



Office of  
SELECTMEN  
148 Peck Street  
Rehoboth, MA 02769

Tel.: (508) 252-3758  
Fax: (508) 252-5342

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

**Absent:** Joseph Tito

**Call to order at 6:45p.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:** Mass COP 208/209

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

At 7:07p.m. M. Costello made a motion to return to open session. Second, S. Vadnais. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – 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: 14-17A, Withholdings, \$143,503.08; 14-18, Invoices, \$95,171.13; 14-18B, Payroll, \$77,986.19; 14-18V Veterans, \$14,415.88. L. Botts made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**Page Two**  
**Board of Selectmen, Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2013**

**Minutes:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the regular meeting minutes from October 21, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental noted that the Board voted in Executive Session to release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2005; November 11, 2005; and November 17, 2005.

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:** The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m. at the Gladys L. Hurrell Rehoboth Senior Center.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans' Day.

William Saunders, Veterans Agent briefed the Board on several upcoming Veterans events including a Word War I plaque rededication. The Veteran's Memorial gazebo will be in place on November 19<sup>th</sup> and the dedication is scheduled to be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Higson was present and informed the Board about the upcoming Santa's lunch on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Senior Center.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter updated the Board in that last week the Town was notified by Hartford Steam Boiler that after a recent inspection that it was discovered a relief valve needed replacement on the boiler at Town Hall. He authorized the replacement at a cost of \$200. Once the installation is completed he will notify Hartford Steam Boiler.

138 Chestnut Street was sold at auction and the closing took place last Friday.

Regarding the Public Safety Building project, the Owner's Project Manager legal notice has been advertised and approximately twenty-five (25) requests for the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document have been received and sent out since last Wednesday.

The next meeting of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30p.m. in the Senior Center.

Raynham Slot Parlor, J. Ritter updated the Board on his efforts to get Rehoboth designated as a surrounding community.

There will be a Department Heads Meeting on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10a.m. in the Town Hall.

**Page Three**  
**Board of Selectmen, Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2013**

J. Ritter reported that the Town has been formally 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.

366 Winthrop Street was sold today and there is only one open detail which the Board needs to address later on your Agenda. Again he thanked all Departments involved.

J. Ritter reviewed Agenda items for the next meeting.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Request to Approve \$500 Budget Amendment from Veterans/Cemetery Care to Veterans Gravers/Mileage:** L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 015-443-52900 Veterans Cemetery Care by \$500.00 and increase 015-443-57110 Veterans Graves/Mileage by \$500.00. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #2: Special Town Meeting Follow-Up:** S. Pimental reviewed with the Board a summary prepared by J. Ritter of follow-up action items.

A statement will be inserted in the next Special Town Meeting Warrant which will summarize the Warrant for the public. This was an oversight by J. Ritter.

An assignment grid will be prepared for articles to be assigned to member of the Board and staff so the Board and staff will better understand their roles and be prepared to address any questions.

Article 3 (Radio System Upgrade): J. Ritter will coordinate with the Police Chief and Fire Chief in anticipation of an article at Annual Town Meeting.

Article 6 (Palmer River Speed): M. Costello will discuss with the Harbormaster Bill Dalpe.

Article 7 (Fire Tower Road): Town Counsel has been tasked to complete the title work and get the street filed at the Registry of Deeds.

M. Costello noted that the Building Inspector's new vehicle has been ordered.

**Action Item #4: Vote to Approve and Sign Chapter 90 Final Report for \$214,066.02 for Stone Chip Seal Work on Williams Street and Rocky Hill Road:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and sign the final Chapter 90 report to be submitted to Mass Highway Department, District 5, in Taunton for the stone chip seal work on Williams Street and Rocky Hill Road in the amount of \$124,066.02. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #5: Route 6 & Barney Avenue Traffic Update:** J. Ritter updated the Bard regarding the recent traffic counts and work done by the Regional Planning Agency (SRPEDD).

**Page Four**  
**Board of Selectmen, Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2013**

Traffic counters were installed this Monday and removed on Thursday. Further traffic counts will be done on Old Providence Road and then the analysis can start. He will keep the Board informed.

**Action Item #6: Community Innovation Challenge Grant:** Laura Schwall, Acting Town Clerk was present. J. Ritter briefed the Board about a grant opportunity that the Commonwealth will fund activities which are innovative and can demonstrate improved efficiencies. L. Schwall discussed the need to better organize the Town's public record and how the Community Preservation Committee recently approved a \$3,100 release of their administrative funds to hire King Information Systems which is now in the process of completing an organizational scan of the Town Hall documents.

J. Ritter emphasized the importance of taking a regional approach to perhaps include Dighton. The Board asked to look at other communities as well. The grant deadline is November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Action Item #7: Approval of Quitclaim Deed, 366 Winthrop Street:** L. Botts made a motion to that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and authorize the sale of 366 Winthrop Street to Gabriel and Cloudia Wassouf conveying the town's interest in the property located at 366 Winthrop Street, Rehoboth, MA said conveyance authorized by Article 17 of the Annual town Meeting of the town of Rehoboth held on April 23, 2007, said deed shall be in the same form as that now presented to the Board and to Direct all Board members to execute same. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #3: Pole Location Hearing Plain Street, Joint Petition from National Grid and Verizon:** L. Botts made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, S. Vadnias. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental invited National Grid representative Crystal Tognazzi to join the Board and provide a briefing on her request.

C. Tognazzi stated that this is a joint petition from National Grid and Verizon for the installation of a new JO push brace #707-89 which if approved would be set directly behind the existing Pole #708. This would help to support the existing Pole #707 and to provide a new service feed and service to a new home at 16 Plain Street, on lot #4.

S. Pimental noted the Tree Warden, Police Chief, and Fire Chief have all recommended approval.

S. Pimental asked if there were any public comments. None was heard.

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

**Page Five**  
**Board of Selectmen, Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2013**

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve and grant approval to National Grid and Verizon for the installation on a new JO push brace at 16 Plain Street, lot #4. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item #1: Animal Shelter Update:** J. Ritter emphasized to the Board that the Animal Shelter issue had nothing to do with the performance or duties of the Animal Control Officer. The issue has to do with the condition of the building and the need to provide a safe work environment for the public, employees and the animals at the shelter.

Jane Foster, Animal Control Officer was present and stated that she has been working with the Regional Technical High School to complete repairs to the roof on the building.

S. Vadnais stated we need to have a meeting with emergency response personnel regarding how they handle animals during times of emergencies. J. Ritter confirmed we will try to meet next week before the Board meeting. Also, we need to define the minimum standards for the animal shelter and set short term and long term solutions. J. Ritter will report back to the Board.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** L. Botts asked if when the Police Department personnel complete their annual inspections of Class II, used car dealers that they compare the number of vehicles on the lot with the number of vehicles approved on the license. J. Ritter will communicate this request to the Acting Chief of Police.

L. Botts asked why more details were not included in the meeting minutes for the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee. M. Costello stated that she is welcome to attend the meetings. It was agreed that L. Botts would contact Attorney Mark Bobrowski who is working as a consultant to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee.

M. Costello brought up the issue of the Acting Highway Director trying to sell surplus equipment on Craig's List and if that complied with the procurement law? J. Ritter reported that the Town is currently conducting an experiment by using alternative ways to dispose of surplus equipment but yes the procurement law has to be complied with and we will ultimately have to use both methods of advertising. This will also ensure the highest price.

Ronald Whittemore expressed his concern for potential legal liability by selling used equipment over the Internet.

**Page Six**  
**Board of Selectmen, Meeting Minutes**  
**November 4, 2013**

L. Botts reported that there are now eleven (11) volunteers to help the Friends of the Rehoboth Animal Shelter. The intent is to help the animals and not necessarily provide for building improvements.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.) ADJOURNMENT:** M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09p.m.  
Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

Approved 11/12/13