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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 6:00p.m.

Executive Session: At 6:00p.m. on a motion by Selectman L. Botts, seconded by Selectman M. Costello, 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; (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Topics of Discussion: Litigation updates on all open claims.

Roll call Vote: Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0

At 7:05p.m. L. Botts made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded, M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Botts – Aye; Costello – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – 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: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants. L. Botts made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-40A Withholdings, \$19,166.04; 13-41B, Payroll, \$76,372.20; 13-41, Invoices, \$54,585.48. Second, M. Costello. S. Voted 4-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2013 as edited. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: William Saunders, Veterans Agent was present and notified the public that flags would fly at half-staff until Saturday. Also, nearly fourteen (14%) present had been raised for the Veterans Memorial.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark A. Merlino and the Park Commission were present. Lt. Colonel Merlino requested permission to use Redway Plain for the change of command ceremony to be held on Sunday May 5th. There was no objection from either the Board or the Parks Commission.

Town Administrator's Report:

MEMA/FEMA Report: J. Ritter provided an update on the reimbursement for the March 6th – 9th coastal storm and the February 8th – 9th blizzard.

Landfill Solar Lease: A request for proposals is being prepared for the lease of the landfill capped area for a large solar array installation.

Solid Waste Management Bid at the Transfer Station: Bid documents are being prepared in conjunction with the Board of Health for a three (3) year solid waste and recyclables contract.

Public Safety Building Fence Bid: These bid documents are being prepared and will be issued shortly.

Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Motions: The Motions have been drafted and will be circulated shortly for the May 13th Special Town Meeting and Annual Town.

295 Winthrop Street: J. Ritter and Robert Ashton Health Agent will be meeting at the Department of Environmental Protection offices in Lakeville tomorrow to review the EPA files on water quality.

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Pump House: The cabinets are completed thanks to the Valor Act and a veteran who build the shelving.

North Rehoboth Ball Field License Agreement: This should be coming before the Board shortly.

Future Agenda Items: J. Ritter reviewed the Agenda items for next week with the board.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve Deficit Spending for Snow and Ice Removal for \$1,581.70:

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve payment of invoices totaling \$1,581.70 which will result in a Snow & Ice Account deficit of \$65,333.18. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Budget Amendments: S. Vadnais made a motion to decrease budget line items 012123-51920 Police Training Programs by \$911.18, 012123-57120 Police Training Travel by \$500.00, and 012123-57310 Police Training Expense Dues by \$100.00; and to increase budget line item 012123-51310 Police Training Wages Over Time by \$1,511.18. Second, L. Botts. voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line items 012052-51520 Police holidays by \$16,000.00, and budget line item 012052-51120 Police Wages Full Time by \$15,060.55; and to increase budget line item Police Compensation Over Time by \$31,060.55. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52413 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Public Safety Building Repairs by \$150.00; and to increase budget line item 011873-52972 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Public Safety Building Water by \$150.00. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer for Police Department for

\$681.50: M. Costello made a motion to approve a request for a transfer from the Reserve Fund for \$681.50 for the Police Department to be transferred into line item 012103-51960 Police Initial Equipment. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Request for \$10,300: M. Costello explained the request and the need for the additional equipment. S. Vadnais asked about the water tank capacity. M. Costello stated it was 500 gallons.

M. Costello made a motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request in the amount of \$10,300 to purchase one tow behind water trailer at \$6,500; one portable generator for \$1,500.00; one centrifugal water pump at \$600; one handheld air blower for \$200.00 and one paint striper machine for \$1,500. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

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Action Item #5: Masscop Local 208 SOA Officers Contract July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009:

L. Botts made a motion to approve and sign the Masscop 208 SOA Contract for the period covering July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, which incorporates the addendum approved for this period. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #6: Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrants: S. Pimental reviewed the Warrants for Town Meeting and asked the Board to be prepared to take a vote on the budget recommendations. Also, to invite the Town Clerk and the town Moderator to the meeting on Monday, May 6th for a pre-Town Meeting discussion.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and recommend allocating \$1,074,000 to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0.

M. Costello made a motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Local Access Legal Bills: S. Pimental reviewed the current status of the ongoing litigation between REPAC and the Town of Rehoboth. The Town has approximately \$34,000 in legal bills to pay and this has been determined to be an eligible expense for the local access funds.

Michael Deignan speaking as a citizen not as a member of the Finance Committee disagreed and believes the use of local access funds from Comcast to defend the Town's position in ongoing litigation although might be a legal expense should not be used in this way. It is the principal of the matter.

S. Pimental stated we can agree to disagree.

S. Vadnais stated any of the retrieved funds will be returned to the local access budget.

M. Costello made a motion to approve the use of \$33,952 to pay Special Town Counsel for expenses related to the ongoing litigation between the Town and REPAC. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Update – None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

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7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Vadnais stated he was preparing for the upcoming meeting with the Police Department.

M. Costello noted the recent bombing in Boston and expressed his concerns for those affected. He further noted that Plain Street was in the process of being resurfaced.

L. Botts read a statement from Scott Abramson and asked that the Communications Committee be reactivated. Also, for J. Ritter to contact the Chiefs to determine 1.) if it would be helpful to get into place the Communications Committee. 2.) Chief Prayer to determine if the emergency beacon is working on Rt. 44. 3.) identify any other open issues.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator