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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

**Present:** Susan Pimental, Chairman; Joseph Tito, Vice Chairman; Lorraine Botts, Clerk; and Michael Costello.

**Also Present:** Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and Special Town Counsel William Hewig

**Call to order at 6:04p.m.**

**Executive Session:** L. Botts made a motion 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 pending 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: REPAC Litigation

Second, J. Tito. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Tito- Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0

Frederick “Skip” Vadnais Arrived at 6:06p.m.

At 7:17p.m. J. Tito made a motion to return to open session. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call: Tito – Aye; Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – 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: 14-02A, Withholdings, \$18,637.71; 14-03, Invoices, \$454,968.38, 13-55, Invoices, \$9,822.42; and 14-03B, Payroll, \$76,584.50. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the regular session meeting minutes from July 15, 2013. Second, J. Tito. Discussion: M. Costello, noted the third page, second paragraph, delete “over time” and insert “including mileage.” Voted 5-0.

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J. Tito noted the Board approved and voted to hold for release the Executive session Meeting minutes from July 15, 2013; April 16, 2013; and July 16, 2013. He also requested that J. Ritter review the file of old minutes and prepare them for release if appropriate.

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:** S. Pimental recognized the work of Lisa Reigel of the Rehoboth Community Garden as well as her volunteers, Michael O’Hearn, Sr.; Gail and Don Roy; and Mr. & Mrs. Clarence King. The Board will send thank you notes.

William Maiorano, Rehoboth Emergency Management, was present and informed the Board that they recently were awarded a grant for \$2,790. The funds will be used to purchase a new emergency response trailer which will be equipped with equipment already purchased.

Also, there will be a public education session tomorrow evening sponsored by NOAA from 7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. at the Senior Center. The purpose of the meeting is to educate the public and to prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

S. Pimental note the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Monday, July 29, 2013.

M. Costello noted his grandsons are here from Seattle and are watching this evening.

**Town Administrator’s Report:** J. Ritter reported that the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee will be meeting for the first time on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. in the Senior Center with Special Town Counsel Mark Bobrowski.

He reminded the public that this is mosquito and tick season and the public should take precautionary measures.

The Town has been informed about the availability of the Community Innovation Challenge grant and he would report more information at a later date.

The Surplus Equipment Sale is projected to be held at the end of October and he already has a list from the Highway Department.

The Selectmen’s E-Mail addresses and cell phone numbers are now posted to the Town’s web site.

As a follow-up from last week, J. Ritter has communicated with Departments to prepare monthly reports and to submit them on the first Monday of each month.

Regarding the Wheeler Street Bridge, the proposed Greenman Pederson Contract has been reduced by \$15,000 as a result of due diligence and it is now projected to be \$225,000 for the design phase.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Goals & Objectives Discussion: Re: Public Safety Building; Town Hall; Anawan School; Labor Contracts; Capital Improvement Plan:** J. Ritter briefed the Board on the importance of keeping abreast of the overall goals and objectives and to routinely measure the progress on these goals.

**Labor Contracts:** All Contracts expire on June 30, 2014. Therefore, now is the time to become familiar with those Contracts and prepare questions. The Board can anticipate hearing from the Unions during the Fall with a request to start bargaining. The Board requested that a copy of each Contract be provided to the Board for review.

**Anawan School Project:** J. Ritter reported that he and staff are meeting with a developer to review the scope of the project. Once that input is received then he anticipates reissuing the bid documents.

**Town Hall Building:** The agreed to establish a Town Hall Building Committee and to solicit participation on that Committee from the community. The Committee must focus on the various options and eliminate those options and then establish a Designer Selection Committee which would then to solicit architectural proposals based on the preferred option for the Town Hall building. The Building Inspector would be a good person to serve on the Committee along with J. Ritter. Report back the Board in one month.

