vote 4-0

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**Action Item #8: Vehicle for REMA**

We have the old Board of Health Agent vehicle that is available. REMA, Conservation and Board of Health have made requests to use it. This vehicle has transmission problems so you don't want to tow anything with it. We also have a vehicle, which may meet the needs of REMA, at the public safety building. It is the old Animal Control Officer's vehicle. The vehicle at the Town Offices should be brought to the auction. It needs too much work. Bob Materne stated it should not be on the road. G.S.: the old ACO vehicle is rotted out and leaks. It will not be good for keeping things dry.

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to have 2003 Crown Victorian and Public Access truck evaluated by mechanic for future agenda item. All Vote 4-0  
Dave Perry will have mechanic look at cars. Bob Materne: Leeann, conservation agent has never put in for mileage and has saved the Town money. The Board discussed with Bob Materne options regarding a vehicle for Planning and Conservation Agent. A pickup truck would be the best options because of dirt roads.

**Action Item #9: Appointments**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to appoint Robert E. Johnson II to the Local Emergency Planning Board as Interim Animal Control Officer Representative effective 8/15/16 – 6/30/17 All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to appoint Brian McKearney as a Field Driver effective 8/15/16 – 6/30/17. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #10: Procurement Officer Training**

On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by S. Pimental it was voted to send Helen Dennen to the Public Contracting Overview Program in Boston from 9/13/16 – 9/15/16 for \$595.00. All Vote 4-0

**Action Item #11: One Day Liquor Licenses**

On a motion made by S. Pimental 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;  
9/17/16 & 9/24/16 from 5PM – 10PM for weddings with transportation dates being;  
9/16/16, 9/18/16 & 9/23/16, 9/25/16 All Vote 4-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental 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;  
9/4/16, 9/18/16, 9/23/16 and 9/25/16 from 5PM – 10PM for weddings with transportation dates being; 9/3/16, 9/5/16 & 9/17/16, 9/19/16 & 9/22/16, 9/24/16 & 9/24/16, 9/26/16 All Vote 4-0

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**Open Forum:**

Town Clerk-Laura Schwall: Kelly found mold on the books in the vault. Maintenance brought a dehumidifier and I have had to empty it in the morning and at noon. It is a little better. I have Kofile Preservation coming to evaluate. The vault has always been kept at 65 degrees somehow moisture is getting in there. Our HVAC vendor came and suggested bumping up the heat. D.Perry this is another reason for a new Town Hall. These records date back very far. G.S. I have given Laura a pair of gloves so that no one touches the mold with bare hands. S.V. I would as Bob Ashton what would be the effects of the mold in the air. G.S. We need to have maintenance hard pipe the dehumidifier outside. If he can't get there soon can you find someone that can? L.S.: Through Kofile we can order a hydrometer that will send an alarm to an email for a purchase price of \$420.00. I will get more information and present it to the Board.

- I was asked by Roberta Oliveira to be put on the DOR Gateway but Cathy Doane is still on. May I remove Cathy Doane so I am able to put her name on? The Board of Selectmen said yes.
- Voters – last day to register is this Friday 8-5PM

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**  
**8/15/16 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** I just wanted to mention again to the Board bringing up the right-of-way on Hornbine. We have no deeded interest, no standing on that issue. It is a private right-of-way. I just wanted the Board to look at the information we retained recently. The Board agrees the Town has no standing.

- Please retain the job description for the ACO that I gave you in your packets and we will discuss this sometime in the fall.

**Schwall:** none

**Pimental:** I am glad that we are adding more police to the department.

**Perry:** none

**5.0) ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:25 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Schwall – aye; Vadnais – aye; Pimental – aye; Perry - aye

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

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Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

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David A. Perry, Jr., Member

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 9/19/16