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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

**Also Present:** Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

**Call to order at 6:30p.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, 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:** 138 Chestnut Street – Follow Up with Auctioneer

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

At 6:57p.m. J. Tito made a motion to return to open session. Second, S. Vadnais. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – 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: 14-15A, Withholdings, \$18,442.81; 14-16, Invoices, \$200,880.80; 14-16B, Payroll, \$75,725.00. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the regular meeting minutes from October 7, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0-1 (Tito)

J. Tito made a motion to approve and release the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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J. Tito made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session meeting minutes from October 7, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session meeting minutes from October 15, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session meeting minutes from December 12, 2005 Sessions I & II. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:** The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013 starting at 6:30p.m. at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Auditorium.

The Special Town Meeting will be held on October 28, 2013 at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Auditorium starting at 7:00p.m.

Acting Town Clerk, Laura Schwall was present and reviewed the recent community survey results. There were four 94) questions with ninety-nine responses. Eight (80) percent were in favor of keeping Town Hall open late one evening per week. Also, several suggestions were provided to improve services.

She is working to resolve problems with the telephone system and is searching for other posting locations in South Rehoboth given the Cork and Bottle has closed. M. Costello stated that Horton Estates has a bulletin board which could be used for that purpose. Finally, she is still waiting for a response from the Attorney General regarding posting meeting notices.

William Saunders and Ken Abrams from the Veterans Memorial Committee were present and provide the Board with an update on the project. The concrete forms were going into place today. They thanked several community businesses for their assistance. Including Robert Saxton, American Forms, Consolidated Concrete, Shawmut Forms, for electrical work Michael Berwick, McGuirk Fence, and Ted Rose Architects have all donated services to the project.

K. Abrams asked about the removal of several trees. He will contact Robert Johnson Tree Warden. They estimated that it would be another four (4) weeks for installation to be completed, 1900 names have been identified with at least 400 current citizens serving in the current war against terrorism. To date, \$105,700.31 has been raised. On December 7<sup>th</sup> (Pearl Harbor Day) the Committee is planning to have a ribbon cutting ceremony

Arthur Tobin, Bristol County Mosquito Control, was present and announced there would be a Public Hearing on the proposed FY15 budget before the County Commissioners on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. The overall expense to the Town of Rehoboth is approximately \$73,000 which comes directly off the Cherry Sheet. Budget packets will be mailed shortly.

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Also, the offices will be moving to the Myles Standish Industrial Park in Taunton. He also noted H 625 which is a proposed new law to address the eradication of the deer tick and mosquitos however there could be additional cost related to the purchasing of new equipment.

Robert Pray, Fire Chief stated there will be a Halloween Party at Station Three on October 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 6:30p.m. Also, on October 27<sup>th</sup> the annual Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on Sunday between 11:30a.m. and 1:00p.m. the cost is \$12.00.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reviewed recent adjustments to the liquor license fees and asked for clarification. The Board agreed to reaffirm its previous decision to increase the All Alcoholic Beverages Retail Package Goods Store and the Wine & Malt Beverages Only Retail Package Goods Store to \$750 each and to retain the late fee for filing a license renewal application to be \$50.00.

The Annual Town Report for 2011 is now available and 2010 and 2009 should be available next week at Town Meeting this will bring the town up to date.

Personnel policies have been reviewed by Attorney David Gay and returned to the Personnel Board for implementation.

The Owner's Project Manager (OPM) bid documents are now finalized and notice has been sent to the Central Register for publication the response date is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

J. Ritter stated he continues to work with the State Gaming Commission and the owners of the Raynham Park and is working toward getting mitigation funding for Rehoboth.

Finally, the Town was notified that Rehoboth will receive a \$20,000 grant from the South Coast Rail Project to complete a housing production plan which will help in marketing the Anawan School to an affordable housing developer.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Public Hearing Transfer of Liquor License for Hillside Country Club by Lombardi's Inc. to Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club; Application for Alternation of Premises; Application for Change in Type of License:**

S. Pimental recused herself from the discussion and stepped away from the Board.

Vice Chairman J. Tito asked if there was a motion to open the Public Hearing? M. Costello made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

J. Tito read the public notice and noted that the legal ad was published in the Taunton Gazette on October 3, 2013. Abutters directly abutting the premises have been notified of this Public Hearing and the green cards have been returned to the Selectmen's Office.