**Public Safety Building Committee:** The Committee should submit the preliminary designs for the Public Safety Building to the Board for review. Acting as the Designer Selection Committee solicit proposals from architects both for the design portion and the cost for their services to prepare the final design and then prepare an article for Town Meeting to fund that part of the project. Place this item on the Board's Agenda for August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Capital Planning:** The Board will work with the Finance Committee liaisons to the various Town Departments to update the detailed Capital Plan. This is especially important for the Police/Fire/Highway. Report back to the Board on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Action Item #2: Request from Town of Wareham for Support of House Bill No. 1115 An Act Relative to the Definition of Low & Moderate Income Housing:** J. Tito summarized a requested received from the Board of Selectmen in Wareham in that they want to have mobile homes counted as part of their affordable housing inventory. L. Botts made a motion to table this matter for the purposes of defeat. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #3: Appointments to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee; Town Photographer; and Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency: The Board considered the following appointments:**

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**Zoning Bylaw Review Committee:** M. Costello made a motion to appoint for terms to expire on June 30, 2014, J. Tito. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-1 (Botts). J. Tito made a motion to appoint M. Costello. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-1 (Botts). J. Tito made a motion to appoint Michael O’Hearn, Sr. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0. J. Tito made a motion to appoint Jim Muri. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0. J. Tito made a motion to appoint William McDonough. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0. L. Botts made a motion to appoint John Scanlon. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

**Town Photographer:** L. Botts made a motion to appoint Norman L. Spring as the Town Photographer for a term to expire on June 30, 2014. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency:** S. Vadnais made a motion to appoint Ana R. Pereira to the Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency for a term to expire on June 30, 2013. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #4: Discussion Re: MBTA Advisory Board Correspondence Requesting Designee on Behalf of the Town of Rehoboth:** S. Vadnais stated he might have someone who could serve on the MBTA Advisory Board and requested the matter until next week. There was no objection.

**Action Item #5: Vote to Sign Deed for Cedar Hill Estates Open Space Parcel as Approved at the May 13, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, Article #19:** M. Costello made a motion to accept the Cedar Hills open space as outlined in Article 19, from the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and pursuant to the authority granted by the vote under Article 19, May 24, 2013 Annual Town Meeting and of G.L. Chapter 83 Section 4, and of every other authority appertaining, we the undersigned Board of Selectmen of the town of Rehoboth, hereby accept those interests in land conveyed to the Town by deed of TCB Oreo 1 LLC dated January 16, 2013 and described in said deed. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #6: Vote to Sign MassCop Local 208 SoA Contract for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014:** J. Tito made a motion to approve and sign the Masscop Local 208 SOA Contract from July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2014. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1:** None

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** Jean Kusiak was present and questioned the Wheeler Street speed limit being posted at 30 MPH. M. Costello stated after our last meeting the Highway Department researched their files and discovered an old report which said the speed limit should

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be posted at 30MPH. J. Kusiak stated it was difficult to maintain that speed on Wheeler Street and requested a copy of the report.

S. Vadnais described the area as an attractive nuisance in that children are fishing, riding their bikes, and the public is going to the shad factory area. Therefore, a traffic study was completed and the speed limit recommendation followed.

J. Kusiak asked about the reimbursement schedule between the state, the federal government and the Town. S. Pimental explained how the funding formula worked.

J. Kusiak asked how long it took for Board meeting minutes to be approved. S. Pimental stated normally the turnaround time is a couple of weeks.

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** S. Vadnais brought to the attention the large number of trade's men's signs on telephone poles on Town property. The sign bylaw should be reviewed and updated. M. Costello will speak with the Building Inspector, B. McDonough.

L. Botts reminded everyone about the Thursday, lunches at the Senior Center. She is continuing to investigate the number of unregistered vehicles.

S. Pimental stated that J. Ritter should call the attorney representing WigWam auto sales and explain the Board received the letter from him but the Board also expects the site to be entirely cleaned up by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**10.0) ADJOURNMENT:** J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

Approved 7/29/13