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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 10, 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:** 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, (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:** 138 Chestnut Street & REPAC

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

At 6:46p.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; Costello – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 5-0

**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, 13-48A, Withholdings, \$17,672.62; 13-49B, Payroll, \$80,031.77; and 13-49, Invoices, \$90,135.3. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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**Minutes:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and hold the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2013. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:** S. Pimental noted the Board received an invitation to the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Jamison Braz and Richard Muri to be held on June 23, 2013 at 2:00p.m. at the American Legion Hall. J. Tito stated he planned to attend.

L. Botts noted that this Friday at 9:00a.m. there will be a Father's Day Breakfast at the Senior Center. This will be followed by a BBQ at 11:30a.m. and Wednesday morning will be the usual breakfast.

Therefore, the next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, June 17, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m.

**Town Administrator's Report:** J. Ritter reported ProShred a paper recycling company completed the removal of 15, 96 gallon containers of paper from the pump house at Town Hall. The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Regarding the Agenda for next week, the Board will review and discuss plans for a renovated Public Safety Building as well as the Town Hall project. The Harbor Master should be available regarding a recent complaint about speed on the Palmer River. M. Costello noted that no motorized boats should be on the River. Wig Wam Auto Sales is scheduled to return before the Board and there will be a liquor license application to be considered.

S. Vadnias asked about the annual appointments. S. Pimental stated they would all come up on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: National Grid (Route 44 Upgrade):** Joseph Cardinal, National Grid, Director; Joe Carroll, Community Relations Representative; Ann Malley-Laneau, Manager Community & Customer Management and John Adams, Southeastern Massachusetts Operations Director with National Grid were present and reviewed with the Board the proposed infrastructure upgrades along Winthrop Street (Rt. 44). National Grid would approach the upgrades in three (3) phases. Phase one would be an upgrade to the 4 kv area distribution system within one year. Phase two would be an upgrade to the transformers and back road wires. Phase three would be the citing of a new substation in Rehoboth most likely in the Hornbine area.

Also, this year and next year National Grid will take on an extensive tree trimming program. They agreed to return to the Board in six months.

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**Action Item #2: Code Red Emergency Notification System:** Nicole Callahan, Deputy Director, Field Services Division and James Muscato, Assistant Superintendent, Plymouth County Sheriff's Officer were present and explained the Code Red emergency notification system.

Implementation of the no fee system will allow residents to register their cell phones and to be notified of any community wide or localized emergency. All land lines are automatically captured from the Verizon database.

**Action Item #4: David House, Solar RFP Coordinator:** D. House was present and briefed the Board regarding the recent Landfill Solar Project Request for Proposals. No proposals were received. The Board thanked D. House for his efforts and agreed at least for now, it is better for the Town to have the solar installations on private property.

**Action Item #5: Public Safety Building Chain Link Fence Bid:** J. Ritter reviewed the bid results with the Board and recommended that the bid be awarded to Citiworks in the amount of \$55,255. M. Costello made a motion to award the bid to Citiworks in the amount of \$55,255. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #6: South Coast Rail Grant Application (Housing Production Plan):** J. Ritter reviewed the application for a South Coast Rail Grant Application. If funded, the \$20,000 project would assist the Town in preparing a Housing Production plan. M. Costello made a motion to submit the grant application. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #7: Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request:** This matter had been tabled from the May 6, 2013 meeting by M. Costello until additional information could be secured. M. Costello made a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$262.50 for Elm Street, Pleasant Street and Wheeler Street engineering and design services. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #8: Chapter 90 Final Report:** This matter had been tabled from a previous Board meeting until additional information could be gathered. M. Costello made a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 Final Report in the amount of \$29,393.50 for Elm Street, Pleasant Street and Wheeler Streets engineering and design services. Second, J. Tito. Vote 5-0

**Action Item #9: River Street Agricultural Preservation Restriction:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and sign the Agricultural Restriction for the River Street Realty Trust for Tranquil Lake property. Second, J. Tito. Discussion it was noted that the Restriction was approved by the Fall 2012 Special Town Meeting and the Conservation Commission have signed their portion of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Voted 5-0

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**Action Item #10: Applications for Hawker & Peddlers Licenses:** The Board reviewed four (4) applications for Hawker & Peddlers' licenses. The applicant wants the licenses to sell insect pest control services. The Board decided to table this matter until a letter is received outlining in detail their request to solicit door-to-door as well as insurance information. J. Tito made a motion to table this matter. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #11: One Day Liquor License Applications:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and grant a one day Wine & Malt license for Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood Charity, 43 Broad Street for events to be held on August 9, 2013 through August 19, 2013 from 6:00p.m. to 12 midnight on August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 17<sup>th</sup> and from 12 noon to 11:00p.m. on August 18, 2013, other dates for the transportation of alcohol. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and grant a one day Wine & Malt license for William Avril, Norton Lions Club, P.O. Box 1, Norton, MA 02766, for an events to be held at the South Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on June 15, 2013 from 6:00p.m. to 10:00p.m., other dates June 14, 2013 and June 16, 2013 for the transportation of alcohol. The firing range shall be closed on dates of sale of alcoholic beverages. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #12: Holy Ghost One Day Auctioneer's License:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and grant two (2) one day auctioneer's licenses for August 17, 2013 and August 18, 2013 for Dean Botelho for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity annual event to be held at 43 Broad Street to sell at public auction any goods, or chattels, real or personal property. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #13: Bike MS 150 Mile Charity Bike Ride:** J. Tito made a motion to approve the annual request from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Rhode Island Chapter to have a bike ride through Rehoboth on Saturday and Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Second, L. Botts. Discussion, it was noted that both the Police and Fire Departments have reviewed and approved the request. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #14: Grant Agreement for Library:** S. Vadnais made a motion to approve and sign the Grant Agreement for Public Library Services between the Town of Rehoboth and the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc. for fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014). Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #15: Reserve Fund Transfers:** J. Tito made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee a reserve fund transfer request in the amount of \$8,785.64 into budget line item 012123-51310 Police Department Training Wages. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to approve and refer to the Finance Committee a reserve fund transfer request in the amount of \$6,094.16 into budget line item 011513-53060 Town Counsel. Second,

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L. Botts. Discussion: S. Pimental reviewed the current expenses relating to Town Counsel.  
Voted 5-0

**Action Item #16: Budget Amendments:** L. Botts made a motion to approve the following budget amendments. To decrease budget line item 012112-51140 Dispatch Wages Part Time by \$2,347.00 and to increase budget line item 012112-51310 Dispatch Wages Overtime by \$2,347.00;

to decrease budget line item 014203-51910 Highway Uniform Allowance by \$450.00 and to increase budget line item 014203-54200 Highway Office Supplies by \$450.00

to decrease budget line item 012103-52422 Police CCTV Repair by \$163.40 and to increase budget line item 012103-51970 Police Uniform Equipment by \$163.40;

to decrease budget line item 011873-52135 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance South Fire Station Gas by \$130.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52415 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance South Fire Station Repairs by \$130.00. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 33B to approve the following budget amendments which also require the approval of the Finance Committee. To decrease budget line item 012942 Forestry Wages Full Time by \$2,072.95 and to increase budget line item 012943-55800 Forestry Supplies Other by \$2,072.95;

to decrease budget line item 014211-51110 Highway Superintendent Salary by \$5,000.00 and to increase budget line item 014212-51120 Highway Wages Full Time by \$5,000.00;

to decrease budget line item 012202-51140 Fire Wages Part Time by \$770.00 and to increase budget line item 012201-51110 Fire Chief Salary Full Time by \$770.00. Second, S. Vadnais.  
Voted 5-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS**

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

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** Ronald Whittemore asked about the South Coast Rail Grant application and what a housing production plan was. J. Ritter responded that if funded the grant would allow the Town to work with the Regional Planning Agency to develop a strategy to complete a housing inventory as a tool not only to help with the marketing of the former Anawan School project but also as a planning tool for addressing 40B developers.

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**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** S. Pimental noted that Agenda Item #3 a recommendation from the Building Inspector regarding electrical permit fees for commercial solar installations had to be postponed due to a conflict. J. Tito made a motion to table the matter until next week. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

L. Botts reminded the viewing public about the September 13<sup>th</sup> fundraiser for senior citizens seeking fuel assistance. The Board agreed to make a contribution.

S. Pimental congratulated the Dighton Rehoboth graduating class of 2013.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.0) ADJOURNMENT:** L. Botts made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02p.m. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator