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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Susan Pimental, Chairman; Joseph Tito, Vice Chairman; Lorraine Botts, Clerk; and Frederick “Skip” Vadnais

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Michael Costello

Call to order at 7:00p.m.

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

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-42A Withholdings, \$135,940.08; 13-43B, Payroll, \$80,683.42; 13-43, Invoices, \$67,553.49; 13-43R, Refunds, \$8,861.54; 13-43V, Veterans, \$14,420.88. Second, L. Botts. S. Voted 4-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and hold the Board’s Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: L. Botts noted the Annual Ham & Bean Supper would be held on Saturday, May 4th.

Fire Chief Robert Pray was present and announced the Town of Rehoboth Fire Department recently was awarded a \$103,313.00 Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for protective clothing the Town share will be \$5,437.00. It was agreed that the Annual Town Meeting capital article should now read \$6,000 for protective clothing for the fire Department.

S. Pimental reminded the public about the State Primary Election that will be held tomorrow. Voting precincts are open from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. at all three (3) precincts.

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The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:00p.m.

Town Administrator's Report:

Pump House Project: The construction of new shelving is now complete in the pump house. The cost was \$481.44 and through the use of the Valor Act a veteran completed the work and the staff is happy because the records are now better protected.

Public Safety Building Fence Bid: The bid documents have been issued and a site walk will be scheduled. The response date is Thursday, May 30th at 12 noon. The estimated cost of the project is \$40,000.

Solid Waste & Recycling Bid: The bid documents have been prepared and issued for this project. The estimated cost is \$150,000. The response date is Thursday, May 30th at 1:00p.m.

Landfill Solar Lease: David House and Town Counsel reviewed the revised bid documents and these have been issued and advertised. The response date is Thursday, May 30th at 2:00p.m.

National Grid Meeting: J. Ritter reported that Joe Carroll from National Grid should be meeting with the Board after Town Meeting regarding the proposed power upgrades to Rt. 44.

295 Winthrop Street: There was a meeting last week at the DEP offices in Lakeville to review the water quality test results prepared by the EPA. The results are ten (10) years old but they did not indicate any significant issues. There was an onsite walk with DEP last Thursday and they were pleased with the results so far.

The Board decided to place this item on the Agenda for next week.

Blizzard Briefing: J. Ritter will attend a mandatory MEMA briefing in New Bedford on Wednesday for anticipated reimbursement from the Federal government.

Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen: The Board will be meeting next Tuesday at 6:30p.m. in Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation and deployment of security personnel by the Police Department.

National Guard Change of Command Ceremony: There will be a ceremony this Sunday at 11:00a.m. at Redway Plain.

SRPEDD Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the Regional Planning Agency will take place in New Bedford on May 22nd the cost is \$40.00.

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Economic Development Meeting: J. Ritter stated he would be attending an Economic Development meeting on Wednesday at Bridgewater State University.

Mass Expo: J. Ritter stated he would be attend a state procurement meeting in Worcester this Thursday.

Lions Club Citizens Recognition: The Lion Club recognition event will take place next Wednesday evening.

Crown Castle (Cell Tower Lease): The Town can anticipate receiving a check for \$113,922.66 from Crown Castle the management company who is leasing the tower location at Peck Street. The payment is for AT&T who have been paying Crown Castle monthly since January 2007 but Crown has not been paying the Town. This represents the principal due. The Town will next send a letter to Crown demanding payment of interest. Further, this will result in additional new revenue of \$20,550.48 per year.

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

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Review of Draft Motions for Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting: The Board reviewed the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting draft motions.

Special Town Meeting:

Article One: FY2013 Budget Adjustments: The Board agreed to divide up the elements of this article as follows:

S. Pimental: Special State Election

M. Costello: Town Hall Repairs

J. Tito: Police-Wages Full-Time; Police Wages Administrative Assistant;
Police Wages – Over-Time

J. Ritter: Gasoline and Diesel

J. Tito: Police Mobile Computers

M. Costello: Veterans Benefits

The Board reviewed an E-Mail from Police Lieutenant Mike Brady which indicated that they only need to purchase three (3) mobile computers so the number can be reduced in the motion to reflect at request of \$9,628 instead of \$15,000.

Article Two: S. Pimental

Article Three: S. Pimental

Article Four: S. Pimental

Article Five: Gene Campbell (Board of Assessors)

Annual Town Meeting:

Article One: Annual Town Surplus Equipment Auction Authorization

S. Pimental

Article Two: FY2014 Budget Recommendations From the Finance Committee Acceptance of Report: (FY14Budget):

S. Pimental will address any questions regarding the Selectmen's salary

L. Botts will address any questions regarding the Council on Aging

J. Tito will address any questions regarding police/fire departments

M. Costello will address any questions regarding the Highway Department

J. Tito will address any questions regarding the insurance budget

M. Costello will address any questions regarding vocational education

All Board members should be ready to address any questions relative to their budget liaison assignments.

Article Three: Fiscal Year 2014 Capital Budget: J. Tito will address any questions regarding the Fire Department capital requests. The Board agreed to reduce the overall request to reflect the recent grant award for the Fire Department protective clothing. Therefore, that number will be reduced from \$30,000 request to \$6,000.

R. Johnson and M. Costello will address the Forestry request for a new roadside mower.

M. Tyler and M. Costello will address any questions for the request from the Highway Department for one one-ton dump truck.

J. Muri will address any questions regarding the request from the Information Technology Committee.

J. Tito will be prepared to address any questions regarding the two (2) replacement vehicles for the Police Department.

Article Four: Pay Previous Fiscal Year Unpaid Bills: S. Pimental will address any questions. It was noted the exact amount must be used as printed in the Warrant or \$417.83.

Article Five: Review and Recommend Updates to the Zoning Bylaws: M. Costello will introduce this article with Jim Muri supporting the Article.

Article Eight: Grant of Easement at 366 Winthrop Street: J. Ritter noted there was a typo in the draft motion it should read approximately 10 feet not 19 feet.

Article Fourteen: Community Preservation Budget & Appropriation of Monies from Community Preservation Fund Annual Revenue: The Board agreed to leave the town Accountant's language.

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Action Item #2: Acceptance of Gift to the Council on Aging: Norie Palmer, the Senior Center Director was present and briefed the Board about receiving an anonymous gift of \$5,000.

J. Tito made a motion to accept the anonymous donation and gift of \$5,000 that is to be used by the Rehoboth Council on Aging exclusively and for the gift to be placed into an interest bearing account as requested by the donor. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Waive Fees for Permits for Annual Larry Procopio Harvest Block Party: S. Vadnais made a motion to approve a request from the Rehoboth Town Events Committee to waive all fees and permits for Police and Fire Departments for the annual Larry Procopio Harvest Block Party scheduled for Saturday, September 21, 2013 from 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. at the Redway Plain, rain date will be September 22, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 014203-53000 Highway Professional & Technical by \$600.00 and to increase budget line item 014203-54200 Highway Department Office Supplies by \$600.00. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012203-57410 Fire Telephone by \$300.00 and to increase budget line item 012203-57310 Fire Department Dues by \$300.00. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52415 Board of Selectmen Maintenance South Fire Station Repairs by \$700.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52126 Board of Selectmen Maintenance Highway Department electric by \$700.00. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line items 011873-54501 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Town Office Building Custodial by \$300.00 and budget line item 011873-52411 Board of Selectmen Facilities Town Office Building Repair by \$200.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52141 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Town Office Building – Oil \$500.00. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 011223-57320 Board of Selectmen Office Expense One Day Conference by \$300 and to increase budget line item 011223-53030 Board of Selectmen Office Expense Advertising by \$300.00. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: Public Hearing Layout of Public Ways – Talbot Drive, Harvest Road, Jameson Drive, Abbey Lane: J. Tito made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call Vote: Vadnais Aye; Tito Aye; Botts Aye; Pimental Aye. Voted 4-0

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S. Pimental asked if there were any public comments. None were received.

S. Vadnais made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, J. Tito. Roll Call Vote, L. Botts. Roll Call Vote: Vadnais Aye; Tito Aye; Botts Aye; Pimental Aye. Voted 4-0

J. Tito made a motion that the common convenience and necessity require the layout as a public Town way of Jameson Drive as shown on a plan entitled "As-Built Definitive Sub-Division Known as James Drive, Tremont Place, dated July 23, 1990, revised December 5, 1990, Barry R. McGee, P.L.S., 203 Chestnut Street, Rehoboth, MA, scale 1"=40'" to adopt an Order of Layout of Jameson Drive as a public way; and that the aforementioned layout plan be forwarded to the town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout reported to the Town for acceptance.

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

J. Tito made a motion that the common convenience and necessity require the layout as a public Town way of Abbey Lane as shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan of Abbey Lane in Rehoboth, Massachusetts, prepared by E. Otis Dyer, R.P.L.S. dated February 29, 2008, scale 1"=40'" and to adopt an Order of Layout of Abbey Lane as a public Town way; and that the aforementioned layout plan be forwarded to the town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout reported to the Town for acceptance.

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion that the common convenience and necessity require the layout as a public Town way of Talbot Drive as shown on a plan entitled "As Built Acceptance Plan & Profile of Talbot Drive in Rehoboth, Bristol County, Massachusetts Prepared for Oscar Squared, Inc. Richard O. Fedodoroff, President, 54 Longmeadow Road, Taunton, MA 02780, dated May 12, 2004," and to adopt an Order of Layout of Talbot Drive as a public Town way; and that the aforementioned layout plan be forwarded to the town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout reported to the Town for acceptance.

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0-1 (Tito)

L. Botts made a motion that the common convenience and necessity require the layout as a public Town way of **Harvest Road** as shown on a plan entitled "Roadway Acceptance Plan 'Harvest Road' in Rehoboth, MA scale 1"=40', dated September 5, 2007, Gallagher Engineering Inc., 35 Gallagher Place, Raynham, MA for Clarewood Homes, Inc. Andrew J. Gallagher P.E., 35 Gallagher Place, Raynham, MA 02767" and to adopt an Order of Layout of Harvest Road as a public Town way; and that the aforementioned layout plan be forwarded to the town Clerk for filing and the foregoing layout reported to the Town for acceptance.

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0-1 (Tito)

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Action Item #6: Vote to Authorize Chairman Pimental to Sign FEMA Contract Documents for Hurricane Sandy Funding: T. Tito made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Pimental to sign FEMA Contract documents for \$4,646.35 in funding reimbursement for Hurricane Sandy. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve and Sign MassCop Local 208 SOA Contract for the Period of July 1, 2009 Through June 30, 2011: L. Botts made a motion to approve and sign the Contract. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

Action Item #8: Updates By Bill Saunders Re: Memorial Day Parade, Valor Act and Veterans Memorial: B. Saunders invited the Board of Selectmen to participate in the upcoming Memorial Day Parade starting at 10:30a.m. on May 27th.

There will be rededication of the Korean War Memorial, 2013 marks the 60th anniversary of the cease fire.

Valor Act update many towns are looking to Rehoboth as a model in how to go about rolling out and successfully implementing the program. There are currently 15 veterans who perform some service for the Town.

B. Saunders reminded the board of the upcoming change of command ceremony this Sunday sponsored by the National Guard.

The Chairman of the Memorial Committee was present and updated the Board in that \$23,335 had be raised so far for the memorial. Also, there is a new web site that shows the thermostat.

Action Item #9: Vote to Approve & Issue the RFP for Light Maintenance Contracted Services Individual: J. Tito made a motion to approve. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #10: Vote to Approve an Application for a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License for Rehoboth Lions Club: J. Tito made a motion to approve a One Day Wine & Malt Liquor License from the Rehoboth Lion's Club, for the dates of May 1, 2013; June 5, 2013; September 4, 2013; October 2, 2013; November 6, 2013; December 4, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Discussion: L. Botts noted there were two (2) other days on the application for 2014 and amended the motion to include the dates of March 5, 2014 and April 2, 2014. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0

Action Item #11: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Final Report for Elm, Pleasant & Wheeler Streets Engineering and Design Services: J. asked the Board table this item until the Town Accountant can review the documents. Without objection

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5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Update – It was noted that Ed Shagrin was arraigned on April 23rd. J. Tito noted the outstanding job Derek and Richard have done in filling in during this period of transition.

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Michael Tyler, Highway Superintendent was present and provided the Board and the public and update on the status of Plain Street reconstruction.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: L. Botts stated she received a telephone call from David Scanlon who is on the Personnel Board. They are volunteering to assist the Board with any police department reorganizational plans. The Board decided to wait until the plans were more fully developed.

L. Botts also noted that the Board received an anonymous letter regarding the condition of a property on Williams Street. S. Pimental stated there should be a Board policy on how anonymous letters are dealt with and asked that this item going on the Agenda next week.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator