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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Susan Pimental, Chairman; Joseph Tito, Vice Chairman; Lorraine Botts, Clerk; Frederick “Skip” Vadnais and Michael Costello.

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Call to order at 6:06p.m.

Executive Session: L. Botts made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or pending 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: Town Properties Auctioneer Contract; Morra vs. Casey; REPAC

Second, J. Tito. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Tito- Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello- Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 5-0

At 7:07p.m. J. Tito made a motion to return to open session. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call: Tito – Aye; Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 5-0

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

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants: 14-03A, Withholdings, \$139,842.40; 14-04, Invoices, \$76,836.74 and 14-04R, Refunds, \$788.60; 14-05V Veterans – August, \$14,677.38; 14-04B, Payroll, \$79,636.70. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the regular session meeting minutes from July 22, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

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S. Pimental noted the Board approved and voted to hold for release the Executive Session Meeting minutes from June 10, 2013 during Executive Session. J. Tito asked Ritter to review the file of old Executive Session Meeting minutes and prepare them for release if appropriate.

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: S. Pimental read the Agenda for the public and those viewers watching on local cable access. The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, August 12, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m.

S. Pimental recognized John Moriarty from the Rehoboth Lions Club. Mr. Moriarty announced the “Family Pig Roast,” to be held on Saturday, August 24th from 1:00p.m. – until 6:00p.m. at 95 Cameron Way. This is a private club holding a public event and all are welcome. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Last year, more than \$20,000 was returned to the community from the Lions Club. Mr. Moriarty provided his telephone numbers in the event someone wanted to purchase a ticket.

Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and updated the Board regarding the painting of the South Fire Station. That work is not complete. The South Station Association is now working on the exterior and other landscaping improvements. Letters of thanks will be sent by J. Ritter.

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter reported that information included in the recent tax bills regarding medical alert information has been very successful. The Senior Center Director has reported that she has received dozens of call providing information from residents who wanted to register in the event of an emergency.

The Economic Development Committee will be meeting on Wednesday at noon at 492 Winthrop Street. Health Agent Bob Ashton will be present to discuss a water distribution system in Town.

The next Department Heads Meeting will be this Thursday at 10a.m. in the Town Hall.

He attended a meeting with Mass Highway at District 5 in Taunton last Wednesday regarding the Wheeler Street Bridge project. A scaled back design contract was agreed to and it should be ready for the Board’s approval at your next meeting on August 12th.

He met with a developer for the Anawan School project last Thursday including staff. It appears the developer is interested in the project for affordable housing. He will keep the Board updated as information becomes available.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Question & Answer Presentation With Veterans’ Memorial Committee

Chair Ken Abrams: Ken Abrams and Bill Saunders and Manley Lewis were present and provided a historical update regarding the siting of the Rehoboth Veterans Memorial.

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K. Abrams stated the public can purchase a brick for \$100 which includes lettering on three lines with 17 characters. B. Saunders said one large tone had already been purchased for \$5,000.

S. Vadnais asked how far back will the Veterans Memorial cover. B. Saunders they have three names from the King Philip War, but there are 14 conflicts covered to date.

S. Pimental asked if there were any limits on the number of bricks that a person could purchase?

M. Costello stated the bricks would be laid in two areas those veterans who have passed away and those who are active.

K. Abrams stated that once the Memorial is completed the Parks Commission would take over the site and they have agreed to maintain it as well.

J. Tito asked if there was room for expansion?

B. Saunders stated there were 236 Viet Nam era veterans, 365 “war on terrorism” veterans and at least initially we want to take of those we know. But yes there is room for expansion and parking would be off Pond Street.

S. Pimental asked how much had been raised to date. B. Saunders stated that \$30,260 but they need another \$20,000 to get the gazebo up before winter.

S. Pimental asked how can the public contact the Committee. B. Saunders stated the web site is www.rehobothmemorial.com and there are several ways to make a donation.

S. Pimental stated so the Committee needs another \$20,000?

M. Costello asked how does the new site at Red Way Plain differ from the memorial on Danforth Street?

B. Saunders stated that was an American Legion site.

Action Item #2: EMS Service Discussion: William Mariorano, Emergency Management Director and Gary Kloss, Deputy, Emergency Management Director were present.

S. Pimental stated that the Board would like to better understand the role and protocols used by the Emergency Management Services personnel when responding to emergency circumstances. We understand the Rescue has Basic Life Support (BLS) abilities and the Town applied and received this designation last year. She is concerned about the liability issue for the Town

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and was concerned when BLS administers care if they are unable to give the care that is needed. It is a Town run ambulance and the liability would be with the Town, versus the ALS ambulance run by a 3rd party, the liability would be born by the 3rd party, not the town.

B. Mairorano stated they only respond as needed to stabilize basic patient care until the ambulance arrives.

S. Vadnais asked about the protocols are used and when is the Rescue called to respond?

B. Mairorano stated the current protocol is for the ambulance to be toned out, if they are not able to respond then mutual aid is called, then Rescue.

M. Costello asked about the liability issue and if this protocol might result in inadequate patient care?

B. Mairorano stated there should not be any negative effect on patients by using this protocol.

S. Pimental said that the BLS or Rescue should never go out on their own.

B. Mairorano said they Rescue have served in a supportive role since 1965.

M. Costello asked if Rescue 7 meets all of the States requirements.

B. Mairorano said yes.

J. Tito asked about the difference for the viewing public.

G. Kloss stated the BLS is AED certified and the ALS can provide drugs, do an EKG, IV, and have paramedics on the ambulance.

Scott Meagher, Rehoboth Ambulance was present and explained further the paramedics determine which hospital a patient is taken to and is looking for other things that might be going on with the patient and a BLS unit might not see or are qualified to diagnose. Also, the Fire Department personnel also respond because they carry other equipment that might be needed. Ambulance is a 24/7 and on call service. A call never goes unanswered. Typically, the first one on the scene is a police officer.

J. Tito stated he was to support all the efforts of the emergency response personnel including Rescue.

S. Pimental, again stated she was concerned about the Town's liability and to ensure the BLS is properly positioned to support the ALS.

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J. Tito stated that he thought dispatchers need clear protocols for calling out the Rescue.

L. Botts stated that Rescue supported the emergency response at a recent event at the Breed Expo until ALS was able to arrive.

S. Pimental said in that specific event the Animal Control Officer was toned out in response to a horse down.

S. Vadnais said when an animal is seriously hurt or is down it is best to wait until a trained veterinarian arrives at the scene. The Animal Control Office can help to keep the scene clear and to keep the animal calm. He would talk with the Animal Control Officer.

S. Pimental said that search and rescue is another service provided by Rescue and she was pleased to see several new volunteers.

B. Mairorano said Rescue also provides a dive squad, temporary lighting, hurricane and snow storm support, staffs the Emergency Operations Center, Emergency Shelters, and other equipment as needed.

J. Tito said he would be willing to review the dispatch protocols.

Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and provided the following clarification. The dispatch protocol was they would tone out in the following order a. Ambulance-1, b. Ambulance-2; c. Fire Department/Mutual Aid; d. Rescue.

Now the dispatch is within the protocols of EMS.

Ron Whittemore, asked what it means to be toned out and the difference between BLS and ALS.

S. Meagher stated the Town had six (6) ambulances. G. Kloss challenged that statement. S. Meagher provided an inventory by department.

J. Tito will review protocols and S. Vadnais will talk with the Animal Control Officer.

Action Item #3: FY2012 REMA EMPG Grant: J. Tito made a motion to authorize Chairman Pimental to sign the contract for the FY2012 EMPG Grant in the amount of \$2,790.00. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Police Promotional Review Board: S. Pimental stated that the Review Board is scheduled to meet this Friday and as Chairman she is willing to sit in on these interviews.

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S. Vadnais made a motion to designate S. Pimental to represent the Board of Selectmen on the Police Promotional Review Board. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Community Innovation Challenge Grant: J. Ritter requested that this item be tabled until a future meeting. J. Tito made a motion to table this matter until a future Board meeting date to be determined. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: One Day Liquor Licenses: L. Botts made as motion to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to Carol C. Marcil, Young's Caterers, Inc. 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771 for an event at Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street, Rehoboth, MA on August 24, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 11:00p.m. (wedding). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made as motion to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License to Carol C. Marcil, Young's Caterers, Inc. 364 Newman Avenue, Seekonk, MA 02771 for events at Country Gardens, 339 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA on August 3, 2013 from 2:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.(wedding); August 10, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); August 18, 2013 from 4:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); August 24, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); August 31, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); September 7, 2013 from 2:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); September 8, 2013 from 4:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. (birthday party); September 13, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding); September 28, 2013 from 2:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. (wedding); October 5, 2013 from 2:00p.m. – 10:00p.m. (wedding). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Purchase & Sales Agreement for 366 Winthrop Street: J. Tito made a motion to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the sale of 366 Winthrop Street. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: MBTA Advisory Board Appointment: S. Vadnais said he was unable to make contact with a person who might be interested in serving on the Board and requested the item be tabled until the next Board meeting. L. Botts made a motion to table this item until August 12, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: None

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator