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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING MONDAY JUNE 4, 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

**Also present:** Helen Dennen

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 6:00 P.M. a motion made by Selectman Perry, seconded by Selectman Muri, it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c.30A, §21a: (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:** Police Department Personnel; FMLA Highway; and RPAC vs. TOR

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

**Consent Agenda (1)**

**Warrants for May 31, 2018:** S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-48A Withholdings, \$32,116.86, 18-49B Payroll, \$95,755.60; 18-48 Warrant, \$2,062,829.86. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0

**Minutes:** None

**Open Forum – Announcements:**

Next Selectmen's meeting will be held on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at 55 Bay State Road, Senior Center.

Laura Schwall – Asked ballot company to expedite absentee ballots; due in this week. Will alert public through "News & Announcements" on the town website. Absentee voting will begin this week thru Election day.

Special Town Election has been set for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 – Polls open 7am – 8pm.

During the July 9<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting the Finance Committee will be hosting a brief informational presentation on what the Proposition 2-1/2 override means and how to calculate your tax bill. Questions from the public will be answered as well.

M. Costello - **Reminder:** Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm Taste of Rehoboth will be at Francis Farm. There will be approximately 18 local restaurants participating. Tickets are \$20 if bought ahead of time or \$25 at the door.

### **Town Administrators Report:**

Stacy Vilao started today to help support ConCom and Planning Board. She will work one-day a week to help out with paperwork.

I have redone specs on roof bid per David's request to include site visit (not mandatory), please review. David and Mike will both be at the site visit.

Interviews for ConCom/Planning Board Agent will be on Wednesday in Executive Session at 6 pm at COA.

I'll be out Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> and there will not be a Department Head Meeting.

Town Clerk put the Annual Report on website. Only a few more things to be added. Will go to print soon.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item #1: Police Department**

Police Chief Trombetta was present to present information on structural changes to be made at the Police Department and discuss related activities.

Chief Trombetta – A year ago the Board asked to review structure and ranks of the Police Department. I submitted in anticipation of Lt. Brady retiring last year; he ended up staying on another year. Since that time, I have had conversation with G. Schwall and S. Vadnais, presented a plan to the full Board which would consist of spreading supervisors over the 3 shifts and add a few more patrol officers. Hopefully by doing that it would make Police Department more efficient. Thank you G. Schwall for your valuable input and appreciate the time, patience, and guidance. Thank you Skip for your help as well.

Since 2002 the Police Department has been working with a lite staff. Lt. Brady was also in charge of our budget and finances, and did an excellent job. However, moving forward it would be more beneficial to assign a part-time civilian with an accounting background as an administrative position. There were many times Lt. Brady was being pulled in too many directions. The Board has agreed with this decision.

This summer Lt. Brady will be retiring after almost 33 years with the Police Dept. He has served us well and he will be greatly missed.

G. Schwall - Chief Trombetta has given considerable amount of thought and has put a lot of work into this plan. You know how to run your department very well.

Chief Trombetta – I am in charge of the Police Department but, the guys are the back bone of the department

S. Vadnais – At this time the Board has met and interviewed personnel and have made a selection.

M. Costello – Back in 2011 I was privileged to nominate the Chief and now I have the pleasure to nominate James Medeiros as Deputy Chief.

- A motion made by M. Costello to nominate James Medeiros as Deputy Chief for the Town of Rehoboth, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

S. Vadnais – I am so glad I hired you 32 years ago.

G. Schwall – Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Medeiros for being here to support your son. You must be very proud of the work he has done for our town.

- A motion made by M. Costello to nominate James Casey to be the town's new Sergeant, second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Chief Trombetta - Proud to bring James Casey forward always served us well and is a team player and great role model. These gentlemen show up every day to work and continue to serve us well.

J. Muri – Your entire staff have been fantastic and Sgt Casey exemplifies this.

S. Vadnais – Jimmy, you will lead by example as always and your work is greatly appreciated. Especially the work you have done with drunk driving in the town and MADD. Those organizations appreciate the work that you do as well.

G. Schwall – Thank you to the Casey family for sharing him with us. We are very fortunate to have you in the Police Department and know you will do well in your new role.

Chief Trombetta – Thank you to the Board for all your support.

S. Vadnais – These changes are budget neutral; no extra money was put in. Instead monies were re-assigned from existing accounts.

#### **Action Item #2: 7:15 PM Public Hearing Transfer of Liquor License for Francis Farm**

Public hearing is on the application for the transfer of the All Alcohol Liquor License issued to KenLin Operations, LLC dba Francis Farm to Four Seasons Events, LLC dba Francis Farm. Manager of Record, David Cascioli at 151 County Street.

Motion made by Selectman Costello to open the public hearing, second by Selectman Muri.

**Roll Call:** Vadnais, aye; Schwall, aye; Muri, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye.

**Also, present** Attorney Albert DeNapoli

- G. Schwall – There is a typo in the lease agreement- security deposit read \$17,500 but should be \$20,000.
- J. Muri asked Mr Cascioli if there will be on-site management. Home address reads FL.  
Mr. Cascioli - I will be living in the house on the property
- J. Muri – What are the hours of operation? Currently M-Sat 8 am-1 am and Sundays 10 am – 1 am.  
Mr. Cascioli – Hours will be 8am-1am, based on events times may be less. Will work within the guidelines.
- S. Vadnais – Are your plans to have this business run all year around?  
Mr. Cascioli – Planning to continue business as it has in the past, but more year-round than seasonal. Need to examine data to see what the best use is before I decide if I want to continue with the restaurant or just keep as banquet area.

Motion made by Selectman Schwall to close the public hearing, second by Selectman Perry.

**Roll Call:** Vadnais, aye; Schwall, aye; Muri, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye.

Motion made by J. Muri to approve the transfer of the All Alcohol License from KenLin Operations, LLC dba Francis Farm to Four Seasons Events, LLC dba Francis Farm, second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0

### Discussion:

D. Perry – We wish you much success. We encourage and fully back any business that wants to come into town.

J. Muri – All applications are in order and we are glad to see someone is willing to carry-on with this landmark and traditions.

### Action Item #3: 7:45 PM Dangerous Dog Public Hearing

At the 5/7/18 BOS meeting the Board requested a public hearing be scheduled to discuss complaints received regarding a dog known as Jake owned by Yvonne Brandy Hannon at 97 Anawan Street. All parties involved were advised by certified mail and regular US mail requesting their attendance at this hearing.

Participants in hearing:

Yvonne Hannon – Owner of dog known as Jake  
Donna & Ken Howard – complainant  
Debra Fitzgerald – complainant  
Rob Johnson – ACO

*Rob Johnson has provided copies of three additional incidents on this dog for: 4/26/18; 7/3/17; 6/26/17*

Our office received a letter of complaint from Donna and Ken Howard residing at 99 Anawan Street against a dog known as Jake owned by Yvonne Brandy Hannon at 97 Anawan Street, along with an email from Debra Fitzgerald of 7 Billings Road voicing concerns of the same dog being of a vicious nature.

Animal Control Officer Rob Johnson placed the dog on an "Order of Quarantine" and "60 Day Restraint Order" effective 4/27/18 which will end on 6/24/18. This dog was also placed on an "Order of Quarantine" on 7/3/17 – reports were provided.

Per Town of Rehoboth General Bylaws and "MGL Chapter 140 Section 157, Nuisance or Dangerous Dogs; Orders for Remedial Action; Appeal; Violation or Order" [complete copy of text was provided] the Hearing Authority [BOS] may vote to hold a public hearing, to investigate or cause an investigation of, including an examination under oath of the complainant to determine whether the dog is a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog.

Based on credible evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing, the hearing authority shall:

- (i) if the dog is complained of as a nuisance dog, either dismiss the complaint or deem the dog a nuisance dog; or
- (ii) (ii) if the dog is complained of as a dangerous dog: (A) dismiss the complaint; (B) deem the dog a nuisance dog; or (C) deem the dog a dangerous dog.

Furthermore:

b) If the hearing authority deems a dog a nuisance dog, the hearing authority may further order that the owner or keeper of the dog take remedial action to ameliorate the cause of the nuisance behavior.

