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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES  
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

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

**Absent:** Donald Leffort

**Call to order at 7:30p.m.**

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

**2.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants:** J. Tito read the weekly payroll and expense Warrants. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-36A Withholdings, \$21,682.11; 13-37B, Payroll, \$77,695.36; 13-37, Invoices, \$55,282.67. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Minutes:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Board's Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from February 25, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

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

J. Tito read a Memorandum from Town Clerk, Kathy Conti regarding Appointments to the Board of Registrars and thanked Susan Roberts for her service to the Town.

Fire Chief Robert Pray announced the upcoming Firemen's Ball this Saturday and the Chicken Bar-B-Que at South Fire Station on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

M. Costello noted that Mike Schobel recently passed away also Manny Pavao, owner of Pavao Construction.

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**3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – None**

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reported that bids will be received for the emergency generator project at the Senior Center on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. He would be meeting with Wheeler Street land owner Neil McDonald. Mr. McDonald wants to be compensated by the town for land he believe the Town took from him for the layout of Wheeler Street.

Next Wednesday morning he will be meeting with a representative from MIA to get a quote on the Town-wide insurance program. A significant amount of time is being spent preparing the Annual town Meeting Warrant and the Fiscal Year 2014 budget.

The Local Emergency Planning committee is meeting this Wednesday at 5:00p.m. in the Senior Center. He prepared a letter of thanks and mailed it to David Roderick for his service on the Information Technology Advisory Committee. He also noted the upcoming Lion's Club Award for outstanding citizens.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Discussion Re: Request from the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society to Place**

**Signs on Town Property:** M. Costello made a motion to approve the placement of temporary signs at the following locations: the Intersection of Route 118 & Route 44; the Intersection of Bay State Road & Route 44; the Island in front of the Rehoboth Congregational Church; the Island with cannon at intersection of Bay State Road and Route 118; the Intersection of County Street & Bay State Road (where the Francis Farm sign is located). Second, S. Pimental. Discussion, L. Botts asked that the signs not be placed too far out at Bay State Road and Route 44. Voted 4-0

M. Costello made a motion to approve the placement of temporary signs by the Antiquarian Society up to three (3) weeks before the following events: April 11<sup>th</sup> – A Pint, A Pizza Pie & A Play; June 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Way We Worked in Rehoboth Family Day; October 4<sup>th</sup> – Wine Tasting/Silent Auction; November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Folk Art & Artisans Show. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #2: Vote to Nominate Jane Foster & Robert Johnson, II as Animal Inspectors for the Town of Rehoboth:**

M. Costello made a motion in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 129 of Massachusetts General Laws, to appoint as Inspector of Animals for the year ending April 30, 2014 Jane Foster and Robert E. Johnson, II. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #3: Vote to Approve One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License Application from Ralph's Catering:**

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the application for a One Day Wine & Malt License for Raffaella DeFusco, Ralph's Kitchen & Catering, 1418 Plainfield Street, Cranston, Rhode Island for events to be held at Five Bridge Inn, 152 Pine Street, Rehoboth, MA

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on May 4, 2013 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m.; May 11, 2013 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m.; May 25, 2013 from 3:00p.m. -11:59p.m.; and May 26, 2013 from 3:00p.m. – 11:59p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #4: Trim Street Layout Hearing – Eminent Domain Taking:** J. Tito read the legal notice and Notice of Layout. S. Pimental made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

The Board reviewed the current status of Trim Street and asked for any public comments. Several residents were present and supported the street acceptance.

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

S. Pimental made the following motion, whereas the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Rehoboth, acting pursuant to G.L. Chapter 82, Sections 21-24, having deemed that common convenience and necessity requires the lay out as a public way Trim Street and herby lays out Trim Street as a public way as shown on the plan referenced below, an

Whereas the boundaries of said way as laid out as shown on the Town of Rehoboth Board of Assessors Map 31, which map is hereby adopted as part of this order, and all land laying within the above described boundaries of Trim Street is hereby laid out as a Town way.

The aforementioned layout plan is hereby forwarded to the town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout is hereby reported to the Town for acceptance. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #5: Budget Reviews Follow-Up Discussion with the Following Departments:**  
**Fire Department,** Chief Pray was present and reviewed with the Board his list of capital requests. The Board decided to include in the Capital Improvement Article the protective clothing for \$30,000; Radios & Pages for \$12,500; and 3 Thermal Cameras for \$18,500.

**Highway Department,** M. Tyler was present and reviewed his budget with the Board. He argued strongly his need for an additional employee. There was a discussion about the establishment of a department of public works and the need for additional study. The Tree Warden, Rob Johnson was present and participated in the discussion.

M. Costello stated the need for a public works department which allow the Town to access Chapter 90 Highway Funds for tree work along town roads. S. Pimental stated her only interest was efficiencies.

M. Costello made a motion to accept the recommended budget of the Acting Highway Director. Second, J. Tito. Motion failed 1-2-1.

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S. Pimental made a motion to add a new line item called "Contracted Services." Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-1 (Costello)

S. Pimental made a motion two insert \$20,000 into the contracted services line item. Second, L. Botts. Voted 3-1 (Costello)

Regarding the salt shed project for \$250,000 it was noted that although this a capital expense the money will come from Chapter 90.

**Action Item #6: Discussion Re: Special Town Meeting & Annual Town Meeting Warrant:**

The Board agreed the security fence at the Public Safety Building should be a separate article in the Annual town Meeting Warrant. It was also agreed to keep the emergency generator article on the Warrant.

Regarding, the Police Department replacement vehicles. S. Pimental asked which cars were coming off the fleet list.

**Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Request for Reserve Fund Transfer for \$7,000 Facilities Maintenance Town Offices & \$2,235 Facilities Maintenance Senior Center:**

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer request in the amount of \$2,235 for propane at the Senior Center amount to be transferred into budget line item 011873-52132. Second, L. Botts. Vote 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer request in the amount of \$7,000 for emergency repairs to the ventilation system above the vault storage area at the Town Hall. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: \$600.00 Fire Department; \$150.00 Fire Department; \$300.00 Fire Department; \$400.00 Facilities Maintenance:**

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012203-53410 Fire Telephone by \$150.00 and to increase budget line item 012203-52420 Fire Equipment R/M by \$150.00.

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012203-55802 Fire Hose & Pump R/M by \$300.00 and to increase budget line item 012203-55801 Fire Equipment Turn Out Gear/FF Equipment by \$300.00.

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012203-55802 Fire Hose Replacement by \$600.00 and to increase budget line item 012203-55801 Fire Equipment Turn Out Gear/FF Equipment by \$600.00.

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S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52415 BoS Maintenance South Fire Station Repair by \$400.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52416 BoS Facilities Maintenance Highway Repair by \$400.00.

**Action Item #9: Vote to Approve & Sign Three Auditor's Contract:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign the new three contract with Powers and Sullivan for auditing services effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016 at an annual cost of \$17,500 per year. Second, L. Botts. voted 4-0

**Action Item #10: Vote to Approve Payment of \$22,769.07 in Invoices for Deficit Snow & Ice Spending:** S. Pimental made a motion to approve the expense of \$22,769.07 creating a Snow & Ice Account deficit of \$46,269.50. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Update** – None

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** S. Pimental asked for an updated budget for next week.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.0) ADJOURNMENT:** S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator