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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER, 55 BAY STATE ROAD**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Donald Leffort

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, (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 or potential litigation of the public body and the chair so declares, (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body;

Topics of discussion: Comcast License Renewal; Fire Chief Contract/Fire Department Personnel; Masscop 209 MoA; REPAC vs. Rehoboth; Krasnianskis vs. Rehoboth; Town Owned Properties.

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; Tito - Aye Voted 4-0

At 7:28.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; Tito – Aye Voted 4-0

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

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: J. Tito read the expense and payroll Warrants for the week of November 19, 2012. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-19A, \$21,393.55, Withholdings; 13-20B \$74,461.91 Payroll; and 13-20, \$52,072.33, Invoices. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2012. Second, L. Botts. As amended. Voted 3-0-1(Tito)

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1 (Tito)

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – J. Tito noted that the Special Town Meeting would be held next Monday, November 26th starting at 6:00p.m. at the High School. Further, he announced the Senior Center would be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

J. Tito noted the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be next Monday at the High School Room 211 at 6:00p.m.

J. Tito read the following: Notice to the Taxpayers of Rehoboth Public Disclosure, The Massachusetts Department of Revenue requires that property values be updated every three years. The Rehoboth Board of Assessors announces that our property valuation for Fiscal Year 2013 are being completed and waiting for final approval from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Though we have received Preliminary Certification, values are still pending and subject to a change. You may review your proposed valuation from November 19, 2012 to November 20, 2012 from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., November 21, 2012 from 8:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. and November 26, 2012 to November 27, 2012 from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. at the following location: Assessors Office at the Rehoboth Town Office Building, 148 Peck Street, Rehoboth. Rehoboth Board of Assessors

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that money is being collected from the recently completed surplus equipment sale.

He requested with the Board's approval to take the last week in December off as a vacation week. S. Pimental made a motion to grant approval. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

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Received a request from Historical Commission for a security system at the Hornbine School. He is working with Home and Commerical to determine the cost.

As a follow-up to last week, the Fire Chief reported a leak in the North Rehoboth Fire Station roof. J. Ritter has reached out to the contractor and is in the process of scheduling a time to meet on site.

366 Winthrop Street, the winterization has been completed with the help of John Souza.

Regarding the status of the South Rehoboth Fire Station Roof, he spoke with the contractor and they anticipate work to start during the first week in December.

Wheeler Street bridge design, Mike Tyler from the highway Department is meeting with Liz LaPoint from MassHighway District 5 tomorrow to determine if Tibbetts Engineering can do the work by way of a waiver for the hydrology piece of the project.

J. Ritter noted the town Hall would be closing at noon this Wednesday and would be closed this Friday in observance of Thanksgiving.

As a follow-up to last week, Selectman Costello had a question about a bill for \$496.91 for the Animal Control. J. Ritter reported that was for the installation of an animal sprayer. M. Costello said he spoke with the Animal Control Officer.

J. Ritter stated there was a retirement party for Peter Richmond (Highway Superintendent) last Thursday at the town Hall.

There will be a follow-up meeting with National Grid and the Board of Selectmen on Monday, December 17th regarding the response to Superstorm Sandy.

The Personnel Board will be meeting on Tuesday December 11th to review recently revised Sexual Harassment and personnel records policies.

The Town filed a claim with the insurance company for damages at the South Rehoboth Fire Station roof. The Town has been informed of approximately \$5,000 payment after the deductible.

There is a Veterans Day display on the wall at the Senior Center.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Bristol Plymouth Technical School District School Appointment: The Board met with Andrea Wasylow and Jim Clark. Both reviewed their experience and reasons why they would like to serve on the School Committee.

S. Pimental made a motion to table the matter until December 17th giving the Board more time to make a decision. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Vote to Set Location for Republican Town Committee to Hold Caucus & Approve Use of Town Voting Equipment: M. Costello made a motion to grant approval to the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee to hold their caucus per Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 53, Section 82 at the Palmer River Elementary School on February 6, 2013 (alternate date 2/13/13) and for the use of the Town voting equipment. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Accept 3rd Quarter Comcast PEG Funding Check in the Amount of \$36,168.49: M. Costello made a motion to accept the quarterly payment from Comcast in the amount of \$36,168.49 for local public access. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Support the Mosquito Control District & Sign SRB-3: L. Botts made a motion to support the Mosquito Control District and submit signed form SRN-3 per the request of the Bristol County Mosquito Control Project in Taunton. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5 Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request for \$500.00 for Municipal Audit: S. Pimental made a motion to approve a request for a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$500.00 payment to Powers & Sullivan Town auditors, for the municipal audit to be transferred to line 011593-53130 to pay final bill for FY12 audit. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Follow-Up Discussion Re: Rehoboth Breed Expo Request (Accessing Town Owned Property at former Anawan School): Ray Viau was present. M. Costello noted he had a concern about the safety of children using the playground and the exiting vehicles on the day of the event. R. Viau stated there would be two or three people to ensure the safety of any children in the area.

R. Viau stated that he planned to bring in a couple of loads of gravel to make the area as smooth as possible and the Breed Expo would cover the insurance and would name the Town as additionally insured.

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S. Pimental said she spoke with Bob Ashton, the Health Agent and he had a concern about the location of the traffic and the well providing drinking water to the Senior Center and she would like the Police Department to weigh in on the traffic safety and control procedures.

J. Tito asked if the gravel would be removed and he thought the proposed plan would be safer than what is currently being done. R. Viau said he would go out and spray paint the ground showing the access point.

L. Botts expressed concerns about potential damage to the well supplying the Senior Center and the responsibility for safety shifts to the Town when cars or vehicles exit onto town property.

M. Costello made a motion to table the matter until December 17th allowing Bob Ashton to come before the Board and for the Police Department time to prepare a report. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Follow-Up Discussion Re: Trim Street Paving Request: M. Costello noted that Trim Street needed to be laid out and accepted as a town way at Town Meeting and that Trim Street was a totally different situation than Katie Drive because Katie Drive was not built to Town standards. It was noted that the cost estimate from the Highway Department to pave Trim Street is \$14,000.

L. Botts expressed concerns about paving an unaccepted street.

M. Costello made a motion to pave Trim Street. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 3-1(Botts)

Action Item #3: Local Access Update - None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: L. Botts noted the Economic Development Committee would be meeting on Saturday morning December 1st at 10:00a.m. in the Senior Center. The area around the shad factory dam had been cleaned up.

S. Pimental stated the technology is moving forward and Helen was able to send her the Agenda packet electronically.

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M. Costello reported he had received a cost estimate to paint the South Rehoboth Fire Station at approximately \$1,770. Asked about the status of the recently received Environmental Notification regarding the U.S. Army. J. Ritter would report back to the Board.

J. Tito wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator