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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

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

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, Section 21, (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: Personnel issue; Town owned property; potential litigation issue; REPAC vs. Rehoboth.

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; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye. Voted 5-0

At 7:24p.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; Leffort – Aye; Tito – 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 made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-27A Withholdings, \$18,905.21; 13-28 Invoices, \$77,563.13; and Payroll, \$84,253.88. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2012. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from January 3, 2013. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion: S. Pimental questioned the "Factor Systems" expense on the Warrant. J. Ritter stated he would look into that expense and report back next week. Also, S. Pimental questioned the office supplies expense from the Acting Highway Director and asked which vendor the Town uses. J. Ritter stated W.B. Mason. Voted 5-0

J. Tito noted that the Board reviewed and voted to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2012 and January 3, 2013 in Executive Session.

Announcements: J. Tito stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be next Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta was present and reviewed with the Board Rehoboth Police Department's involvement in a recent high speed chase in Seekonk. He commended Officers DiBacco and Manely for outstanding police work. These two (2) officers captured the suspect on a mutual aid call from Seekonk.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter noted that the town Offices would be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day next Monday.

He attended a meeting last week at MEMA Regional Headquarters in Bridgewater with Michael Tyler, Acting Highway Director. The purpose of the meeting was to get a briefing on the reimbursements for Hurricane Sandy. He estimated the total storm damage and expense to the town of Rehoboth would be approximately \$20,000 of which 75% would be eligible for reimbursement.

A successful perc test was completed at the former Anawan School last week. S. Pimental asked about the next steps. J. Ritter stated the water quality test/flow should be completed within two (2) weeks.

The expansion tank has been ordered for the Senior Center pursuant to the approved of the Special Town Meeting this new tank will increase the PSI from 25 to 50 to be in compliance with State regulations.

The Board will be cooking at the Senior Center on January 28th around noon.

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J. Ritter stated will be attending a briefing session at the Framingham MEMA State Headquarters this Wednesday. The purpose of this information session is to hear about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The objective is to access funds for an emergency generator at the Senior Center.

J. Ritter reported that nothing has been heard from the South Rehoboth Fire Station roof contractor. This is a follow-up report from last week.

Also the FY14 budget guidelines have been issued. Finally, the Breed Expo discussion is scheduled for next Tuesday with the Board.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Discussion Re: 2013 Renewal of Class II Auto License for Hornbine

Enterprises/Suzanne Goulart: Attorney John Manni was present with Suzanne Goulart. J. Tito reviewed the current status of the issue in that Ms. Goulart listed on the Class II license as the owner of the business was not signing off on the titles. This same issue dates back to at least 2009.

Attorney Manni stated that the complaint a Mr. Gary Wellington was a relative of the owner and the vehicle in question was purchased on line. The vehicle was sent to a body shop, but also acknowledged that the title was signed by Mr. Edward Ennis (husband) of the owner and the vehicle was purchased by Hornbine Enterprises. He asked the board to consider adding Mr. Ennis to the license.

M. Costello stated that the records when asked could not be produced, but all the filing were up to date. He would like to review the sales records, for the owners to present an up to date liability insurance policy and a bond.

M. Costello made a motion to continue the matter until Monday, January 28th at 7:45p.m. to give the Board the opportunity to review the sales documents once provided by the owner. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: Discussion Re: 2013 Renewal of Class II Auto License for The Auto Emporium

(aka Wig Wam Village Auto Sales) Jose & Maria Silveira: Attorney Fredericks was present with Rehoboth Health Agent Robert Ashton and Maria Silveira: R. Ashton reviewed with the board the current status of the site including several violations of local bylaw Chapter C Section 4 & 5.

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Attorney Fredericks stated his clients purchased the site in 1997 and there were several business located there at the time. However, those businesses are no longer located there. He also reviewed the letter received from R. Ashton.

M. Costello stated the buyer beware and they have a had 15 years to clean-up the site and there must be a plan in place before he would consider renewing the Class II license.

J. Tito stated that it is critically important to see a plan in place clearly demonstrating the owner's intent to work with Town Boards and staff to clean-up the site...

M. Costello made a motion for the owners to prepare a plan and return to the Board of Selectmen on January 28th for the Board to review that plan. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Discussion with Acting Chief Lt. James Trombetta Re: Hire of a School

Resource Officer: J. Trombetta stated the town needs to have a full-time School Resources Officer or SRO in place. Officer Keith Perry is currently performing that function when time allows. He recommends assigning on a permanent basis Officer Perry to the School and requested approval from the Board to hire a Reserve Officer to fill Officer Perry's position.

