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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

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

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, (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: REPAC vs. Town of Rehoboth; Cichocki vs. Town of Rehoboth; MassCop 209, Contract Memorandum of Understanding; Fire Chief Contract, Memorandum of Agreement; Medeiros vs. Morra; Morra vs. Casey/Krasniaski; Casey vs. Town of Rehoboth; Krasnianski vs. Town of Rehoboth; 295 Winthrop Street and a personnel issue.

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 7:27p.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.

J. Tito asked for a moment of silence for those students and teachers who were recently killed in Newtown, Connecticut.

Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta reviewed the precautionary efforts being deployed by the Police Department in and around the schools.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: J. Tito read the expense and payroll Warrants for the week ending December 15, 2012. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-23A, \$20,704.97, Withholdings; 13-24B \$73,018.86 Payroll; and 13-24, \$55,921.55, Invoices. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – J. Tito noted the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Thursday, January 3, 2013 at the Senior Center.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter stated that the final revenue number brought in by the Town for the surplus equipment sale is \$6,402.71.

As a follow-up to last week's discussion regarding the perc test required at the former Anawan School, the Board of Health has agreed to fund the \$300 to have the test completed. The test is anticipated be completed by the end of the calendar year.

The contractor has started work on the roof at the South Rehoboth Fire Station. The Fire Chief and the Building Inspector have been notified. J. Ritter stated that the insurance company recently approved a claim to repair thirty (30) percent of the roof due to the July 18th hail storm.

Capital Improvement Plan work is continuing and complete inventories have been completed at the Building Department and the Council on Aging. This week the inventory will be completed at the North Rehoboth Fire Station.

The Economic Development Committee met last Tuesday evening. There is an anticipated upcoming discussion about the Town's Zoning Bylaws with Attorney Mark Bobrowski in January.

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An article would be need at Annual Town Meeting to fund the review and any proposed revisions.

The Personnel Board met last Tuesday evening as well and the Board reviewed proposed revisions to the Sexual Harassment policy and the access to personnel files policy. Any revisions would come back before the Board for approval.

Finally, J. Ritter reported he completed his Masters in Public Administration program requirements last Thursday. The Board congratulated him on this achievement.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Valor Act: Bill Saunders, Veterans Agent was present and reviewed with the Board the proposed implementation of the Valor Act including the Veteran's Responsibility, Board of Assessors Responsibility, Department Head Responsibility, the Section 8 Tax Abatement Application and the proposed Press Release. The Board agreed that there is a need to get the word out to the veterans community and they look forward to future reports as to how well the program is working.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the proposed plan by the Veterans Agent. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: National Grid Discussion (Hurricane Sandy): Joseph Cardinal from National Grid was present and reviewed with the Board the advance work they did before the storm. National Grid is working to provide maps to communities similar to the pilot program they did on the South Shore, working to improve tree trimming and is working with the Tree Warden on a five (5) year cycle. Utility pole inspections are completed every six (6) years.

National Grid continues to work toward a regional solution in siting a crew that would cover four or five communities.

M. Costello noted that the response was better this time by National Grid. But agreed it would be really helpful to have a crew stationed in Rehoboth to work along with the Highway Department personnel. Also, the main feeder for the Town needs to be rerouted that would help the business community a lot of money and better service to the public would be provided.

J. Tito stated that the major difference between Rehoboth and other towns is that the entire community is on well water.

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Action Item #3: Budget Amendments (Fire Chief & Highway Department): S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 014263-52420 Highway – Repairs Maintenance Equipment by \$500.00, and reduce budget line item 014263-52430 Highway Maintenance Vehicles by \$500.00, and to reduce budget line item 014263-54800 Highway Auto Supplies by \$3,000.00; and to increase budget line item 014263-55800 Highway Supplies – Other by \$4,000.00. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, the purpose was to upgrade the radio system as required by the Federal Communication Commission. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012201-51510 Fire Vacation; and to increase budget line item 012201-5110 Fire Salary. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, the purpose of this budget amendment is to increase the Fire Chief's salary pursuant to the recently negotiated Memorandum of Agreement between the town and the Fire Chief. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: State Aid Library Payment: M. Costello made a motion to authorize payment of \$4,628.49 to the Antiquarian Society in payment of state aid for public libraries received by the Town of Rehoboth. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: 2013 License Renewals: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Restaurant – All – Alcohol Liquor Licenses:

Dosanhj Group, Inc. dba Apna Punjab
Cuppels, Inc.
Pine Valley Golf Club, Inc.
Rehoboth American Legion Post 302 (Club All Alcohol)
Crestwood Acquisitions, Inc.
Sun Valley Restaurant, Inc.
Priscilla Clark dba Hidden Hollow Country Club
Rehoboth Golf Course, Inc.
Vino's Family Café
Hillside Country Club
KenLin Operations dba Francis Farm
Levon Kaian dba Plaza Pizza
KP Grill

Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

M. Costello made a motion to reduce the annual fee for the American Legion to \$500.00. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

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S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following All Alcohol Package Store Licenses:

Azevedo's Mini Market
Chartley Country Liquor
Liquor Basket
The Wine Shack
Cumberland Farms Mass, Inc. (wine and malt only)

Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Common Vic. Licenses:

REEMA Corporation dba Subway
Anawan Club, Inc.
Holy Ghost Brotherhoods of Charity
Stephen Provazza dba Honeydew Donuts
Meghan Whitten M&D's Country Kitchen

Second, L. Botts Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Common Vic. & 7 Day Entertainment Licenses:

Lisa Lamborghini, Rehoboth American Legion
Jatinder Vij dba Apna Punjab
Steven Lombardi Hillside Country Club
Kenneth J. Foley, Francis Farm
William Vigneau, Vino's Family Café
Levon Kaian, Plaza Pizza
John Pellegrino, Sun Valley Country Club

Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Junk (Antique) Dealer Licenses:

Guy Battle, Deer Run Antiques
Henry Fortier, Anawan Trading Post
Barbara Ennis, King Philip Trading Post

Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the transfer of the following Livery License, from Steven Bolduc to Priscilla Mahler. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

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S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Class II Used Auto Licenses:

Andrew Gagnon, Gagnon's Garage
Robert Dias, Consolidated Truck & Equipment
Antonio Oliveira, Autoshow Sales & Service
Vilma Perez, Lopes Auto Sales dba First Class Auto Sales
Mannuel Borges, Borges Auto Body & Sales
Manuel Botelho, Manny's Auto Repair
Carmine Carcieri, Carz Auto-Truck Sales, Inc.
Edward Perry, Family Auto
Glen Heath, All Out Powersports, LLC

Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

M. Costello made a motion to hold Suzanne Goulart, Horbine Enterprises and the Auto Emporium. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the following Class III Used Auto Licenses:

John Reed, Reeds Junkyard, Inc.
Bernard Fagundes, Jerry's Auto Salvage

Action Item #6: Solar Photovoltaic Farm – Tremont Street: M. Costello reviewed the proposed plan submitted by the Planning Board and stated his only concern was to make sure that the solar panels did not reflect into anyone's private residence. He was planning to attend the Planning Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 19th and let his comments be known at that time.

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Follow-Up Discussion Re: Rehoboth Breed Expo Request to Access Town Property: S. Pimental made a motion to table this matter until the middle of January pursuant to a request from the Breed Expo. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: FY2014 Budget Guidelines & Budget Assignments: S. Pimental asked that the budget assignments be broken out by Department and to try to make sure the groupings and budget liaison assignments reflect all activities linked to the Selectman assigned to that department.

Also, the budget guidelines document should stress the need to realistically budget what is needed for each department. That would reduce the number of budget amendments and reserve fund transfer requests. Finally, departments should use a zero based budget approach while building their operating budgets.

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Action Item #3: Local Broadcast Access Update: J. Tito noted that updates and upgrades are continuing with the recent deployment of new fiber optic cable between the studio and the Public Safety Building.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Ronald Whittemore, 21 Pond Street asked how the proposed solar installation on the Bliss Farm property would benefit the Town? He also suggested the Breed Expo take place at Redway Plain.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: L. Botts stated the Economic Development Committee recently met and reviewed various issues impeding economic growth in Rehoboth. Also, the Village Dam is being cleared.

S. Pimental noted that there should be 3 additional training funds for I/T support in the new budget and the use of the Outlook calendar would be helpful.

M. Costello asked about the status of the emergency generator. J. Ritter stated he was working on the details and would report back.

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

Approved 1/14/13