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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012
MEETING MINUTES**

GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER, 55 BAY STATE ROAD

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Joseph Tito

Call to order at 6:30p.m.

Executive Session: At 6:30p.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, part (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: REPAC vs. Rehoboth; Casey vs. Rehoboth; Krasnianski vs. Rehoboth;
Masscop 209 Contract Negotiations

The Chairman declared an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Board.

Roll call Vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Leffort – Aye Voted 4-0

At 7:15p.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 Voted 4-0

1.0) Call to Order: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Pimental read the expense and payroll Warrants for the week of November 5, 2012. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-17A, \$17,084.55, Withholdings; 13-18B \$90,269.56 Payroll; and 13-18, \$134,630.57, Invoices. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental read the weekly expense and payroll Warrants. For the week of November 13, 2012. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-18A, \$20,968.40, Withholdings; 13-19B \$101,544.45 Payroll; and 13-19, \$3,373,705.05, Invoices. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1 (Leffort)

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, M. Costello noted two edits. Voted 3-0-1 (Leffort)

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, M. Costello noted on edits. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1 (Leffort)

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – Patricia Higson was present and spoke about the “Breakfast with Santa” program and encouraged the public to participate in this community event.

Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta was present and updated the Board regard the Department’s efforts to secure a bulldozer from army surplus for the Highway Department. He thanked Officer Warish for securing the bulldozer and Bob Saxton for transporting it from New York to Rehoboth.

Also, Departmental personnel were recently involved in an incident involving a person with a gun who wanted to harm himself of others. He congratulated Officers Rossi, McGovern, and Ramos for an outstanding job. He also cautioned the public to stay away from situations like that for their own safety and the safety of the officers.

Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and briefed the Board about two recent house fires. He urged the public to test their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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M. Costello noted that the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be on Monday, November 19, 2012 at the Senior Center.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that the Special Town Meeting would be held on November 26th at 7:00p.m. at the High School. Two (2) projects will be the focus of his attention the former Anawan School and the Request for Proposals for the Wheeler Street Bridge.

He attended an open house along with Selectman Botts at Anjulan's Florist & Gardens on Winthrop Street. The new copier had arrived at the Town Hall. The Initial Damage Assessment Report was filed with MEMA last Thursday relative to Hurricane Sandy.

Also, he reviewed several future agenda items with the Board that would appear on their agenda next week.

Kathy Conti, Town Clerk: Ms. Conti reviewed with the Board the recent election results and the problem she had with one 91) on the machines in Precinct One. The machine broke down around 9:30a.m. on Tuesday, election day and was not repaired until around 3:30p.m. She had routine maintenance done on the machines but they are fourteen (14) years old and need to be replaced. As a result, 867 ballots had to be hand counted because a spider built a web inside the machine which caused the sensor to malfunction.

M. Costello noted 81% of the voters turned out to vote. Ms. Conti praised the hard work of the election workers. She requested that the Board sign the "Certificate of Votes For Treasurer for the County of Bristol; the Certificate of Votes for Register of Deeds for Northern District, County of Bristol; and Certificate of Votes for Commissioner for the County of Bristol.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Pole Hearing on Joint Petition of National Grid & Verizon to Install 3 Mid Span Poles & Relocate 2 Existing Poles on Chestnut Street: S. Pimental made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

It was noted that representatives from National Grid were in the New York area cleaning up after Hurricane Sandy and they requested to continue the Public Hearing. Several residents were present and they would be notified as to when the new hearing date would be.

S. Pimental made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until a date to be determined. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

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Action Item #2: Hurricane Sandy Debriefing with Department Heads/Public Safety Personnel:

William Maiorano, Emergency Management Director stated that he worked closely with his MEMA liaison in Bridgewater. The Town has a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in place. During the Hurricane Sandy event the first meeting was on Friday, at 6:30p.m. and the second meeting was on Sunday at 6:30p.m. National Grid did a pretty good job throughout the event, but at one point 2,800 Rehoboth customers were without power.

