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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 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 6:30p.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 if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Topics of Discussion: REPAC vs. Town of Rehoboth; Cichocki vs. Town of Rehoboth; Medeiros et al vs. Morra; Morra vs. Casey/Krasniaski; Casey vs. Town of Rehoboth; Krasnianski vs. Town of Rehoboth; Town of Dighton vs. Deighton Rehoboth Regional School District.

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 7:28p.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.

M. Costello asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of Firefighter John Parker's father.

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0-1(Leffort)

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold for release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – J. Tito noted the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Monday, January 14, 2013 at the Senior Center.

William Maiorano was present and briefed the Board on the recently completed CERT training for citizens and emergency preparedness.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter stated that he would be reviewing the Executive Session Meeting Minutes and would prepare meeting minutes for release if the matters discussed have concluded.

He would be attending a briefing session in Framingham regarding the FEMA/MEMA Hazard Mitigation program. He discovered there is a grant program that could fund up to seventy-five (75%) of the cost of an emergency generator at the Senior Center.

He is working on the Annual Town Meeting schedule.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Public Hearing – Pole Location Chestnut Street: S. Pimental made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, M. Costello.

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

Crystal Tognazzi from National Grid was present and reviewed a revised pole location plan with the Board and the residents. Eight trees would be trimmed and the poles would remain in the same location with one larger pole installed across the street. This approach was welcomed by the abutting residents.

S. Pimental made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, M. Costello.

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

S. Pimental made a motion to grant approval for the new pole installation and location. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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Action Item #2: South Station Fire Station Roof Replacement Bid: Wojcuch Sudyka, from J.J.S. Construction was present and requested the Board approve an additional \$6,194 cost overrun due to the fact that he underestimated the scope of the project. He stated he based his bid on the bid specifications.

J. Tito noted that the square footage was an estimated number. M. Costello stated that the bid documents and contract documents clearly state that the square footage is an estimated number and the contractor should verify the roof size. M. Costello stated we knew there was some decking that needed to be replaced and that was understandable.

S. Pimental asked for an itemized breakdown of the additional \$6,194.

M. Costello made a motion to approve and amend the Contract to allow for the plywood replacement on the roof deck in the amount of \$600. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

S. Pimental made a motion to table this item until an itemized list of the additional costs could be provided to the Board for consideration. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Rehoboth Antiquarian Society Library Payment: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the third quarter payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for \$51,466.50 for the operations of the Blanding Public Library for Fiscal Year 2013 per the grant agreement. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: 2013 General License Renewals: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the renewal of a Junk (Antique) Dealers License for Pauline Warren, Best Estate Sales dba Grandma's Attic at 380 Winthrop Street effective January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Swansea Water District Request: L. Botts made a motion to table this item and noted that Town Health Agent Robert Ashton could not attend this meeting but was working on an opinion. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve & Sign REMA FY2012 EMPG Grant Application for \$3,450: Bill Maiorano was present and reviewed how he intended to spend the grant funds if approved by the Board and the Commonwealth. Essentially, the funds would be used to purchase a new lap top, cots for sleeping and sandbags.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Tito to sign the FFY2012 Emergency Management Planning Grant application as submitted by REMA Director, Bill Maiorano.

Action Item #7: Mobile Home Placement on 81 Agricultural Avenue: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the placement of a mobile home for six months at 81 Agricultural Avenue owned by John & Judith Clow while home repairs are made due to a fire which occurred on Saturday, December 29, 2012 and to waive the related fees. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Amend Vote Taken to Approve Use of New Voting Equipment: S. Pimental made a motion to amend the Board's vote of December 10, 2012 to allow for the use of the new election equipment effective immediately. This request is to allow for an anticipated Special Election to fill U.S. Senator John Kerry's seat. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: FY2014 Budget Liaison Assignments: The Board reviewed the revised document and made several suggested changes. Also, a revised budget guideline document was reviewed and the Board agreed to set the response date to be February 20th for budgets to be submitted.

Action Item #3: Local Broadcast Access Update: J. Tito noted that depositions would be taking place later in the week.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Mike Tyler, Acting Highway Director was present and reviewed with the Board the Department's recent response to the snow storm.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: D. Leffort stated that he had received a complaint from a resident about a recent traffic stop. He was concerned about the attitude of the Police Officer. It was suggested to have the individual file a complaint with the Department.

L. Botts reminded the Board that they are cooking at the Senior Center on January 28th. The local officials should take the online Ethics Commission training test.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved 1/14/13