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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2012  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS I. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Selectman Donald Leffort

**1.0) Call to Order:** At 6:00p.m. J. Tito called the meeting to order.

**Town Counsel Interviews:** The Board narrowed the field of Town Counsel firms down from eleven (11) to three (3). The Board will meet with the three finalists this evening.

**6:00p.m. Marc Antine:** Attorney Antine reviewed with the Board his previous experience as Town Counsel. Topics included his current work with other communities. The Board reviewed his cost proposal and questioned his availability especially by telephone and exactly what would and would not be covered by the retainer.

Attorney Antine stated he envisioned about 7-9 phone calls per week.

**6:45p.m. Blatman, Bobrowski and Mead: Attorneys, Jay Talerman, Mark Bobrowski, and Lisa Mead:** were present. They do not do labor law or work related to cable license renewals. The fee structure would be \$5,000 per month with office hours once per month and would cover three (3) meetings per month as well. They could look at the Town's Zoning Bylaws at a reduced price. They are very strong in land use issues and housing. They use a team approach and are proactive in advising the Town.

**7:30p.m. Chris Peterini & Associates:** Chris Peterini and Barbara St. Andre were present. They are really good at controlling the legal expense. They find it to be really helpful to take a proactive approach. For example, getting copies of all the various Committee Agendas help them manage and stay on top of the issues.

Town Counsel Discussion: The discussed the merits of each law firm. S. Pimental made a motion to rank the firms as follows: 1.) Blatman Bobrowski & Mead; 2.) Marc Antine; 3.) Chris

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Peterini & Associates and for J. Ritter to complete background checks on the three firms and report back to the Board the following Monday.

**Adjourn:** At 8:21p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator