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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Call to order at 6:00p.m.

Executive Session Roll Call: At 6:00p.m. on a motion by Selectman Botts, seconded by Selectman Tito, it was voted by roll call to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, parts (3) to conduct 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. Topics of Discussion: REPAC v. Rehoboth and litigation updates on all current litigation issues.

Roll call Vote: Botts – Aye; Tito – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Pimental - Aye. Voted 5-0

At 7:28p.m. J. Tito made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded, L. Botts.

Roll call Vote: Botts – Aye; Tito – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Pimental - Aye. Voted 5-0

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: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-39A Withholdings, \$17,657.08; 13-40, Payroll, \$86,088.99; 13-40, Invoices, \$228,700.31. Second, L. Botts. S. Pimental asked that the on-retainer invoice from Town Counsel be held until next week for further review. J. Ritter said he would hold the check until next week. Voted 5-0

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Minutes: M. Costello made a motion to approve and release the Board's Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 3-0-2 (Vadnais/Botts)

S. Pimental noted the Board voted in Executive Session to approve and hold the Executive session Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2013; February 25, 2013 and March 11, 2013.

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements – Pat Higson was present and announced the upcoming Chili Dinner on Wednesday, April 24th from 5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. The cost is \$6.00. The proceeds will benefit the Rehoboth Food Pantry and the Senior Center. Also, on Saturday, May 4th there will be a ham and bean supper sponsored by the Best is Yet to Come. Proceeds will benefit the Rehoboth Animal Shelter the cost is \$8.00.

M. Costello announced that he would soon be a grandfather and was looking forward to meeting his new granddaughter.

S. Pimental noted the Lions Club Recognition Night will be held on May 8, 2013 at the Hillside Country Club starting at 6:00p.m. with dinner at 7:00p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

3.0)

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that he has started work in preparing the fence bid specifications for the project at the Public Safety Building.

He would be meeting on Tuesday afternoon with David House, the Town's volunteer energy coordinator and will have a telephone conference call with Town Counsel regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the proposed large array solar installation at the landfill.

Work has started on the Annual Audit. There was a Department Heads meeting last Thursday among the topics of discussion was the employee computer training program to be implemented this Spring and Fall.

He is working with the board of Health regarding the RFP for solid waste collection at the transfer station.

The draft addendum to the Police Superiors Union Contract for the period of July 1, 2008- June 30, 2009 is completed and was sent to the Union for review. It is possible the document will be before the Board next week.

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The Board approved his request to take the week of April 22nd off as a vacation week. Regarding the Wheeler Street project, the engineering firm of Greenman Pederson will have a design contract back in about a week.

He is working on the Annual Town Report submission by the Board of Selectmen and hopes to have a draft next week for review. Shelves are being built at the pump house for document storage. This is a Valor Act project.

He continues to pressure National Grid for a plan regarding the Rt. 44 planned upgrade and will keep the Board informed.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: 7:45 Public Hearing: Applications from Dosanjh Group, Inc. dba Apna Punjab for a Pool Table License & Expanded Entertainment License: J. Tito made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Thomas Lennon, Landlord of the building and Jatinder Vij of the Dosanjh were present.

J. Vij reviewed his request for have three (3) pool tables and a juke box and a DJ for live entertainment which would include a three (3) piece band.

S. Vadnais said he had a lot of experience with entertainment licenses and it was important that they are specific in their requests.

J. Tito noted that the application should be updated.

M. Costello asked about live dancing as part of the entertainment license.

J. Vij noted that would happen only during certain Indian holidays.

S. Pimental asked if there were any public comments? None were offered.

M. Costello made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve an amended license and application currently held by Dosanjh Group, Inc. dba Apna Punjab License No: 13-26 to including the following: Pool Table Licenses effective from April 8, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and to include a three (3) piece band and holiday dancing in recognition of Indian holidays from April 8, 2013 through December 31, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

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Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Deficit Spending for Snow & Ice Removal for \$4,094.79 and to Add Snow & Ice Deficit Article for the May 13, Special Town Meeting Warrant: J. Tito made a motion to approve payment of invoice totaling \$4,094.79 which will result in a Snow and Ice deficit of \$63,751.48 and to refer this item to the Finance Committee for action. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments for Police Medical, \$150; Annex Oil, \$200; Contracted Services \$250; Town Office Oil, \$600; Highway Electric \$200; Fire \$775: L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012103-5500 Police First Aid by \$150 and to increase budget line item 012103-53010 Police Medical by \$150. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52120 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Shelter Electric by \$200 and to increase budget line item 011873-52126 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Highway Electric by \$200.

Decrease budget line item 011873-52411 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Town Office Building Repairs by \$600 and to increase budget line item 011873-52141 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Town Office Building Oil by \$600.

Decrease budget line item 011253-53820 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services Pest Control by \$250 and to increase budget line item 011253-52930 Board of Selectmen Contracted Services Snow by \$250.

Decrease budget line item 011873-52128 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Annex Electric by \$200 and to increase budget line item 011873-52148 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance Annex Oil by \$200.

Decrease budget line item 012203-55801 Fire Turn Out Gear & Fire Fighter Equipment by \$775 and to increase budget line item 012203-55802 Fire Hose & Pump Repairs and Maintenance by \$775. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District Annual Appointments: J. Tito made a motion to appoint M. Costello to be the Town's representative on the SRPEDD Board effective May 22, 2013 pursuant to G.L. Section 40B Section 12. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

M. Costello made a motion to appoint S. Pimental as alternate to the SRPEDD Board effective May 22, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0-1 (Pimental)

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Action Item #5: Approval of CORI Authorization for Selectman Vadnais: J. Tito made a motion to approve the application for CORI authorization for new Selectman Vadnais. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Discussion on Board Meeting Times: S. Pimental stated that she asked for this item to be placed on the Agenda. She asked if there would be any objection of moving the regular meeting time of the Board up from 7:30p.m. to perhaps 6:30p.m. or 7:00p.m. It was agreed to move the meeting time up from 7:30p.m. to 7:00p.m.

Action Item #7: Discussion Re: Board of Selectmen Liaison Assignments: S. Pimental stated that she would prefer to reassign the liaison assignments previous held by Selectman Leffort to Selectman Vadnais. It was agreed that Selectman Vadnais would assume those responsibilities including the Animal Control Officer. L. Botts would take the Parks Commission. S. Pimental would take on the assignment of the Housing Authority.

Action Item #8: Discussion Re: Two New Police Sergeants Positions for the Police Department: Acting Chief of Police James Trombetta was present and stated there was a need to develop a master personnel plan for the Rehoboth Police Department for staffing. Ultimately this would reduce overtime in the Department. The fact is the Department does not have the adequate number of employees and this matter should be discussed in Executive Session. He requested that Gerry Schwall be present as well.

It was agreed the Board would meet on May 7, 2013 at 7:00p.m. in Executive Session to discuss the matter.

Action Item #9: Vote to Accept the Resignation of Bonnie Kelley as a Member of the Personnel Board: S. Vadnais made a motion to accept the resignation of Bonnie Kelley with regrets as a member of the Personnel Board effective immediately. Second, L. Botts. voted 5-0 S. Vadnais asked J. Ritter to write a letter of thanks.

Action Item #10: Vote to Declare Vacancy on Finance Committee: S. Vadnais made a motion to table this item with no further action needed. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Action Item #11: Review Special Town Meeting & Annual Town Meeting Warrants & Vote to Close the Special Town Meeting Warrant: J. Ritter reviewed the revisions to the Warrants based on input received from the last meeting of the Board and a recent meeting of the Finance Committee.

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Local Broadcast Update – It was noted that Ed Shagrin will be arraigned on April 23rd.

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6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Robert McKim was present and questioned how the no broadcast of the recent Finance Committee was decided and thought that action was a form of censorship. S. Pimental stated she would assume responsibility and the Board would be taking a look at developing a policy so it would be clear in the future as to what would be broadcast.

Michael Deignan stated he would assume responsibility and he did not think originally that the meeting would be broadcast on March 28th.

L. Botts noted the School Committee cancelled its meeting with the Finance Committee for that evening.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: M. Costello noted that the Chapter 90 revenue to the Town is anticipating to receive would likely increase by \$300,000. He stated that he had received several phone calls about when the Board would take up the question of hiring a full-time Police Chief.

L. Botts stated that she recently attend a fundraising party for State Representative Stephen Howitt.

S. Pimental congratulated the Finance Committee on doing an outstanding job in preparing the FY14 budget which is with the available revenue stream for the Town.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52p.m. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator