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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Joseph Tito, Chairman; Michael Costello, Vice Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; and Lorraine Botts

Absent: Donald Leffort

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Call to order at 6:00p.m.

Executive Session: At 6:00p.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, Section 21, (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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 that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Topics of Discussion: Light Maintenance Contract; Citizens Energy Proposal; and a Personnel Issue.

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; Tito – Aye. Voted 4-0

At 7:19p.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; Tito – Aye. Voted 4-0

1.0) Call to Order: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: J. Tito read the weekly payroll and expense Warrants. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-32A Withholdings, \$21,515.35; 13-33 Invoices, \$74,634.53; 13-33B, Payroll, \$74,723.46; and 13-33T, Tailings \$206.51. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2013. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0.

J. Tito noted the Board reviewed and approved the Executive Session Meeting Minutes during Executive Session and those will be held for release.

Announcements: L. Botts announced that candidate's night sponsored by the Rehoboth Business Association will be held on March 19th at the Crestwood Country Club.

J. Tito stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Monday, February 25, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – None

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter confirmed that the FY13 snow budget had been depleted and next week the Board will be asked to approve a motion allowing the Town to deficit spend. The Personnel Board is working on several policy updates such as an update to the Federal revisions to the Family Medical Leave Act. The Capital Plan inventory of computer equipment should be completed this week. Next week the Board will review several FY14 budgets, meet with Attorney David Condon to review the auction process for 295 Winthrop Street. S. Pimental asked for a comparison with other law firms.

MEMA has asked for preliminary estimates for damages as a result of blizzard "Nemo." J. Ritter recently gave a tour of the Town Hall to Pack 1, Den 3 Weblos. He is also preparing a legal notice to publish regarding the tree removal by National Grid.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Debriefing on Nemo Storm by Public Safety Personnel: J. Tito noted that everyone did an outstanding job and there is a need for the public to hear how things worked for you during the storm event. However, this meeting would be followed up with another closed door meeting.

Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta stated he thought that was a good idea. He thank National Grid employee James Whitehead for outstanding work on behalf of Rehoboth. Also, he wanted to thank Robert Saxton for allow the Police Department to use one of his four wheel vehicles... They had four, four wheel drive vehicles and three hum vees on the road throughout the storm.

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Bill Mairoano, Director, Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency stated that Beckwith School shelter was opened and there were many Rehoboth residents who used the shelter.

Robert Pray, Fire Chief said the Fire Department responded to fifty (50) calls over the week-end and eighteen (18) Co2 calls. Someone should thank Jim Whitehead from National Grid.

Mike Tyler, Acting Highway Department Superintendent. The Department lost two (2) vehicles a 1989 1 ton truck and a 1991 pickup truck.

Rob Johnson, Forestry, state that this storm was far worse than Hurricane Sandy.

Scott Meagher, Rehoboth Ambulance, stated that homes must be identified by their house numbers in order for the ambulance to respond effectively. Also, there should be established in Town a database, to identify those with medical issues.

Ruben Fischman, Vice Chairman, Rehoboth Ambulance, stated there were two ambulances each with three (3) men. They responded to twenty-five calls and cost about \$4,000.

L. Botts said she wanted to thank the dispatchers who largely go unnoticed but have a critical job function.

Action Item #2: Discussion with Town Clerk, Kathy Conti Re: Elections Update April 1, 2013; Town Election & April 30, 2013 State Primary: M. Costello made a motion not to have two (2) separate elections. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Dispose of Old Town Election Equipment: M. Costello made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to dispose of the old voting equipment to the community who responded first (Springfield) for fifty (\$50.00) dollars). Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Review Applications for Appointed Interim Town Clerk: K. Conti reviewed the resumed received to date with the Board. It was decided to invite the two (2) applicants to meet with the Board the following week. M. Costello made a motion to set-up interviews with Ms. Kilian B. Sullivan-Silva and Ms. Laura L. Schwall to be held during the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: Veteran Service Reserve Fund Transfer Request: William Saunders, Veterans Agent was present and review the current status of his budget with the Board noting that he was forecasting a shortfall in the amount of \$32,500 was needed to take the Veterans Department through June 30, 2013.