Fire Chief Robert Pray, stated he had a minor concern about the operations of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the operations in the Public Safety Building. More planning is needed, the EOC is not working as it should, it needs better organization.

Acting Chief of Police, James Trombetta stated he agreed with the Fire Chief the town needs more of a command center along with the resources that go with the command center. There are times people are going in different directions. Also, he wanted to publicly thank Bruce Andrews for cooking for the staff who were working. At the peak of the storm there were nine (9) police officers on the road and three (3) dispatchers on duty.

Michael Tyler, Acting Highway Superintendent, stated the highway Department complete a lot of work in advance of the storm like clearing drainage pipes, sharpening chain saws, and the Perryville Dam was cleaning up. He suggested that a list of contractors be developed and a list of contractors with equipment also be developed.

Action Item #3: Discussion Re: Correspondence from a Katie Street Resident Regarding Town Maintaining the Roadway: M. Costello noted that Trim Street is different than Katie Street in that Katie Street was built not to conform with local regulations. If residents on Katie Street want to hire an engineer to show the property lines to the center of the road and deed that land to the Town perhaps the request should be considered. The Board decided to refer the request to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Action Item #4: Confirmatory Vote Use of Local Access Funds for Town Counsel Expenses: S. Pimental made a motion to authorize the payment of \$7,063.50 from the local access revenue account to help offset the legal expenses only directly related to the ongoing litigation relative to the REPAC v. Rehoboth lawsuit. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-1

Action Item #5 Capital Plan Update: S. Pimental said that the spreadsheet needs to be completed and filled out by the police department, but it is a good start. She recommended organization the spreadsheet by year and adding a replacement date column.

Action Item #6: Surplus Sale Review Bids: The Board reviewed the spreadsheet prepared by J. Ritter and decided not to dispose of the aviation tanker and trailer behind the North Fire

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Station. This is federal property and they are in the process of removing those items by January 1st.

Action Item #7: Sun Edison, Generating Facility Expedited/Standard Process Interconnection Application re. Landfill Large Array Installation: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the Agreement. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Job Description for Town Nurse: M. Costello made a motion to approve the revised job description. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion, Health Agent Robert Ashton was present and addressed questions from the Board about the number of work hours and the hourly rate. Voted 4-0

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Access Update: S. Pimental briefed the Board and the public about a recent Hearing in that the Judge order depositions of various REPAC officials to be held during the first week in December. A search Warrant was issued and several items were taken from Ed Schagrin's home. Also, the Judge may order payment from REPAC of \$7,000-\$8,000 to the Town for legal fees for the depositions not taken due to failure to show up.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Michael Deignan, 5 Slater Street, stated that as a customer of Comcast he was very upset that the Selectmen have decided to make a partial payment for Town Counsel expenses relative to the REPAC litigation from the local access revenue account. The money could be used for other things that local access could use to improve service.

S. Pimental said that was being done and the Board recently approved a plan to rollout some local access equipment improvements.

M. Deignan also asked about the status of his sign request he made several months ago. J. Ritter stated he would contact the Highway Department.

Derek Rousseau stated there is still local access equipment improvements needed and he is in the process of gathering cost estimates.

Fire Chief Robert Pray reported the roof is leaking at North Station. M. Costello asked that J. Ritter make contact with the contractor.

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8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: D. Leffort noted that Town Meeting had been cancelled and he had not been informed. Also, there were several meeting of the Board that he was unaware of. S. Pimental said he should read his E-Mails to stay informed.

S. Pimental noted the audit report had been received and the C. Doane and J. Ritter should keep focused on the recommendations.

M. Costello asked about a \$496.00 bill for the Animal Control. J. Ritter will get those details and report back. He noted the new fees established by the ABCC for one day liquor licenses, and the Highway mechanic should be doing most of the service on the police vehicles.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator