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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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

**Absent:** Michael Costello

**Call to order at 5:30p.m.**

**Executive Session:** L. Botts made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, (3) to strategy with respect to collective bargaining or 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:** Morra vs. Casey; Praetorian vs. Rehoboth; Casey vs. Rehoboth; REPAC vs. Rehoboth; Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District vs. Rehoboth; Masscop Grievance

Second, J. Tito. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0

At 6:49p.m. J. Tito made a motion to return to open session. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0

**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: 14-18A, Withholdings, \$17,841.23; 14-19, Invoices, \$3,400,052.24; 14-19B, Payroll, \$76,673.54. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the regular meeting minutes from November 4, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0-1 (Tito)

S. Pimental noted that the Board voted in Executive Session to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2013.

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L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2005, Sessions I & III and October 12, 2005. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:** S. Pimental read a Proclamation in that the Board proclaimed November “National American Indian Heritage Month,” pursuant to a request and a letter dated October 28, 2013 from the Daughters of the American Revolution. J. Tito made a motion to approve and sign the Proclamation. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Vadnais asked that a copy of the Proclamation be sent to George Jennings.

L. Botts noted that Richard Clarke a well known Broadway actor will at the Senior Center on Friday at 1:00p.m. to put on a free play. Refreshments will be served.

The Visiting Nurses Association will be at the Senior Center to make holiday wreaths and there will be a free raffle to win a wreath.

Holiday cookbooks are available for \$7.00 and are being sold by Friends of the Rehoboth Elderly.

S. Pimental noted the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be held on Monday, November 18, 2013 in the Senior Center at 7:00p.m.

**Town Administrator’s Report:** J. Ritter reported that there has been strong interest in the Owner’s Project Manager Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Public Safety Building Project. To date twenty-five (25) RFQ’s have been sent out. There is a scheduled meeting to take place on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 6:00p.m. at the Public Safety Building with the Public Safety Building Committee, the architect and anyone interested in submitting a proposal for the project.

Regarding the proposed Raynham Slot Parlor, Mr. Ritter reported he met with the town Managers of Bridgewater and Middleboro for the purposes of reviewing a proposed “Nearby Community Agreement.” He will testify before the Massachusetts State Gaming Commission on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and present the Town’s argument as to why it should be designated a surrounding community impacts on traffic being the primary concern.

He met with the Police and Fire Chief and they are working on a scope of work to relocate the communication antenna from the Public Safety Building to the Town Hall site which will be higher. Specifications are being drafted by East Coast Electronics.

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Two (2) grant applications are being prepared by the Regional Planning Commission for submission under the Community Innovations Challenge Grant. The first, relates to records management. The second, would fund an update to the southcoast mapping. Both applications are regional applications with six (6) to seven (7) communities participating in each.

The sale of 295 Winthrop Street should be concluded within the next couple of weeks.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #2: Public Health Town Nurse Interview to Fill Position:** Robert Ashton, Health Agent was present and introduced Jamie Conlon who is being recommended by the Board of to fill the part-time Town Nurse position.

R. Ashton noted the position was advertised, and six (6) candidates were interviewed, the selected person works under the direction of the Board of Health at 19.5 hours per week, and is appointed by the Selectmen pursuant to Chapter A, Article IV – Town Officials Appointed, Section JJ Town Nurse.

S. Pimental noted that she had an excellent background and noted her experience. S. Vadnais stated that it was nice to see a Rehoboth resident step forward. J. Tito said he reviewed all for her credentials and his only concern was how long she would be willing to stay with the Town?

J. Conlon noted that she will be in school until at least 2017 and that she did not anticipate changing jobs until after that date.

J. Tito made a motion pursuant to the Town's Bylaws to appoint Jamie Conlon to the position of Town Nurse subject to the successful completion of a CORI background check, a pre-employment physical and the understanding that she works under the Town of Rehoboth Personnel Policies. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Application for Entertainment License for Hillside Golf LLC dba Hillside Country Club:** S. Pimental stepped away from the Board a recused herself.

J. Tito, Vice Chairman of the Board conducted the Public Hearing. L. Botts made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, S. Vadnais. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye. Voted 3-0

S. Pimental, General Manager of Hillside County Club stepped forward and provided a comprehensive update regarding the ongoing renovations taking place at Hillside. In fact, at the end of November there will be a Dighton Rehoboth High School golf tournament. But she is here this evening to seek approval of a seven day.

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J. Tito noted that some of the limitations are not practicable and that any and all types of entertainment allowable in Rehoboth should be permitted.

J. Tito asked if there were any comments in favor or against the application? There were not comments.

S. Vadnais made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, by L. Botts. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye. Voted 3-0

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the seven (7) day entertainment license. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0.

**Action Item #3: Interview of Colleen Simpson to Fill Vacancy on Finance Committee:** Ms. Simpson was present and reviewed her qualifications with the Board. S. Pimental thanked the Finance Committee for bringing Ms. Simpson forward with a positive recommendation.

J. Tito made a motion to appoint Colleen Simpson to the Finance Committee, to fill the position vacated due to the resignation Christine Daluz, for a term effective from November 12, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #4: REMA Appointment:** L. Botts made a motion to appoint Noreen M. Strayer to REMA effective on November 12, 2013 through June 30, 2014 per the recommendation of REMA Director William Maiorano. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request for the Board of Health in the Amount of \$311.00:** S. Vadnais made a motion to approve the Request for a Reserve Fund Transfer from the Board of Health in the amount of \$311.00 to be transferred into line 015113-52430 Board of Health Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-0 (Tito stepped away from the Board.)

**Action Item #6: Request from Republican Town Committee to Designate Location for Caucus & Request to Use Town Voting Equipment:** L. Botts made a motion to allow the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee to hold their caucus pursuant to G.L. Chapter 53, Section 82 at the Palmer River School cafeteria on February 5, 2014 with an alternate date of February 12, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0

L. Botts made a motion to allow the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee permission to use the Town owned voting equipment for the caucus previously approved. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0

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**Action Item #7: FY15 Budget Discussion: Guidelines & Liaison Assignments:** S. Pimental stated she is working with the Police Department in preparing a zero based budget document and we need an updated fixed asset inventory.

**Action Item #8: Wheeler Street Bridge:** J. Ritter reviewed with the Board the most recent report received from Greenman Pedersen regarding the reconstruction of the Wheeler Street Bridge project.

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Fixed Asset Inventory:** The Board reviewed the most recent list of fixed assets.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Action Item#1: Hillside Country Club Liquor License:** S. Pimental recused Hershel and stepped away from the Board.

L. Botts made a motion to issue the liquor license to Hillside Golf LLC dba Hillside Country Club effective through December 31, 2013 pursuant to the approval from the ABCC to transfer the liquor license, alterations of licensed premises and change of license type to a general on premises liquor license, and it is noted that Fire Certificate of Inspection and the Liquor License Liability insurance is now in place. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** L. Botts noted the flag raising event at the World War I memorial and the lunch at the Senior Center that followed on Veterans Day.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.) ADJOURNMENT:** J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

Approved 12-9-12