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S. Pimental suggested that an article be prepared for the Special Town Meeting to address this anticipated shortfall, but would be in favor of approving a request for \$17,000 this evening. The balance could come out the Special Town Meeting in May.

M. Costello made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer Request in the amount of \$17,000. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Establish a Gift Fund Veterans Memorial Fund to Accept Gifts:

W. Saunders noted that the Town Treasurer/Collector is holding a check for \$500 that he would like deposited into the Veterans Memorial Gift Fund. M. Costello made a motion to the establishment of a Veterans Memorial Gift Fund for the purpose of accepting donations for the Veteran's Memorial. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Vote on Chapter 61B Parcel Request for Release of Starr Lane: M.

Costello made a motion not to exercise the Town's right to purchase or vote to waive the Town's right to purchase property located at 28 Starr Lane described as Plat 4, Lot 41 and 42 currently owned by Cameron Investment Company, LLC pursuant to the recommendations of the Planning board, Conservation Commission Agricultural and Natural Resources Commission and the Community Preservation Committee. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve & Sign Notice of Termination Agreement With Sun

Edison (Landfill): M. Costello made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Termination Agreement. Second, S. Pimental. It was noted that this was necessary because Sun Edison could not get financing for the Large Array Solar Project. Voted 4-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Accept Check for \$35,814.89 from Comcast for 4th Quarter PEG Funding: S. Pimental made a motion to accept the check. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #10: Discussion Re: Town Meeting Articles Received for Placement on the

May 13, 2013 Annual town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed article from the Historical Commission to accept a gift of land near the Anawan Rock. M. Costello made a motion to table this matter until more information could be obtained. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Regarding the proposed zoning bylaw to add a new section Chapter E, "Medical Marijuana Facilities," S. Pimental made a motion to attend the Planning board Hearing on March 6th at 7:30p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #11: Vote to Call May 13, 2013 Special Town Meeting & Open Warrant: S.

Pimental made a motion to call for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, May 13, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m. and to Open the Warrant. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

Action Item #12: Request from Planning Board to Review Site Plan Approval Application for 567 Winthrop Street: M. Costello made a motion to table this matter until after the Planning Board meeting on March 6th. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #13 Town Hall Equipment Upgrade Update by Derek Rousseau/Local Access: D. Rousseau stated that they received three proposals in writing. The work would be done at the Town Offices. M. Costello made a motion to approve the procurement and installation of \$21,677 from Access A/V for work to be done at the town Offices. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Action Item #14: Review of Local Access Year End Report: The Board reviewed with D. Rousseau the annual revenue and expenses for the Local Access channel.

Action Item #15: Review & Approval of town Counsel Bill for Period Ending 12/31/12: S. Pimental asked for additional information. Specifically, the January bill. S. Pimental made a motion to table this matter until the January bill was received. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item 16: Vote to Approve Application for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Raymond O'Connell, Holy Ghost: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the request for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Raymond O'Connell, II for Holy Ghost, 19 Cobb Lane, Dighton, MA for and event to be held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, 141 Horbine Road, Rehoboth, MA on February 23, 2013 from 4:00p.m. -12:00 midnight. Second, M. Costello. Voted. 4-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Local Access Update – None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Ronald Whittemore, 21 Pond Street suggested that it would be a good idea to have a list of residents who need oxygen during times when a state of emergency had been declared. S. Pimental suggested that a notice be placed in the Rehoboth Reporter.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: M. Costello asked about the status of the emergency generator at the Senior Center. J. Ritter stated that the project will be going out to bid, but there were several funding options including a possible MEMA grant and Town Meeting as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

S. Pimental asked that an article be inserted into the Annual town Meeting Warrant to establish a Capital Improvement Fund. She and L. Botts attended a recent event in Attleboro recognizing a Rehoboth resident who received a Bronze Star during World War II.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

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10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56p.m.
Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

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