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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY, September 11, 2017**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**1.0) Executive Session:** At 6:00 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; (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 Contract; REPAC Litigation\*

**Call to Order at 7:04 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for September 14, 2017:** S. Vадnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-10A: Withholdings, \$29,420.56; 18-11B, Payroll, \$93,467.14; 18-10 Invoices; \$66,065.81 S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, D. Perry. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve & hold executive session minutes for August 21, 2017. All Vote 5-0

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**Open Forum – Announcements:**

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday September 18, 2017 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- 18th Annual Larry Procopio Rehoboth Harvest Block Party is Saturday, 9/16/17 from 10 AM to 3 PM with a rain date of Sunday 9/17/17
- The Ferreira Company; J & J Materials & Salvation Army is helping with Hurricane Harvey disaster; there is a 53-foot truck at a drop location 71 Fall River Avenue. They need cleaning supplies, baby supplies, non-perishable items, clothing, cleaning gloves, etc. Once the truck is full they will deliver to disaster site. Additional drop off areas: 990 Aquidneck Avenue in Middleboro, RI; 43 Rte. 28A Pocasset, MA; Hillside Country Club; Cristallo Spa at 82 Hillside Avenue, Rehoboth; Dublin Rose at 940 Fall River Avenue, Seekonk; The Whiskey Republic at 15 Bridge Street Providence, RI; the Stout Irish Sports Bar at 50 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI. Contact number and email 508-536-0125 / [bdoyle@jjmaterials.com](mailto:bdoyle@jjmaterials.com) Bradley Doyle. Please help if you are able to.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

- I have scheduled a meeting with Ivan Pagacik of IDK Communications on Tuesday 9/19/17 at 10:30AM to start review of our cell towers and work on RFP for renewals of leases.
- We will have a pole hearing next week for Pine Street
- Reminder: warrant articles for the 11/6/17 are due in the office of selectmen by 12 noon on 9/14/17. Departments should review their FY18 budgets and request any additional funds needed. You can also request a place holder in the warrant if wording not complete.
- ZBA continued hearing on Anawan School Project is 9/21/17 at 7:30PM at the COA. The revised plans will be going on website this week.
- The office has started sending out forms for 2018 license renewals.

**NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: REMA**

Bill Maiorano, REMA Director present.

Governor Baker has declared September emergency preparedness month. I urge our residents to prepare for any type of emergency: have an emergency plan, build an emergency kit and stay informed in any type of emergency. Residents can go on our website REMA.org and get all the information needed for different types of emergencies. Beckwith School is our main shelter. Now that the COA has a generator, this may be a good spot for seniors. The COA will fit about 25 people comfortably and about ten animals. If a resident does attend a shelter, we supply food, water, blankets, cots, toiletries. To alert residents that there is a shelter open we use social media, call 211, school call out system, on Town website. If you are interested in volunteering please fill out a talent bank form at the Town Hall.

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**Action Item #2: Chief Barresi RE: RFD Ladder 1**

Chief Barresi present.

Ladder truck is completely out of service, it needs too many repairs. The money was never spent to fix truck due to more problems with truck. It was estimated at \$130,000 needed in repairs and it is not guaranteed that the truck will not need something else done. A new ladder truck is anywhere from \$800,000 - \$1.3 million. We need a ladder truck for several reasons; some two-story houses around back have a walk out basement; for reach, we cannot set up a ladder truck in the collapse zone; and these trucks can store a lot of supplies for us. We can do a lease to own on a ladder truck. The best option would be to go through the State Procurement Program. We could get a new ladder truck for \$835,000, if we bought the demo we could save about \$50,000 – 100,000. G.S.: Chief prepare an article to put forward on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. M. Deignan: We may want to do a five-year lease due to the short fall from last year's budget. We really need to see the total cost so that we can know how to fund it.

G. S.: Last month there was a situation in Rehoboth where there was a report of an explosion in town and I was very impressed by the professional handling of one of your staff members. Can you please tell us who it was? Chief Barresi: It was the Assistant Chief Jeff Razzol, he has been with the department over 30 years. He did a phenomenal job. G.S. Please extend the Board's appreciation.

**Action Item #3: Veterans' Services Gift Fund**

Jake Kramer, Veteran's Agent present.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve and authorize Town Accountant to set up a gift/donation account into which donations/gifts for a new Veterans Services van. All Vote 5-0

J.K. Our current vans ramp is no longer repairable. There is so much rust that the door keeps pulling open when trying to transport veterans.

I would like to request to put an article in for the purchase of a van and have the fundraisers offset the cost.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by J. Muri it was voted to approve Veteran's Agent to submit a warrant article for a new veteran's services van. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to rescind first vote for gift/donation account. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to set up a gift/donation account to purchase and or maintain veterans service van. All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #4: All Alcohol Liquor License for Rehoboth Wine & Spirits**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to issue All Alcohol Package Store Liquor License to Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC dba Rehoboth Wine & Spirits at 537 Winthrop Street per approval from ABCC. All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #5: One Day Liquor Licenses**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve the following One Day Special Liquor Licenses as follows:

**1. Wine Only One Day Liquor License for (2017 License):**

Tom Charnecki – Rehoboth Antiquarian Society  
Address of Licensed Premises: Goff Memorial Hall, 124 Bay State Road  
Effective Dates of Sale: 10/7/17 & 11/17/17 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
Transportation of Alcohol Dates: 10/6/17; 10/8/17; 11/16/17; 11/18/17

**2. Wine Only One Day Liquor License for (2018 License):**

Tom Charnecki – Rehoboth Antiquarian Society  
Address of Licensed Premises: Goff Memorial Hall, 124 Bay State Road  
Effective Dates of Sale: 2/24/18; 3/24/18; 4/28/18 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM  
Transportation of Alcohol dates: 2/23/18; 2/25/18; 3/23/18; 3/25/18; 4/27/18; 4/29/18

**3. Wine & Malt One Day Liquor License for:**

Carol Marcil – Young’s Catering, 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA  
Address of Licensed Premises: 67 Cedar Street (private residence)  
Effective Dates of Sale: 10/7/17 from 2:00 PM to 11:00 PM  
Transportation of Alcohol dates: 10/6/17 & 10/8/17

**4. Wine & Malt One Day Liquor License for:**

Carol Marcil – Young’s Catering, 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA  
Address of Licensed Premises: Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street  
Effective Dates of Sale:  
9/24/17 11:30 am to 2:30 pm  
10/7/17 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
10/13/17 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
10/14/17 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Transportation of Alcohol dates: 9/23/17; 9/25/17; 10/6/17; 10/8/17; 10/12/17; 10/15/17

**5. Wine & Malt One Day Liquor License for (2017 License):**

James Pike – Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club  
Address of Licensed Premises: 165 Providence Street  
Effective Dates of Sale: 9/30/17  
Transportation of Alcohol Dates: 9/29/17 & 10/1/17  
All Vote 5-0

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**Action Item #6: Reserve Fund Transfer**

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve request for transfer from the reserve fund as follows and refer to Finance Committee:

Into Line #:	Department	Balance in acct.	Amount of Transfer
<b>015443-55800</b>	Maintenance Graves/Cemetery Care	\$650.00	\$70.00

All Vote 5-0

**Action Item #7: Senior Center Well**

J. Muri: Recently we had the water tested at the COA, it is required by law and bacterial contamination was noticed. The well was disinfected and retested. The new sample came back without bacteria. The well head is below grade and will be raised to 18” above grade due to the new DEP guidelines. The Board thanked Karl Drown for his quick response.

**Action Item #8: BlueWave Community Solar Contract**

To comply with requirements of Chapter 30B, we must submit report to government agencies for a 30B exemption. BlueWave has prepared report, which has been revised by David House and is being reviewed by Town Counsel. Thank you to Dave House for all his expertise.

**Action Item #9: Building Commissioner/Zoning Officer Position**

The Board of Selectmen discussed separating the Building Commissioner Position from the Zoning Officer Position. The position will stay as is until it is decided that they need to be separated. The Board will review the job description and previous contract to see if any changes need to be done. This topic will be revisited at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Mike Deignan, Finance Committee Chairman: I received information this afternoon the one of my members is resigning due to life changing events. There is a second applicant that we had received was also qualified and I would like feedback from the Board of Selectmen. M.D. will reach out to previous applicant to see if still interested and also solicit more talent bank applicants.

M. Deignan: Mike O’Hern was here regarding Moulton Street intersection and there were supposed to be lines put down and nothing has been done. S.P. We talked about different options but nothing was agreed upon. D. Perry will follow up with Highway Department.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**9/11/17 Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** The no swimming & fishing sign on the Wheeler Street Bridge is coming down. The new sign will read no diving off the bridge.

**Schwall:** Please come and support the Block Party. Laura, Jim & Nancy Muri, the boy scouts, Cheryl & Frank Gouveia will all be there working.

- Enbridge Pipe lines correspondence: need to send to Fire Chief and Police Chief for review, as well as the CARCS group.

**Pimental:** none

**Perry:** Lindley Lane regarding CPC parking spaces. Rachel Smith is working with Forestry to cut brush back and Highway Department putting gravel down. They can get 3 parking spaces.

**Muri:** none

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

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly J. Hathaway  
Interim Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 10/2/17