J. Trombetta stated that this proposal should reduce overtime and provide a safer environment for the school children. He has been in contact with the Finance Committee liaison who supports the proposal. He noted that in 29 years working for the Rehoboth Police Department only four new officers had been added while the size of the Town has more than doubled.

S. Pimental reviewed the numbers presented and noted that the numbers could be cut in half because we are only talking about half a fiscal year and the approach made sense. At least in this fiscal year we are looking at \$20,000 to \$30,000.

J. Trombetta said a portion of the salary could be offset by the golf tournament revenues which are specifically designated to help school children.

L. Botts made a motion to approve the hiring of the most qualified Reserve Officer. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-1 (Leffort)

S. Pimental asked why D. Leffort voted against the position. D. Leffort stated he thought there were most cost efficient alternatives.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve FY13 State 911 Grant for Submission by the Police

Department: M. Costello made a motion to approve the grant application and to authorize Lt.

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Michael Brady to sign the grant on behalf of the town of Rehoboth. Second, S. Pimental.
Voted. 5-0

Action Item #5: Review & Approve Highway Department Snow & Ice Policy: M. Costello made a motion to approve the policy. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion: Michael Tyler (Acting Highway Director) was present and explained that there is currently nothing in place to help the Town and the residents to understand what is expected during snow emergencies. Residents are allowed to take 4 buckets of sand. However, they are not allowed to plow snow into the street as 2 examples of why the policy is needed.

J. Tito asked that an amendment to the Town's bylaws be considered for Annual Town Meeting.

Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Accept Deed for Key West Boulevard & Duval Street as Public Ways per 11/26/12 Special town Meeting Vote Article 12: M. Costello made a motion to accept "Quitclaim Deed" from the Community Bank, a Massachusetts co-operative bank, with a principal place of business at 1265 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA as outlined in said deed for the purpose of accepting Key West Boulevard, Duval Street as public ways in accordance with Article 12 vote of the 2012 Special Town Meeting. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Appoint Lorraine Gobeille as an Election Worker: S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Lorraine Gobeille: S. Pimental made a motion to appoint Lorriane Gobeille as a Democratic Election Worker, Precinct II Inspector effective January 14, 2013 through August 30, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment (Board of Selectmen) Contracted Services (\$2,200) and Highway Overtime: S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 011253-52920 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services Refuse Removal by \$2,200.00 and to increase budget line item 011253-52981 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services Fire Burglar by \$2,200.00. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 014212-51540 Highway Sick Day Stipend by \$2,150.00 and to increase budget line item 014212-51310 Highway Overtime by \$2,150.00. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer: \$2,150 North Fire Station Facilities Maintenance: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer Request from the Fire Chief in the amount of \$2,150. Second, L. Botts. Discussion: M. Costello stated that

this transfer was needed because there is a defective automatic 200 AMP transfer switch on the

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Emergency backup generator. The request is an emergency and unforeseen at budget time. Voted 5-0

Action Item #10: Vote to Set the Date of May 13, 2013 for the Special & Annual Town

Meetings: M. Costello made a motion to hold the Annual and Special Town Meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013 with a follow-up date of Monday, May 20th. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #11: Vote to Open the Warrant for the May 13, 2013 Special & Annual Town

Meetings: M. Costello made a motion to open the Warrant for the Annual and Special Town Meetings. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #12: One Day Liquor License Applications (2): S. Pimental made a motion to

approve the application for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for **Rehoboth Call Firefighters Association** for an event to be held at the South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on February 2, 2013 from 7:00p.m. until midnight. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the application for a One Day All Alcohol Liquor License Dean Botelho, **Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity** for an events to be held at 43 Broad Street on January 26, 2013, March 16, 2013, April 20, 2013, June 1, 2013, September 21, 2013, and November 2, 2013 from 6:00p.m. until midnight. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Access Update: M. Costello stated he was deposed last Friday. J. Tito took a moment to thank John Meager for all his work with the local access channel and was disappointed John decided to resign. However, he also understood that there is a plan being developed to use High School students.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: L. Botts noted that she was helping to prepare the Council on Aging budget. Also, there was a pothole at the end of the driveway.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m.
Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved 1/22/13