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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING TUESDAY, January 2, 2018
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: Helen Dennen

1.0) Executive Session: At 6:30 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; (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: REPAC Litigation*

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 December 26, 2017: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-25A: Withholdings, \$125,867.57; 18-26B, Payroll, \$93,359.46; 18-25 Invoices; \$78,825.95; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Warrants for January 2, 2018: S. Vadnais read the weekly Warrants; 18-26A: Withholdings, \$31,266.25; 18-27B, Payroll, \$95,963.74; S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, G. Schwall. Voted 5-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve Regular Session Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2017. Second D. Perry, All Vote 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2017. Second G. Schwall, All Vote 5-0; S. Pimental made a motion to approve & hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2017. Second G. Schwall, All Vote 5-0;

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Open Forum – Announcements:

- Next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Monday January 8, 2018 at the Senior Center at 7PM.
- 375th Anniversary Committee: Dinner Dance Ball, Saturday January 27, 2018 @ Hillside Country Club, Cocktails @ 6:30PM / Dinner @ 7:30PM, Tickets are \$60. pp: 3 dinner choices (beef, chicken, or vegetarian), MUSIC: DANCING: RAFFLES, Costumes encouraged: Dress for your favorite time period! There will be fireworks courtesy of Hillside Country Club! Please purchase/ reserve tickets by January 17 through BallTickets@Rehoboth375.com or Kelly Hathaway @ Town Office/ Board of Selectmen's Office, this is a fundraiser to help with 375th parade in October 2018
- Jack Hermance; 75 Ash Street: there are several missing wells in Town and if you are interested in finding them I would like to do a pilot study to locate some missing wells. No cost to the Town. Me and some volunteers will be using a sophisticated GPS system and we will report back to the Town to say where we are at. I have discussed this with the Water Commissioners. The Water Commissioners are in favor of it.
On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to form a Rehoboth Well GEO Mapping Committee. All Vote 5-0
On a motion made by J. Muri Second by S. Pimental it was voted to appoint Jack Hermance on the Rehoboth Well GEO Mapping Committee as the Chairman. All Vote 5-0

Town Administrator's Report:

- Update on Anawan School Project – ZBA held meeting on the 21st and their next meeting is January 18th. The hearing on Anawan School has not been closed. We intended to take a few last questions before closing and deliberating on the 18th. Spring Street 40B development will also be a topic of discussion at the next ZBA Meeting on the 18th.

NEW BUSINESS: Action Item #1: 7:15PM Public Hearing Class II Auto License North American Auto

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to open the public hearing in regards to Class II License for North American Auto based on non-payment of taxes. Roll Call Vote: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

Mr. Harris, owner of North American Auto present.

Mr. Harris currently owes the Town of Rehoboth \$25,397.02 in property taxes including the current fiscal year 2018 and \$9,551.67 for personal property including the current fiscal year 2018. Tax Collector Cheryl Gouveia foreclosed on the property and a judgement was entered in Land Court on 8/1/17 in favor of the Town. Mr. Harris, however, has up to one year from date of judgement to pay the taxes and regain ownership of the property. Ownership by the Town is not final until one year has passed from the date of judgement (8/1/17) and he has failed to pay the taxes. Cheryl Gouveia, Tax Collector/Treasurer, set up a payment plan with Mr. Harris and he has failed to make regular payments. Cheryl has not received any notification that Mr. Harris has filed for bankruptcy. Our General Bylaws state that the Local Licensing Authority may deny renewal of a license for non-payment of taxes for not less than a 12-month period.

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Mr. Harris has submitted his Class Auto License Renewal Application for use at 58 Winthrop Street. Mr. Harris stated he is well aware that he fell behind on taxes. He asked the Board to renew his license. He is willing to keep regular payments with the Collector.

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to renew North American Auto Class II License effective 1/2/18 - 8/1/18. All Vote 5-0

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to close the public hearing in regards to Class II License for North American Auto based on non-payment of taxes. Roll Call Vote: Pimental – aye; Muri – aye; Vadnais – aye; Schwall – aye; Perry – aye

Action Item #2: 1/29/18 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Discussion ensued over Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 AMENDED BUDGET

| AMOUNT | ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION | SUBMITTED BY | BOS APPROVAL |
|-------------|--|--------------------|-----------------|
| \$12,751.00 | Other Tuition Line #013933-56660 | H. Dennen | Yes_x__ No ____ |
| \$1,820.00 | Town Reports | H. Dennen | Yes_x__ No ____ |
| \$3,000.00 | Forestry Part-time Wages Line #012941-51140 | Rob Johnson | Yes_x__ No ____ |
| \$15,100.00 | Facilities Maintenance Senior Center Building Repair & Maintenance | Board of Selectmen | Yes_x__ No ____ |
| \$1,000.00 | Town Clerk Certifications | Town Clerk | Yes__x_ No ____ |

FY2018 CAPITAL ARTICLE

| Item # | Description | Amount | Department(s) | BOS APPROVAL |
|--------|--|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Purchase of a gas-powered sign post driver to install roadside signs | \$2,000.00 | Highway Submitted by M. Costello | Yes_x__ No ____ |

MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

| Description | Submitted by: | BOS APPROVAL |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cell tower license/leases up to 30 years | H. Dennen | Yes_x__ No ____ |
| DR High School Roof – article incomplete need more info regarding funding/wording will be the same language as previous warrant | School Committee | Yes____ No ____ |
| Purchase of land-will look into how this purchase will be funded | Board of Selectmen | Yes_x__ No ____ |

PRIOR YEAR BILL

| Description | Amount | Submitted by | BOS APPROVAL |
|---|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Prior year bill from Auto Show for FY2017 for inspection of a Fire Department vehicle | \$90.00 | Chief Barresi | Yes_x__ No ____ |

Action Item #3: Discussion Re: HVAC System at Senior Center Repair Proposal

J. Muri & Ron Whittemore explain the need to finish system correctly to increase the savings and have good heating and air conditioning in the building. The Board agrees.

Action Item #4: Request to Access Town Roadways

We have received a request from Jason Paganelli of True North Running Company to use Town roadways for the Narragansett Fall Half Marathon on 10/14/18. Marathon, which is identical to last year, will start at the Swansea Mall and end at Swansea Mall. It is anticipated there will be approximately 400 runners, the same as last year. This request has been forwarded to Chief Trombetta and Chief Barresi and both approved. Chief Trombetta has approved the request with

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the requirement that there be 12 Detail Officers along the route in Rehoboth with Sgt. Todd to coordinate and be the point of contact. Sgt. Todd will be contacted to find out time of event. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to approve roadway access for Jason Paganelli of True North Running Company for Narragansett Fall Half Marathon on 10/14/18. All Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: ABCC Annual Report

On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by D. Perry it was voted to approve & sign 2017 Liquor License Report to the ABCC. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve One Day Special Wine & Malt Liquor License for Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club

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

Robert Lockhart: Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club

Licensed Premises: So. Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 57 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA

January 11, 2018 from 5-9PM & April 21, 2018 1-9PM for clam boils

Transfer dates; 1/10/18, 1/12/18 & 4/20/18, 4/22/18

Firing range to be closed during sale of alcohol. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #7: Conservation Commission Meeting Quorums

There have been several issues at Conservation Meetings not making quorum. A member of Commission has missed meetings due to family issues. He is very knowledgeable and is an asset to the commission. He is attending tonight's Conservation Commission meeting. The Town's bylaws remove a member if they do not make more than 50% of meetings. On a motion made by S. Pimental Second by G. Schwall it was voted to reinstate Krisna Prachanronarong for the remainder of his term. All Vote 5-0

Action Item #8: Budget Amendment

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

| Account Number | Department | Increase | Decrease |
|----------------|----------------------|------------|------------|
| 014212-51140 | HWY Wages/ Part Time | \$5,500.00 | |
| 014212-51910 | HWY Wages/ Uniform | | \$5,500.00 |

All Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: Discussion Re: Town Power Outages

G. Schwall: We have been having on going power outages throughout the Town. We need to invite our Municipal Representative from National Grid to a meeting to address citizens' concerns.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS
1/2/18 Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Schwall: CARCS Group will be at Blanding Library w/ Senator Feeney on Thursday 1/11/18 at 7PM to address compressor stations, pipelines, gas tanks. Notice of Conflict to all employees. Fire Department ran out of heat in two stations and Chief Barresi worked vigilantly to repair problem.

Pimental: none

Perry: Veterans van is at Highway Department. They have a great appointment log. The van was lettered last Wednesday. Checking with Town Counsel in regards to leaving Veteran's Van at volunteer's property. Sand is available at Highway Department for residents but not for commercial use.

Muri: Meeting with Personnel Board Chairman regarding Facilities Manager Position. The Fire Department assisted Linda to get up in the attic of COA to help unfreeze pipes.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:47 PM., Second by Selectmen J. Muri. 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
Assistant Town Administrator

Approved 2/5/18