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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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 7:00p.m.

Executive Session: At 7:01p.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: Citizens Energy Proposal and REPAC Litigation

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 7:34p.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, 13-33A Withholdings, \$17,420.92; 13-34B, Payroll, \$83,594.76. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Minutes: None

Announcements: Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and reminded the Board about the upcoming blood drive at Station 3 on March 9th from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Also, on April 7th there will be a chicken-bar-b-queue drive through at Station 3, tickets are \$12.00. Finally, on March 16th there will be a corn beef and cabbage dinner at Station 2, tickets are \$12.00.

Patrick Gouveia reminded the public that the annual scholarship drive is now under way.

Noria Palmer, Senior Center Director, reminded Seniors that Tasty Thursday is this coming Thursday.

J. Tito stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – None

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter read the previously approved Board policy on the use of the Senior Center and asked for a confirmatory vote from the Board. M. Costello made a motion to reaffirm the previous vote of the Board on the appropriate use and procedures for using the Senior Center for meetings. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

J. Ritter reviewed the current status of the FY14 budget and reported that several departments would be on the Board's agenda for the March 11th meeting.

The inventory of all Town owned computer equipment is complete with only a few small items that must be inventoried. The vehicle inventory is also complete and more than half of the building inventory has been entered into the computer.

All the paper work has been submitted to MEMA/FEMA for the blizzard and the town should receive a check for 75% of all the related costs.

The Senior Center emergency generator bid specifications are complete and the project has been advertised in the Central Register.

J. Ritter review several items that would be coming before the Board next week.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Interviews for the Position of Interim Town Clerk: The Board welcomed Laura Schwall and she made an opening statement as to her qualifications and why she would be the best candidate for the position of Interim Town Clerk.

S. Pimental stated that politics play a role in the position, how would you address that?

L. Schwall, stated she understood the role and would treat everyone the same with fairness, objectivity, and openness.

M. Costello stated he had reviewed her resume and asked about some of the qualifications beyond the job description she would bring to the job.

L. Schwall, reviewed her experience with computers and the Microsoft Office Suite and that she could help train others in the Town Hall in using those tools.

L. Botts asked about how she would deal with a particularly challenging task?

L. Schwall said she has learned how to turn the other cheek.

J. Tito asked how she might handle the challenge of having her husband on the Finance Committee.

L. Schwall said she is her own person and would not show any favoritism. She has voted in every election and would not take advantage of citizen volunteers.

The Board next met with Kilian Sullivan-Silva who made an opening statement regarding her experience and qualifications.

S. Pimental asked how she felt about running a campaign for the town Clerk position.

K. Silva stated she viewed that as similar to her Community Church organizing activities and that she had strong record keeping and has a close attention to detail.

S. Pimental asked about her strengths.

K. Silva stated she was a strong record keeper and with a background in Naval engineering she understood the importance of deadlines and time schedules and paying close attention to details of the job.

K. Silva made a closing statement and provided references to the Board.

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Kathy Conti, Town Clerk was present and stated that it would be very helpful to have the person, whoever is selected to work with her during the upcoming elections to gain the on the job work experience. Also, she recommends since she will be retiring on June 21st that the person start a week in advance of that date.

S. Pimental stated she liked the computer background of L. Schwall and made the motion to appoint Laura Schwall. There was no second.

J. Tito stated he would contact the references just provided and this item would appear on the Agenda for March 11th meeting.

M. Costello made a motion to table the matter until March 11th. Second, L. Botts. voted 3-1

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve & Sign April 1, 2013 Town Election Warrant: S.

Pimental made a motion to approve and sign the April 1, 2013 Town Election Warrant. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0.

Action Item #3: Vote to Amend Licensed Name of Class II Auto License for Big Al's Used

Cars: S. Pimental made a motion to re-issue the Class II Auto License No. 13-10A amending the licensee to read Allen R. Viera, Cheryl M. Viera, Brian A. Viera, Big Al's Used Cars. Second, L. Botts. voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept the Resignation of David Roderick as a Member of the I/T

Committee: S. Pimental made a motion to accept the resignation of David Roderick from the Information Technology Committee with regrets and asked that a letter of thanks be sent to D. Roderick. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: Review Departmental FY2014 Budgets:

Budget 121 Board of Selectmen: S. Pimental stated that given the costs associated with being a Selectman with the need for laptops, I-Pads, and telephone calls she believed it would be appropriate for members of the Board of Selectmen to receive a stipend. The Board agreed. M. Costello made a motion to increase the Board of Selectmen's budget so that each member receive \$200 per month or for an annual budget to be \$12,000 per year. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

Budget 122: Selectmen's Office: Approved as presented.

Budget 124: Town Administrator: Approved as presented.

Budget 125: Contracted Services: Approved as presented.

Budget 126: Telephones: Approved as presented.

Budget 135: Town Accountant: S. Pimental noted that she will have a proposed contract at the next Board meeting.

Budget 292: Animal Control: The Board requested that the Animal Control Officer meet with them on March 11th.

Budget 511: Board of Health: The requested an update regarding the hiring of the Town Nurse.

Budgets 145 & 146: Treasurer/Collector: S. Pimental said she would like to meet with the Treasurer/Collector to review the numbers and would report back at the next Board meeting.

Budgets 200, 205, 210, 211, 212,213: Police Department: The Board requested to meet with Acting Chief of Police Trombetta and Lieutenant Michael Brady to review the Police Department budget on March 11th. J. Tito asked for an updated Police Department personnel roster.

Budgets 171: (Conservation) and 175: (Planning): Approved as presented.

Budget 541: Council on Aging: The Board requested to meet with the Council on Aging and for them to bring a current staff list and the types of programs offered.

Budget 543: Veterans: Approved as presented.

Budget 410: Highway Department: M. Costello asked that the Acting Highway Superintendent be invited in to review his budget and how they would work with the Forestry Department on March 11th.

Budget 220: Fire Department: The Board asked that the Fire Chief be invited to their meeting on March 18th to review his Capital Budget requests.

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Access Update: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Ron Whittemore asked if it is possible to share the cost of an employee between two communities and the Board might want to research that possibility.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: M. Costello reviewed the current status of

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the Wheeler Street project and that Tibbetts Engineering will have to be replaced because they are not pre-qualified with the MassHighway. He asked that J. Ritter contact Marcy Reed at National Grid and get an update on the substation and power lines along Route 44.

L. Botts stated she recently attended a birthday party for those over 90 at the Senior Center.

S. Pimental asked that the Capital Improvement Fund article be moved to the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator