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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MONDAY, August 21, 2017
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

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

Also present: Kelly J. Hathaway

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:34 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) 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: Dispatchers Union Contract*

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 August 14, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-06A, Withholdings, \$28,091.12; 18-07B, Payroll, \$96,116.36; 18-06 Invoices: \$2,302,109.40; 18-06R Refunds: \$23,022.54; G. Schwall made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry Voted 5-0

Warrants for August 21, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-07A, Withholdings, \$29,522.44; 18-08B, Payroll, \$94,305.20; 18-07 Invoices: \$12,590.33; 18-07R Refunds: \$2,395.99; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: On a motion made by G. Schwall Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve and hold executive session minutes for August 7, 2017. All Vote 5-0

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Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday September 5, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to set joint meeting with the Dighton Board of Selectmen for September 25, 2017. All Vote 5-0
- Bill McDonough has been hired as the Interim Building Inspector/Zoning Officer until a new building inspector can be hired. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to hire Bill McDonough as the Interim Building Inspector/Zoning Officer effective 8/7/17 – TBD. All Vote 5-0

Town Administrator's Report:

- MassDOT will be conducting frost heave repairs on Route 6 in Seekonk, Rehoboth and Swansea. Estimated start date is August 22, 2017. Be prepared for lane restrictions.

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: Special State Election Warrant

S. Vadnais read warrant.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve & sign Special State Election Warrant as written. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Net Metering Credits for Town & Electric Bills

J. Muri explained to residents how net metering works regarding discounts/credits to the Town. He stated that it is a substantial savings and that there is no down side to signing this contract. David House has reviewed contract and we want to thank him for his expertise. Town Counsel has also looked at the contract.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve and sign contract with Next amp and Blue Wave for net metering credits. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #3: 7:15PM Pole Hearing – Fairview Avenue

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open public hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

Joshua Steinborn from Mass Electric present. No abutters present.

A pole is needed for tension purposes.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to close public hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

This request has been approved by Police Chief, Highway Superintendent and Tree Warden.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve petition from Mass Electric and Verizon New England for the placement of three poles, down guys and anchors on town on Fairview Avenue across from poles 1363, 3941 and 5605. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #4: 7:20PM Pole Hearing – Rocky Hill Road

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to open public hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

Joshua Steinborn from Mass Electric present.

A pole is needed for tension purposes. No abutters present.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to close public hearing.

Roll Call: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

This request has been approved by Police Chief, Highway Superintendent and Tree Warden.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve petition from Mass Electric and Verizon New England for the placement of one pole, down guy and anchor on Town property on the east side of Rocky Hill Road. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #5: Conservation Restriction – Charnecki to Rehoboth Land Trust

Thomas Charnecki, Elizabeth Charnecki and Adam Latham President of Rehoboth Land Trust all present.

S.V. This is an application for a conservation restriction and we are here to see if it is in the best interest of the public.

T. Charnecki; We are donating a conservation restriction to Rehoboth Land Trust of approximately 30 acres of undisturbed land near the Perryville Pond off 6 Danforth Street. This has been approved by the State. We have gone through the Planning Board to identify the parcel of land.

A. Latham; This is a real plus for the Town. It also abuts other land that has a conservation restriction. A conservation restriction remains in private hands but cannot be developed on.

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve the foregoing Conservation Restriction from Thomas and Elizabeth Charnecki to the Rehoboth Land Trust pursuant to Mass General Law Chapter 184, Section 32. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: MassDOT Wheeler Street Bridge Extra Work Order

D. Perry: this work order for \$1,280.00 and it is overhead the State is paying for extra drainage work that needed to be redesigned for the bridge.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve and sign “Extra Work Order” in the amount of \$1,280.00 for the Wheeler Street Bridget Project. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #7: Mitigation E-Grant Access & Privileges

D. Perry: this gives the Highway Superintendent permission to access/create/edit E-grants through FEMA that is available to the Town. M. Costello: I would like to apply for the grant that applies to drainage.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by G. Schwall it was voted to allow Mike Costello access to E-grants that apply to Highway Department. All Vote 5-0

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Action Item #8: Hazelton Golf Club LLC Liquor License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to sign ABCC Certification Form attesting that we are in possession of the certificate required by Chapter 304 of the Acts of 2004, signed by the building inspector and the head of the fire department for Hazelton Golf Club LLC and release liquor license to Joseph Moniz, Hazelton Golf Club LLC. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: 11/6/17 Special Town Meeting & Warrant

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to set location for Special Town meeting at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School, 2700 Regional Road, North Dighton, MA starting at 7 PM. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by G. Schwall voted to open the 11/6/17 Special Town Meeting Warrant 8/21/17 and close warrant on 9/14/17 at 12:00 noon. All articles and budget adjustment requests are to be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 12:00 noon on 9/18/17. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #10: One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve one-day special wine & malt liquor license for:

James Crandall, Rehoboth Lions Club to be used at south Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA for 8/25/17, 6:00PM – 11:00PM for a social event, Transportation of Liquor Dates:

8/24/17 & 8/26/17. All Vote 4-0(D. Perry abstained)

Action Item #11: Budget Amendment

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve budget amendment as follows:

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease
014203-53410	HWY- Expenses/Telephone	\$250.00	
014203-53010	HWY-Expenses/Medical		\$250.00

All Vote 5-0

Action Item #12: Dumontier Chapter 61A Notice to Change/Convert

We have received notice of intention to change and/or convert use of property classified under MGL Chapter 61A owned by the Dumontier Family Trust No. II.

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to release the land and waive right of first refusal for the property of Dumontier – 47 Spring Street, Map 11, Lot 10B/Parcel 2. All Vote 5-0

M. Costello present: he requested that there be a gift account set up for Litter Prevention Program so Abby Abrahamson would be able to deposit donations and purchase barrels, emblems, etc. for project, tax free.

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Action Item #13: Abby Abrahamson/Litter Prevention Program

On a motion made by D. Perry Second by S. Pimental it was voted to approve Litter Prevention gift account for purchasing items to maintain project. All Vote 5-0

J. Muri: Talk to Derek Rousseau about helping you set up some kind of PayPal account to help with donations. M.C.: She can also utilize our website for letting people know about this project. Any donation checks need to be made out to Town of Rehoboth and please put on envelope for the Litter Prevention Program and also on check memo line.

Action Item #14: 375th Anniversary Committee Appointment

On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to appoint Abby Abrahamson to the 375th Anniversary Committee effective 8/21/17 – 12/31/18. All Vote 5-0

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

8/21/17 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Schwall: none

Pimental: Regarding social media: no one was paid off to assess the Town Buildings. We hired an engineering company to come in and evaluate both buildings. We needed someone who can tell us all the deficiencies and how to remedy them. We are responsible to find a solution to this situation if we are not going to get approval to build a new Town Building. We are obligating to our employees to do something. If anyone has any questions please come in front of the Board.

Perry: The new Forestry Truck is in and in use; The new pickup truck for Highway is in and getting a plow installed.

Muri: (in regards to S.P. comments) To get an engineer we had to follow certain Procurement Laws. We (Selection Board) selected the most qualified out of the bids that we received. The Selection Board existed of 30 qualified people of engineers and architects. The company we chose is going to do an extensive examination of the buildings structure and air quality testing. This will generate a report and tell us exactly what is wrong with the buildings and how to bring them to code. *Ron Whittemore & Donald Welshman, thank you for working on the punch list and being a big help. *IT Committee- is working on Policies to bring to the Personnel Board, as well as GIS Software *ZBA meeting September 3rd regarding Anawan School Housing. It is not Section 8 Housing open to all, it is for elderly housing. This project is being driven largely by State Law. If you are interested in learning facts please attend the upcoming meeting.

*We received correspondence from Town Counsel in regards to the marijuana article from earlier this year- the recommendation was that we pursue consideration of a general bylaw. (agenda item for the future)

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*I want to thank the Planning Board and Leeann Bradley for the great job on the Hydrogeological Assessment Bylaw.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:00 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Vadnais – aye; Perry – aye; Pimental – aye; Schwall – aye; Muri - aye

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Gerald V. Schwall, Vice Chairman

Susan M. Pimental, Clerk

David A. Perry, Jr., Member

James Muri, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly J. Hathaway
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 9/5/17