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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS I. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

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

**Executive Session:** At 6:00p.m. on a motion by Selectman 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, parts (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 if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position 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: Dispatch Union grievance, REPAC V. Town of Rehoboth; Highway Superintendent; 366 Winthrop Street; Medeiros v. Morra; Environmental Violation with Potential litigation.

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

At 7:22p.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; Leffort – Aye; Costello – Aye; Tito - Aye. Voted 5-0

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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 Rehoboth Marine Carey Brandon who recently passed away.

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** J. Tito read the weekly expense and payroll Warrants. S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign Warrants 13-05A, \$17,860.38, Withholdings; and 13-06 \$71,274.41 Payroll. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** J. Tito noted the Board approved and voted to hold for release the Executive Session Meeting minutes from July 30, 2012 in Executive Session.

**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements** –The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, August 27, 2012 at the Senior Center at 7:30p.m. The Governor has ordered the flags to fly at half-staff in Rehoboth in memory of Carey Brandon.

J. Tito read a letter from Connie Wenzel-Jordan, Chair of the Rehoboth Cemetery Commission, regarding the fine service to the Town by Lynne Searle.

M. Costello noted the upcoming Holy Ghost Festival this week-end.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reported the Elm Street Bridge project is complete and Elm Street is now open to through traffic. A letter of thanks was sent to the contractor Keneflick Corporation and payment has been made.

Town Counsel filed the Town's response to the Open Meeting Law complaint with the Attorney General's Office. The Budget Amendment Memorandum will be issued shortly. The surplus equipment sale is underway.

Health Agent Robert Ashton reported the consultants for Sun Edison want to have a meeting with the town regarding the next steps for the solar array project at the landfill. There will be a special meeting of the Board this Thursday at the Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical High School at 6:00p.m.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Peter Richmond (Highway Department Update):** P. Richmond reviewed the current status of his many projects. The new street sweeper will be in Friday or next Wednesday. Work is continuing on Plains Street, Pleasant Street, and Wheeler Street.

**Action Item #2: License Application for Hawker & Peddlers License for Billy Joe Carrington, Flo-Dell Exterior Restoration:** Mr. Carrington was present he stated that he had five (5) individuals going door to door but there were other companies in town doing the same work and they have not secured approval from the Selectmen. M. Costello made a motion to grant Flo-Dell a Hawkers & Peddlers license subject to the proper paperwork being provided to the Rehoboth Police Department. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion, D. Leffort asked if he used licensed contractors. B. Carrington stated yes, and they have insurance coverage as well. Hours would be from about 11a.m. until 7:00p.m. no funds are required upfront. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #3: Vote to Approve & Sign Town Counsel Services Agreement With Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead:** L. Botts made a motion to approve the Contract and appoint Blatman Bobrowski and Mead for a term August 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #4: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License Applications: Ralph's Kitchen & Catering (Five Bridge Inn; Young's Caterers; Crystal Seaver):** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and grant a one day Wine & Malt liquor license for Raffaele DeFusco, Ralph's Kitchen & Catering, 1418 Plainfield Street, Cranston, R.I. for three (3) weddings to be held at the Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street, Rehoboth on September 2, 2012 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m.; September 23, 2012 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m.; and September 30, 2012 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

M. Costello made a motion to approve and grant a one day Wine & Malt liquor license to Carol C. Marcil, Young's Caterers, Inc. 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA for the Anawan Lion's Event, 339 Tremont Street, Country Gardens, on August 17, 2012 from 6:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

M. Costello made a motion to approve and grant a one day Wine & Malt liquor license to Crystal Seaver, 239 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02860 for a wedding to be held at South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA, on September 8, 2012 from 4:00p.m. – 1:00a.m. and for the transportation of alcohol for September 7, 2012 and September 9, 2012. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #5: Review & Acceptance of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Phase I:** J. Ritter presented to the Board Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan. S. Pimental suggested that the Information Technology Advisory Committee be enlisted to help develop the computer hardware and software part of the CIP. S. Pimental asked if the Munis system tracks fixed assets. J. Ritter to report back on September 24<sup>th</sup>. L. Botts made a motion to approve Phase I of the Capital Improvement Plan. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

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**Action Item #6: Appointments/Reappointments (per submitted listing):** S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Robert E. Johnson, II as Moth Superintendent and Measurer of Wood & Lumber for a term of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion pursuant to the recommendation of the Chairman of the Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) to fill two (2) openings on the ITAC by appointing Derek Rousseau and Bonnie Kelley for a one year term from August 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Manely E. Lewis to the Veterans' Relocation Committee for a one year term from August 13, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #7: Wheeler Street Bridge Repairs:** This matter was tabled until more information could be provided. However, J. Ritter noted that by approving the Detailed Damage Inspection Report this would simply allocate federal funds for the project. But there was a concern that the Town would have to upfront the entire amount and then get reimbursed.

**Action Item #8: Discussion Re: Planning Board Recommendation on Idlewoods Estates Public Water Supply Request for Trench Permit:** M. Costello stated he attended the Planning Board meeting when this matter was discussed and briefed the Board about those discussions. S. Pimental made a motion that Rehoboth is not interested in providing public water to Idlewoods Estates. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #9: Access to Anawan School:** D. Leffort asked for access to the building to complete a feasibility study on the reuse. M. Costello noted that only authorized personnel may access the building and they must be accompanied by the Building Inspector or Fire Chief. Town Meeting approved an article that would allow the Town to investigate the reuse for housing.

D. Leffort stated there will be an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant asking residents for approval to convert the former school to a Town Hall.

J. Tito stated he had no problem with D. Leffort accessing the building but no one else. M. Costello made a motion that only authorized personnel may access the building and D. Leffort is authorized. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-1 (Leffort)

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**Action Item #10: Vote to Accept Comcast Check for \$36,028.83 for PEG Programming:**

S. Pimental made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to accept the next quarterly payment to the Town in the amount of \$36,028.83. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, M. Costello noted there is work to be done at the town Hall and the Senior Center. Voted 5-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Access Update:** The Board discussed the Court date tomorrow in Dedham, at Norfolk Superior Court.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN FORUM:** William Saunders, Veterans Agent and member of the Cemetery Commission was present and provide a copy of the new map showing all the public and private cemeteries in Rehoboth.

Ronald Whittemore, 21 Pond Street asked D. Leffort why he needed to access the former school when he had all the information. D. Leffort stated he wanted to do his own feasibility study, as a result the estimated could go up or down.

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** L. Botts presented a proposal to address the overgrowth at the Village Dam perhaps by using Community Preservation Funds. M. Costello cautioned her about the regulations with DEP and Conservation Commission.

D. Leffort asked J. Ritter about the status of the Town Report and the shredding project. J. Ritter stated that two (2) of the report are complete and the shredding will take place this Fall.

M. Costello reviewed the information available regarding the meeting this week at Bristol Plymouth in anticipation of sending students there this September.

**ADJOURN:** S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator