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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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 6:00p.m.

Executive Session: L. Botts made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, (1) to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and (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: Masscop Local 209 grievance, personnel issue, and Nearby Communities Agreement

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

At 6:57p.m. S. Vadnais made a motion to return to open session. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0 (J. Tito left the room at 6:50p.m. to meet with the Cub Scouts)

1.0) Call to Order: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag led by Cub Scout Pack 1.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants: 14-19A, Withholdings, \$17,480.42; 14-20, Invoices, \$162,727.08; 14-20B, Payroll, \$76,867.60. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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Minutes: None

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: J. Tito welcomed Cub Scout Pack #1 to the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. J. Tito noted the Cub Scouts were present because they were working on a citizenship badge.

S. Pimental noted the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be held on Monday, November 25, 2013 in the Senior Center at 7:00p.m.

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter reported that there will be a meeting this Thursday at the Public Safety Building at 6:00p.m. hosted by the Public Safety Building Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to meet with applicants for the position of “Owners Project Manager (OPM).” To review the scope of the project in anticipation of their submittals on December 5th.

A significant amount of time has been spent on the records management and mapping grant applications under the Community Innovations Challenge grant program. The application deadline is this Friday.

Finally, on the Agenda next week will be a confirmatory vote for the Board regarding the “Nearby Community” agreement between Rehoboth and Raynham Park, LLC for a study that could lead up to traffic mitigation funds for Rehoboth.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Review FY2013 Audit Report with Town Auditors, Powers & Sullivan and Town Accountant Cathy Doane: Michael Nelligan from Powers and Sullivan and Cathy Doane, Town Accountant were present and reviewed the contents of the Management Letter and the Financial Statement Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

M. Nelligan stated that the Town received a clean opinion with no adjustments. He noted that 18% in reserves is above average for a community the size of Rehoboth and no new debt has been added. C. Doane noted that Rehoboth has \$8.5 million in total liability plus \$2.2 million in OPED obligations.

M. Nelligan stated that many communities have established OPED trust funds at Town Meeting. This is a way to move the expenses related to health insurance into a separate account. Bond agencies like to see this when a community goes out to borrow money.

C. Doane stated the Town needs to start looking at health insurance plan design changes to help mitigation the cost increases going forward. It would be helpful to phase out the co-pay reimbursements as well.

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Action Item #2: Discussion with Rehoboth Emergency Management Director, Bill

Maiorano Re: Shelter Preparedness Trailer: B. Maiorano was present and briefed the Board on his recent acquisition of an emergency response and preparedness trailer. The Board viewed the trailer earlier in the evening. It was noted that the trailer was acquired by grant funding and will be very useful during times of declared states of emergencies.

Action Item #3: Discussion with the Dighton Rehoboth School Committee Re: School Roof

Project: Tiffany Bartholomew Chairman of the Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District Capital Projects Task Force was present and asked the Selectmen to hold a Special Town Meeting either in February or March which would be followed in forty-five (45) days with a town wide general election ballot question.

S. Pimental asked if they were seeking approval of a debt exclusion question? T. Bartholomew stated yes and that plans had to be to the SBAB by December 4th. The funding if approved by the Town would be offset by fifty (50) percent from the Commonwealth for reroofing and repairs to the Beckwith and part of the High School.

M. Costello asked who would be overseeing the project? T. Bartholomew stated the School Committee would be overseeing the project. Also, the SBAB assign consultants to work with the School Committee.

The Board agreed to support the concept of a Special Town Meeting and to let the voters decide.

Action Item #4: Request to Park State Truck on Town Property: S. Vadnias made a motion to grant permission for the vehicle owned by the Commonwealth and operated by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation to be parked at the Highway Department. Second, J. Tito. Discussion: L. Botts asked about the insurance liability if there were to be damage to the vehicle. This would be dealt with just like any other vehicle. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Community Innovation Challenge Grant (Mapping): J. Ritter reported that Rehoboth would be for the first time participating in the cooperative grant application coordinated by the regional planning agency to fund aerial mapping. This system would complement our existing MapGeo system that the Assessors use.

Action Item #6: Community Innovation Challenge Grant (Records Management): L. Botts made a motion to approve and submit the grant application for records management. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Appointment of Town Nurse: J. Tito made a motion to appoint Jaime

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Conlon as the Rehoboth Town Nurse and noted that she has successfully passed her pre-employment physical. The appointment is effective November 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Vадnais provided an update on recent discussions he has had with the Animal Control Officer and the Emergency Management Director to coordinate emergency responses and to make sure those protocols and procedures are consistent to state standards.

M. Costello asked L. Botts about the status of the Friends of the Rehoboth Animal Shelter. L. Botts stated the group will be meeting on Saturday at the Senior Center at 10a.m.

L. Botts noted the Board received a petition from thirty-five residents asking the Selectmen to do something about the large number of dumpsters in Town especially those on Town property. The Board asked L. Botts to investigate and report back.

S. Pimental asked the fixed asset inventory be placed on the Agenda next week.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.) ADJOURNMENT: J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved 11/25/13