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Further, J. Tito noted the applicant has applied for the alteration of premises and change of type of license in addition to the existing main building:

- Service on 9 hole golf course including two (2) beverage carts
- Accessory day spa and accessory pro shop
- Fenced pool and patio area including outdoor Tiki Bar
- Two outdoor patio areas behind main building
- Tennis courts
- Racquetball/bocce area
- Outdoor ceremonial gazebo and event area
- Main existing building – two new exit/entry door

The change of license type from All Alcohol Restaurant to General On Premise All Alcohol.

Hours of operation will be 8:00a.m. to 1:00am. Monday – Saturday and Sunday 12:00noon to 1:00a.m. which is the same as the current license for Lombardi's Hillside.

The applicant requested a change to 10:00a.m. on Sunday which is a change from the 12noon currently approved by the Board.

J. Tito asked the applicants to come forward. Susan Pimental, Manager and Attorney Michael Levinson were present. It was noted that the liquor license application will still have to be approved by the ABCC.

S. Pimental and M. Levinson provided a history of the purchase and the renovations currently underway and the proposed new renovations. When Hillside was foreclosed on the liquor license was suspended.

J. Tito asked if there were any public comments? William Cute, who lives directly across the street supported the application and noted there have been outstanding improvements to date at the facility. They have been very supportive of the Dighton Rehoboth Golf Team and that the liquor license is very important for the success of any facility of this nature.

S. Vadnais made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the request to transfer the All Alcohol Restaurant Liquor License from Hillside Country Club by Lombardi's to Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club, 82 Hillside Avenue, Manager of Record, Susan M. Pimental. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1(Costello)

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the alteration of premises. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1 (Costello)

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S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the change of type of license from All Alcohol Restaurant to All Alcohol General on Premise. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0-1 (Costello)

**Action Item #2: Discussion with Town Moderator, Bill Cute & Interim Town Clerk, Laura Schwall Re: October 28, 2013 Special town Meeting/Review of Motion/STM Article and Request to Upgrade to Radio Equipment:** William Cute, Town Moderator and Interim Town Clerk Laura Schwall were present.

S. Pimental reviewed the current status of the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the motions drafted by J. Ritter. The Board reviewed each article and proposed motions. S. Pimental stated that she met earlier in the day with the Fire Chief, Acting Police Chief, Finance Committee member Gerry Schwall and vendors to provide an upgrade to the Public Safety radio equipment.

A resident asked about the use of diesel vessels on the Palmer River and that the article might be amended on the floor of Town Meeting. M. Costello noted the intent was not to allow gasoline powered vessels on the Palmer River.

**Action Item #3: Public Hearing Classification of Land With the Board of Assessors:** M. Costello made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

The Board of Assessors were present and recommended that the Town retain its current single tax classification. S. Pimental agreed that it makes no sense for Rehoboth to shift to a dual tax classification which would place a heavier tax burden on the commercial base of the Town.

Gene Campbell from the Board of Assessors noted the residential base is 91.68% up from 91.31%; commercial base is 4.37% down 4.52%; industrial base is 0.95 down 0.97%; and personal property is 2.98% down from 3.1% from last year and there is no advantage to the Town to have multiple tax classifications.

S. Pimental asked for any public comments? None was heard.

M. Costello made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

S. Vadnais made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to adopt a single tax classification and tax rate and to file the LA-5 form with the Department of Revenue. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

G. Campbell noted the new growth figure is approximately \$200,000 which is about \$50,000 above the estimated amount. The Board thanked the Assessors for this information.

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**5.0) OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Animal Shelter Update:** J. Ritter reported that cost estimates were secured last Thursday from Clean Harbors and R.I Analytical. Air quality tests were completed this morning and no measureable ammonia was detected. Work is continuing to address the concerns expressed by the State Veterinarian.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** J. Tito noted that the position of Town Nurse has been advertised and the response has been very good so far. S. Pimental reminded the public that the Special Town Meeting is coming up next Monday and it is important for the public to attend.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.) ADJOURNMENT:** M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09p.m. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

Approved 11/4/13