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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS I. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Joseph Tito, Chairman; Selectman, Michael Costello, Vice Chairman; Selectman, Susan Pimental, Clerk; Selectman, Donald Leffort, and Selectman, Lorraine Botts

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

**Call to order at 6:00p.m.**

**Executive Session:** At 6:00p.m. on a motion by Selectman S. Pimental, seconded by Selectman L. Botts, it was voted by roll call to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, parts (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or potential 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: Masscop 209 and REPAC vs. Rehoboth

Roll call Vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye Voted 5-0

At 7:34p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded, L. Botts.

Roll call vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye Voted 5-0

**1.0) Call to Order:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed for Donna Marques a resident who recently died in a house fire.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** J. Tito read the weekly expense and payroll Warrants. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-14A, \$19,297.87, Withholdings; and 13-15B \$74,685.23 Payroll; 13-16R \$2,502.80 Refunds; and 13-15, \$30,805.10, Invoices. Second, L. Botts.

Voted 5-0

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**Minutes:** None

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements** – J. Tito noted the Board received an invitation to Bristol County Agricultural High School Fall Show Preview at BC Aggy High School on Thursday evening October 18, 2012 at 7:00p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Monday, October 22, 2012 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m. Some agenda items include a tax classification hearing with the Board of Assessors and a Pole Hearing.

L. Botts noted the Senior Bazaar will be this Saturday at the Senior Center.

M. Costello stated there was going to be a Lion's Club Cigar & dinner event on October 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30p.m.

J. Tito opened a gift from the Bristol County Agricultural High School showing a framed picture of the school 100 years ago. This was in recognition of the School's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reported that Pro-Shred was at the Town Hall today and with the cooperation of the Town staff; six (6) large containers of documents were removed.

The new copier machine has been ordered for the Town Hall. Work is continuing on the surplus equipment sale.

Work has started on the school bus transportation contract and bid documents. Also, he attended a meeting last week on the South Coast Rail project, permitting should be completed by March of next year.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Application for Transfer of Class II Auto License from Triple Eagle Enterprises, LLC dba Appy auto Sales to Carz Auto-Truck Sales:** S. Pimental made a motion to open the public hearing. Second, L. Botts.

Roll call Vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye Voted 5-0

Carmine Carcieri, Craz Auto Truck Sales, Inc. and Richard Bowen were both present and explained why they wanted to transfer the license. M. Costello asked if C. Carcieri ever had his license revoked in East Providence. C. Carcieri stated no.

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M. Costello confirmed that this was an online Internet based business and there would not be any automobiles on site. C. Carcieri stated that he works with three (3) or four (4) dealers but he was scaling back his operation.

J. Tito asked if there were any comments from the public. None heard.

S. Pimental made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 8:00p.m. Second, L. Botts.

Roll call Vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve, grant and sign the request for a transfer of the Class II license. Second, L. Botts. M. Costello noted that all previous restrictions would remain in full effect. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Conservation Restriction to the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust for Waddington Property, 799 Read Street, Seekonk:** Kelley Whitmore, from the Trustees of Reservation was present and reviewed the terms and conditions of the Conservation Restriction.

M. Costello noted the land in Rehoboth is land locked. It was further noted that about half of the land is in Seekonk and half in Rehoboth.

L. Botts. made a motion to approve and sign the Conservation Restriction to the Seekonk Land Conservation Trust for the Waddington Property at 700 Read Street in Seekonk, MA. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #3: Discussion Re: Request from Rehoboth Breed Expo to Access Town Owned Land:** Ray Viau, President of the Rehoboth Breed Expo was present. He asked the Board for consideration to grant approval allowing vehicles to cross town owned property at the rear of the former Anawan School.

M. Costello stated that Town Counsel has provided a sample license agreement that R. Viau should review with this Agreement with his Board and then come back to see the Selectmen to discuss any concerns. It was agreed that he would try to return next week.

**Action Item #4: Discussion Re: Capital Plan Phase II:** S. Pimental offered to take the lead on this project for the Board. Need to start with an inventory of where we are the fixed assets, what needs to be replaced, and then how we are going to finance the acquisition.

M. Costello noted that we need to look all all the options and use of resources.

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S. Pimental made a motion to table this matter until after Town Meeting. Second, L. Botts, Voted 5-0

**Action Item #5: Vote to Award the Bid for the South Rehoboth Fire Station Roof:** J. Ritter requested that this item be tabled until he has had a change to meet with the Contractor and the Building Inspector to review in detail the scope of the project.

L. Botts made a motion to table the matter. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #6 Review Draft Motions for the October 29, 2012 Special Town Meeting:** J. Ritter noted that the draft motions are included in the packet they are still under review by Town Counsel and he anticipates significant revisions especially in the formatting. Bill Cute, Town Moderator; Kathleen Conti, Town Clerk; and Michael Deignan, Chairman of the Finance committee will be invited to join the Selectmen next Monday for a review of the Warrant in advance of Town Meeting to try to address any open questions that might remain.

**Action Item #7:** Discussion Re: Tax Title Lien – Issue RFP: The Board discussed and agreed to approve the issuance of the RFP for auctioneer services and that the focus should be on those properties where taxes are owed close to the value of the property.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and issue the RFP. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #8: Vote to Declare Vacancy on Council on Aging Board & Vote to Appoint to Fill Vacancy:** L. Botts asked that this item be tabled until next week allowing the Council on Aging Board the opportunity to meet and make a recommendation this Wednesday.

L. Botts made a motion to table this item until next week. Second, D. Leffort. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #9 Request from Daughters of the American Revolution to Issue a Proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month:** D. Leffort made a motion to approve a request from the Daughters of the American Revolution to issue a Proclamation for National American Indian Heritage Month. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Access Update:** Derek Rousseau, Chairman of the local Cable Committee and Richard Barrett were present. D. Rousseau reviewed with the Board the "Video Transmission Upgrade Project." For information purposes at this point in time D. Rousseau reviewed with the Board their plans to upgrade the local access infrastructure including bringing fiber optic networking abilities to the town Hall and the Senior Center.

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After they have had a chance to consult with J. Ritter regarding the procurement laws they will report back to the Board in November.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and reviewed with the board and the public the status of the recent house fire. Chief Pray reminded the public about the importance of having smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department can install and test these upon request.

M. Costello stated that the residents of Rehoboth are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and committed Fire Department and congratulated the Chief and the Department on a job well done.

L. Botts stated all the public safety departments did a wonderful job and she personally witnessed a very high level of mutual aid and coordination.

Ronald Whittemore asked about the status of the REPAC litigation. S. Pimental stated the audit is completed although she had not seen the results and there is an early November court date in Fall River on several of the pending motions.

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS** M. Costello noted Plain Street and Reservoir Roads are being resurfaced.

L. Botts stated the animal shelter has 26 cats and there should be an adopt a pet day.

S. Pimental provided an update on the "e-packet" she is now receiving from the Selectmen's Office.

**9.0) Executive Session – None**

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT:** S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