(c) If the hearing authority deems a dog a dangerous dog, the hearing authority shall order 1 or more of the following:

(i) that the dog be humanely restrained; provided, however, that no order shall provide that a dog deemed dangerous be chained, tethered or otherwise tied to an inanimate object including, but not limited to, a tree, post or building;

(ii) that the dog be confined to the premises of the keeper of the dog; provided, however, that "confined" shall mean securely confined indoors or confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen or dog run area

upon the premises of the owner or keeper; provided further, that such pen or dog run shall have a secure roof and, if such enclosure has no floor secured to the sides thereof, the sides shall be embedded into the ground for not less than 2 feet; and provided further, that within the confines of such pen or dog run, a dog house or proper shelter from the elements shall be provided to protect the dog;

(iii) that when removed from the premises of the owner or the premises of the person keeping the dog, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain or other tethering device having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding 3 feet in length;

(iv) that the owner or keeper of the dog provide proof of insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 insuring the owner or keeper against any claim, loss, damage or injury to persons, domestic animals or property resulting from the acts, whether intentional or unintentional, of the dog or proof that reasonable efforts were made to obtain such insurance if a policy has not been issued; provided, however, that if a policy of insurance has been issued, the owner or keeper shall produce such policy upon request of the hearing authority or a justice of the district court; and provided further, that if a policy has not been issued the owner or keeper shall produce proof of efforts to obtain such insurance;

(v) that the owner or keeper of the dog provide to the licensing authority or animal control officer or other entity identified in the order, information by which a dog may be identified, throughout its lifetime including, but not limited to, photographs, videos, veterinary examination, tattooing or microchip implantations or a combination of any such methods of identification;

(vi) that unless an owner or keeper of the dog provides evidence that a veterinarian is of the opinion the dog is unfit for alterations because of a medical condition, the owner or keeper of the dog shall cause the dog to be altered so that the dog shall not be reproductively intact; or

(vii) that the dog be humanely euthanized.

***Please note that although there were bylaws relating to the keeping of animals approved at the 5/21/18 Annual Town Meeting, they do not become effective until approved by the Attorney General and therefore do not apply to this hearing.***

- S. Vadnais – Tonight we are here to determine if the dog in question is a “nuisance dog or dangerous dog.” After hearing all testimonies, the Board will have to come to an agreement on how to move forward.

A motion made by Selectman Schwall to open the Public Hearing, second by Selectman Perry.

**Roll Call:** Costello, aye; Muri, aye; Vadnais, aye; Schwall, aye; and Perry, aye.

ACO – During the summer of 2017 on Billings Road there was a report that the dog had harassed children. He went thru the fence in his yard. The dog has also attacked another dog. I walked the property with the owner and pointed some areas out that needed reinforcing on the fence. Owner took care of the issues and I thought our problems were solved and had not heard of any issues. April of 2018, dog knocked down fence again and attacked the small dog that belonged to the neighbor. The dog had to be euthanized. After 3 different incidents and just his bark makes him a frightening dog to others.

S. Vadnais – Has anyone been bit or has it been dog vs dog?

ACO – Dog vs Dog only. He has barked at me, but never has tried to bite me. I do not have any Reports on file of him biting anyone.

M. Costello – We know that he has scared the children in the neighborhood. We can not wait until he hurts one of them before making a decision.

J. Muri – Dog has pursued children outside of his property, that is very concerning.

G. Schwall - The vet bills show the extent of the attack.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard- 99 Anawan St. (owner of the small dog euthanized)

Very concerned with dog in neighborhood because he tries to get out all of the time. He is beautiful and just a puppy, but very strong.

S. Vadnais – Have you been compensated for the vet bills and for the initial cost of the dogs?

Howards – The vet bills were sent directly to Ms. Hannon. I did not ask for compensation for the cost of the dogs.

G. Schwall – Are you afraid to be outside?

Howards – Yes.

Debra Fitzgerald – Children have been harassed by dog; luckily, they were able to run away. Dog showed his teeth and growled at them. They called ACO to investigate the situation. Very concerned that the dog will get out again and succeed in attacking the children. She has a younger child that walks home from bus stop, right by the dog's owner's house.

Yvonne Hannon (owner of dog) – Feels horrible about the loss of the dog and that he ran up to the children and barked at them. I have fixed the fence in the yard, don't let the dog out alone for long periods of time. The day of the attack on the neighbor's dog I was at work and my son went after the dog and brought him home. He made the owners aware of the situation. Since then in addition to fixing the fence we will be implanting an invisible fence as well.

D. Perry – Don't believe fence will help. We all love dogs, but this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt, he is very aggressive to others. He does behave with you, but you are not always with him. We can not wait until a 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence happens.

Yvonne – We are trying to do our best to keep him in the house or in our yard.

M Costello – This is a very difficult situation for us. The last case like this we were able to vote for the dog to be kept in a contained area, but not sure if that will work for him.

The Howards do not want to see the dog euthanized and would prefer that he is placed in a contained area and be far away from others.

Yvonne – I have testimonies from other people that state he is a good dog. I have brought him to a nursing home and the people love him. He has been around other children that play with him and he plays back.

S. Vadnais – He behaves when he is with you.

➤ Motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

**Roll Call:** Costello, aye; Muri, aye; Vadnais, aye; Schwall, aye; and Perry, aye.

#### **Deliberations:**

Rob Johnson-ACO-I have reviewed everything and also listened to today's discussions and I do not take my decision lightly, but my recommendation is to euthanize the dog.

A second option would be to keep him in an enclosure that is made of heavy-duty fencing and would have to be at least 8 feet high and very long so he could have running space. It would also need to be about 2-4 feet below ground level. But that is taking a chance that no one will keep the fence open or not lock it properly.

➤ Motion made by J. Muri to deem the dog a "dangerous dog," second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

S. Vadnais – Now we are dealing with a "dangerous dog" and the ACO has a list of remedies that deal with "dangerous dogs."

I'm asking the Board if you would like to continue with this today and come to a decision or take some time to review the information and think about it a little more and postpone the decision?

- J. Muri motion to deliberate tonight, second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

**Deliberations:**

1. ACO's recommendation is to euthanize the dog. If we decide to do this the dog will be restrained for a time period because the owners can appeal to the courts.
2. Option 2- is to have a professional constructed shelter made for him based on the bylaws of Chapter 140 requirements.

Motion made by J. Muri to euthanize the dog. Second by D. Perry with discussions.

D. Perry – Owner's that lost their dog are compassionate people and do not want to see the dog euthanized. I, too, do not want to go that route, but I don't want anything else to happen. If there is another alternative, I would prefer it.

J. Muri- I disagree with Dave, because I can see this happening again. This dog is very powerful and I do not want any other animals or humans getting hurt by him. I cannot take that chance.

M. Costello – The container that the ACO described will only work if the person putting the dog in there secures the latch properly. I fear that someday it does not get closed properly and the dog escapes and hurts another animal or human being. This is a tough situation and very tough decision to make.

G. Schwall – The ACO's recommendation is to euthanize the dog and that is what's on the table for us to decide. I take his recommendation seriously and support him; but it does pain me to do so.

- S. Vadnais – Board's vote to euthanize the dog is?  
Vote: 3-0; 1-nay (D. Perry); 1-abstain (M. Costello)

S. Vadnais – Now that the vote has been made Yvonne Hannon as the owner of the dog has the right to appeal the decision through the courts.

**Action Item #4: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License Application for Bristol County Fire Chiefs' Association**

Vote to approve application from Frank Barresi, Bristol County Fire Chief's Association for a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License to be used at South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street

Date of License: June 9, 2018

Transportation dates: 6/8/18 & 6/10/18

Event: Clam Boil

D. Perry motion to approve One Day Liquor License, second by M. Costello with the restriction that the Firing Range will be closed. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #5: Appointments & Reappointments**

CHAPTER 32B INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 1 Year Term			MTA
Kathleen Amaral	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Cheryl Gouveia	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Shayna Bennett	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Helen Dennen	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS

Thomas Ranley	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Mark J. Rossi	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Greg Fyfe	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Suzanne Withers	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
<b>POLICE DEPT-RESERVE OFFICERS – 1 Year Term</b>				
Christopher A. Bizier	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Justin A. Costa	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Nicole Eastwood-DuVally	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Joshua Ferreira	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Todd C. Hedrick	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Scott Robbins	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Geoffrey W. Stanley	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Bryan Syrett	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Christopher Vaz	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
William M. Walker	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
David J. Welch	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
<b>Cemetery Commission – 3 YEARS</b>				
Beverly A. Baker	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS	
<b>Board of Health – 3 YEARS</b>				
Mark R. Hass	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS	
<b>Personnel Board – 3 YEARS</b>				
David Scanlon	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS	
<b>Regional School Agreement Study Committee – 1 Year Term</b>				
George Solas	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Susan McBride	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Michael McBride	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
<b>Inspectors – 1 YEAR</b>				
Mark Arruda	Alternate Building Commissioner	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
John Brennan, Jr.	Wiring Inspector	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Michael Medeiros	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Wiring Inspector	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Tim Cutler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Plumbing Inspector	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Tim Cutler	2 <sup>nd</sup> Alternate Gas Inspector	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
<b>Green Energy Committee – 1 YEAR</b>				
Carolyn Panofsky	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Patricia Abrahamson	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
David Feeney	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Jake Kramer	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Jessica Skyleson	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
Lisa Wentworth	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	
<b>Finance Committee – 3 YEARS</b>				
Martin D’Amico	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS	
Susan McBride	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/21	DP/GS	
<b>Advisory Finance Committee 1YEAR</b>				
Michael Deignan	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS	



Michael McBride	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
George Solas	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
<b>Economic Development Committee - 1YEAR</b>			
Anthony Azar	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Linda Ferreira	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
John Jordan	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Lisa Milich	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS
Stephen Silva	Reappointment	7/1/18 – 6/30/19	DP/GS

**Vote 5-0**

**Action Item #6: Vote to Appoint 375<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee**

Motion made by D. Perry, second by G. Schwall to appoint the following individuals to the 375<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee. Vote 4-0 (M. Costello abstained)

Michael Costello	Ken Abrams	Sandy Phillips	Kim Fagundes
Neal Harrington	Deborah Breckenridge	Connie Wenzel-Jordan	
Jake Kramer	Laura Schwall	Nancy Muri	
Sheila Kramer	Jean Grota	Cheryl Gouveia	
Joe Nunes	Anne Deignan	Kevin Hebert	
David LaComte	Jennifer LaComte	Abby Abrahamson	

**Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Annual Request from Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to Access Town Roads for Traditional Yearly Procession**

Motion made by D. Perry, second by M. Costello to approve the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity to access Town of Rehoboth roadways on Saturday 8/18/18 at 6pm for approximately one hour and on Sunday 8/19/18 at 12 Noon for approximately one hour, as outlined in their letter sent on 4/28/18 for their annual procession. Vote 5-0

Board members and their families have been invited to accompany them in the march on Sunday and to have the traditional soup

**Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: Police \$1590.00 & \$3800.00; Veterans \$694.00; Fire \$495.36**

Account Number	Department	Increase	Decrease	MTA
012103-57140	Police-Expense Registration	\$1,590.00		DP/MC
01203-53010	Police-Medical Expenses		\$1,000.00	
01203-55840	Police Detention/Prisoners		\$590.00	
015433-57120	Veterans Hotel/meals	\$694.00		DP/MC
015433-52430	Veterans Vehicle R/M		\$694.00	
012203-55802	Fire Hose & Pump R/M	\$98.45		DP/MC
012203-55801	Fire TO Gear & Equipment	\$396.91		
012203-52430	Fire Vehicle R/M		\$495.36	
012103-54400	Police Expense Operating Supplies	\$3,800.00		DP/MC
012103-57140	Police Expense Registration		\$3,800.00	

**Vote 5-0**

**Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Special Year End Reserve Fund Transfer: Forestry-\$2754.26; BOS & VSO \$2393.42**

<b>Special Year End Budget Amendments:</b> following budget amendments pursuant to MGL C. 44 §33B (requires vote of BOS & Finance Committee) and to forward to the Finance Committee				
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>MTA</b>
012943-55800	<b>Forestry Supplies</b>	\$176.19		DP/GS
012942-51310	<b>Forestry Wages OT</b>	\$843.07		
012942-51140	<b>Forestry Wages PT</b>	1735.00		
012943-53850	<b>Forestry Purchased Services</b>		\$2,754.26	
011105-51150	<b>Selectmen Accrued Comp Buyout</b>	\$2,393.42		DP/GS
015433-51140	<b>Veterans Wages-Part time</b>		\$916.87	
015453-57700	<b>Veterans Benefits</b>		\$1,476.55	

**Vote 5-0**

**Action Item #10: Discussion with Valerie Souza from Agricultural Commission**

Valerie Souza has requested to come before Board on behalf of the Agricultural Commission to discuss the Farmer's Market.

