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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Donald Leffort & Lorraine Botts

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, 13-37A Withholdings, \$18,363.23; 13-38B, Payroll, \$80,995.52; 13-38, Invoices, \$56,162.52. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Minutes: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Board's Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Announcements: J. Tito stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

J. Tito announced the Town Election would be held on Monday, April 1, 2013 from 10a.m. to 8p.m. for the election of officers for the town of Rehoboth. Voting will take place at all three precincts: Precinct I – Town Office Building; Precinct II – Senior Center; Precinct III – South Fire Station.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – None

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that the town Office will be closed this Friday in observance of Good Friday. The packets for the April 2nd meeting will be ready this Thursday afternoon. He also spoke with Marcy Reed, President of National Grid of Massachusetts regarding a letter sent by the Board relative to making certain distribution

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improvements along Route 44 especially to the businesses. M. Reed stated the project is in the planning phases and more information is forthcoming.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Review of FY1014 Revenue Estimates with Board of Assessors, Town Accountant Cathy Doane and Finance Committee Chair, Mike Deignan: C. Doane opened the discussion and stated the Town received the Governor's proposed budget but it was most prudent to base local aid on a level funded scenario.

M. Deignan asked about keeping the estimated increase in local aid tied to the Governor's estimate?

S. Pimental stated we can level fund local aid but we also have to account for the anticipated allocation to the Capital Improvement Stabilization fund.

C. Doane stated the Assessors have not moved on their new growth estimate at \$150,000. Also, the sale of property goes into the capital fund, and foreclosed property sales go into the general fund.

The Board of Assessors confirmed they are still using the \$150,000 number for new growth.

S. Pimental asked about the status of abatements?

The Board of Assessors stated there were still several issues relating to Verizon and the Town must pay \$64,000 to Verizon from FY12 and \$68,443 from FY11. Therefore, they would only be able to release \$1,934.

C. Doane asked about releasing \$14,000 from 2004; \$16,000 from 2006; \$8,000 from 2003; \$18,000 from 2008; and \$10,000 from 2010. She will send a spreadsheet.

Action Item #2: Follow-up Review of FY 2014 Budget: S. Pimental stated we are looking at a proposed budget of \$23,342 in expenses and \$22,010 in revenue. That means we currently have a \$1.3 million dollar deficit. Also there is a need to fund the capital improvement plan.

S. Pimental noted the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet with the School Committee on April 4th. If the Schools were to receive the net minimum then we would be close to being in balance.

Regarding the Selectmen's Office budget. S. Pimental made a motion to increase the Assistant Town Administrator's wage line item to \$43,500. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

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S. Pimental made a motion to increase the Administrative Assistant wage line item by two (2) percent. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Action Item #3: Review of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrants as Prepared to Date: The Board decided to remove several items from Article 3 (Capital Budget) and to reorder some of the articles.

A discussion about the proposed installation of a security fence at the Public Safety Building resulted in asking the Acting Chief and Lieutenant Brady to meet with the Board on April 2nd.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments, \$5,394.89 Police; \$7,268.23 Police; and \$298.08 Police: S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012052-51520 Police Holidays by \$5,394.89 and to increase budget line item 012052-51310 Police Compensation (Overtime) by \$5,394.89. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012052-51520 Police Holidays by \$7,268.23 and to increase budget line item 012052-51310 Police Compensation (Overtime) by \$7,268.23. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

S. Pimental made a motion to decrease budget line item 012123-51920 Police Training by \$298.08 and to increase budget line item 012123-51310 Police Training Wages (Overtime) by \$298.08. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Payment of \$10,605.17 in Invoices for Deficit Snow & Ice Spending: S. Pimental made a motion to approve payment of invoices totaling \$10,605.17 which will result in a Snow & Ice Account deficit of \$56,874.17. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Sign Election Warrant for April 13, 2013 State Primaries: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and sign the April 13, 2013 State Primaries Election Warrant to cast votes for candidates of political parties for Senator in Congress for the Commonwealth. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

It was noted that voting will take place at all three precincts from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

Action Item #7: One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License Application: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the application for a One Day Malt only Liquor License for Barbara Spencer of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for an event to be held at the Carpenter Museum, 4 Locust Avenue on April 11, 2013 from 5:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

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Action Item #8: Reserve Fund Transfers: S. Pimental made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee the following Reserve Fund Transfer request, budget line item 014923-52900 Cemetery Commission, Purchased Services in the amount of \$3,000. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

Action Item #9: Senior Center Generator Bids: J. Ritter reviewed the results of the recent bids received for the emergency backup generator at the Senior Center. M. Costello made a motion to table the matter. Second, S. Pimental. Voted 3-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Update – The Board noted there were new microphones.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Charles Knisbell asked about solar power installations in town. He asked if they required a special permit. J. Tito stated the Town has a bylaw and J. Ritter could provide him a copy. M. Costello stated that with large installations the applicant would go to the Planning Board once it is approved the applicant would then go to the Building Inspector.

Ronald Whittmore, 21 Pond Street questioned the expense for the emergency backup generator at \$64,000 for the Senior Center and wondered if the benefits outweighed the costs. J. Tito stated that there was never any discussion about making the Senior Center a shelter. The project was intended to power the Senior Center as a warming station or as a place to charge cell phones etc. when the power goes out.

William Saunders, Veterans Agent and Ken Abrams, Chairman of the Rehoboth Veterans Memorial briefed the Board regarding the proposed \$150,000 veterans memorial to be built on Red Way Plain.

Michael Deignan, Chairman of the Finance Committee asked if the budget could be sent to the Finance Committee along with the Warrant as soon as possible.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: M. Costello described a recent water issue at the Building Department building and the Highway Department was completing the excavation work. J. Tito noted that this would be his last meeting as Chairman and he encouraged everyone to vote on April 1st.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15p.m. Second, M. Costello. Voted 3-0

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Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

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