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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DIGHTON REHOBOTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, Jay Talerman, town Counsel

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

**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 ending November 24, 2012. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-20A, \$17,031.69, Withholdings; 13-21B \$83,807.56 Payroll; and 13-21, \$16,223.81, Invoices. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2012. Second, L. Botts. As amended. Voted 4-0-1(Leffort)

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0-1 (Leffort)

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements** – J. Tito noted that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Monday, December 10, 2012 starting at 7:30p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reported he had a meeting today with FEMA regarding the preliminary damage assessment report for the Hurricane Sandy event.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Vote to Authorize Hire of Full-Time Police Officer:** Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta was present and explained to the Board the need to fill a vacancy on the Department with a full-time patrolman.

On November 15, 2012 the Department conducted interviews of Rehoboth Police Reserve Officers who were interested in being considered for a promotion to full-time Patrolman. The interview panel consisted of several Departmental personnel including command staff, and union representatives.

The applicants were scored and at the conclusion of the interview process, Reserve Officer Louis DiBacco finished first with an overall score of 21 points out of 25. Therefore, he is recommending the promotion of Louis DiBacco from Reserve Officer to full-time Patrolman.

S. Pimental noted that this approach would actually save the town money because there would be a reduction in overtime costs.

S. Pimental also wanted to make sure all the Reserve Officers were interviewed.

J. Trombetta stated yes, all that were interested were interviewed.

M. Costello noted that this hire would not increase the Police Department budget expense and it was simply fill a position that was vacated with the resignation of Matt Gardner who went to the Seekonk Police Department over a year and a half ago.

M. Costello made a motion to approve the hiring of Louis DiBacco. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion, J. Tito asked that he be formally introduced to the Board on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for Veterans' Services for \$100.00:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve the budget amendment request from the Veterans' Agent to decrease budget line item # 015443-52900 Cemetery Veterans/Cemetery Care by \$100.00 and to increase budget line item 015443-57110 Cemetery Veterans Graves Mileage by \$100.00. Second, L. Botts. voted 5-0

**Action Item #3: Discussion Re: Board of Selectmen Holiday Meeting Schedule:** L. Botts made a motion, given the holidays fall on a Tuesday this year for the next regular Board meeting after December 17<sup>th</sup> to be on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

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**Action Item #4: Vote to Approve & Sign Contract with Attorney William Solomon:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Contract between the town of Rehoboth and William Solomon for the purpose of renegotiating the License agreement. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, D. Leffort asked about how the fee would be paid and the hourly rate for Mr. Solomon.

It was noted that the fee would be between \$6,500 and \$12,500 assuming there were no problems and that the fee is an eligible expense under the local access PEG agreement.

J. Talerman noted that W. Solomon is a fine attorney and he refers all of his clients to him.

Voted 5-0

**5.0) NEW BUSINESS:** None

**6.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** None

**7.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION –** At 6:31p.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, (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: Medeiros vs. Morra; Morra vs. Casey; Krasnianski vs. Rehoboth; Casey vs. Rehoboth; Reland vs. Rehoboth, Casey, Krasnianski and Ferreira vs. Mora/Leffort.

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; Leffort – Aye. Voted 5-0

At 6:54p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Selectmen for the purposes of attending the Special town Meeting. Seconded, L. Botts.

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

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**10.0 ADJOURNMENT:** S. Pimental made a motion to recess the meeting at 6:54p.m. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

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