V. Souza – I was present in February when the Board decided to suspend the Farmer's Market for various reasons. We have asked if anyone would be interested in taking on the role of Market Manager to help us out and finally someone has come forward-Laura Dias-Samsel is interested. She has a Master's Degree in Marketing. She has not yet been approved by our committee, however in speaking with some of the members they seem very interested, a 5 out of 7 approval. We are asking the Board if we can move forward with the market this year. Ms. Samsel is not currently a member of the AgCom. We also are looking to the Board for a recommendation of a new location. We were thinking of the piece of land next to the Police Station.

G. Schwall – We do not own that land at this time, but I'm sure we can find a location.

V. Souza – Could we use the land near the Anawan School for just this season until something comes available for future markets? We would look to the highway department to help us out with traffic. I just would like a plan and then I will come back to the Board with the official request with all details and plans outlined. The market runs from now until mid-October. We are here today to get answers on the following:

1. Location to be used for Farmer's Market.
  2. Procedure to nominate a Market Manager? Do they need to be appointed to AgCom?
- \*Bob Peasley use to take on the role, but he was also an AgCom member.

Motion made by J. Muri, second by D. Perry to approve Farmers Market in Rehoboth. Vote 4-0 (S. Vadnais-abstained)

**Discussion:**

M. Costello – Concerned with using that area due to the construction of the school being so close by.

Motion made by J. Muri, second by D. Perry to allow the use of Anawan School property for Farmers Market until October. Acknowledge that no construction on the school will take place before October. Vote 4-0 (S. Vadnais-abstained)

Motion made by S. Vadnais to allow the Farmers Market to use the grass area at the COA and the parking lot. Selectman Schwall asked for the motion to be seconded. D. Perry seconded the motion.

J. Muri – rescinded his earlier motion.

S. Vadnais – Regarding the position of Market Manager, it will be your responsibility to work with the Board of Health to insure all licenses are in place. Do they have any experience with agriculture? Will the Market Manager be on site during the Farmer's Market or just stop in? It would be recommended that the Market Manager be appointed to the AgCom Committee. This is for insurance purposes and they will be involved with what is going on with the committee and better serve you.

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

### **Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:** Nancy Goulart from the Dighton BOS would like to get our group together and meet with them. They would like to meet outside of our regular BOS meetings. We will present them with our information then it needs to be presented to the Regional School Study Committee. Our counsel will be requesting out of "Freedom of Information" Act the items that we are requesting.

We will need to discuss the selection process to meet our needs on the clerical positions.

G. Schwall – Union positions have been discussed and we will present during our regular meeting session.

**Schwall:** Chief Barresi called me today to let us know he is putting items on the government auction website that are no longer necessary. Article was passed at the Town Meeting.

H. Dennen – The Board needs a list of the items to approve as surplus prior to entering them into the auction.

**Perry:** In regards to 2-1/2 override, there is a lot of mis-information out within the public. Everyone needs to educate themselves on this topic to understand what the outcome means, whether you are for or against it. Please come to the presentation and listen to the professionals explain it in detail.

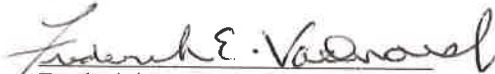
**Muri:** At the recent Resilience Workshop it was stated that we have to schedule a public listening session in order to be able to proceed and receive a certificate. The certificate is for grant money. Tentative date is July 10<sup>th</sup>

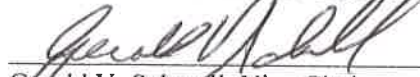
Next Public Building Workshop is tentatively set for 6/21/18 and it is to retain OPM firm. Schedule bid documents have been written. This is a public session and tentatively will be held at COA.


We received from Chief Barresi a report that gives us a quick snap shot on what's going on in his department on a monthly basis. It is a very helpful report and I would recommend that all other departments do the same.

**Costello:** No Report

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 9:28 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. 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,  
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**Approved: 2/4/19**