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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 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 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, 13-52A, Withholdings, \$19,145.59; 13-53B, Payroll, \$15,440.54; 14-01B, Payroll, \$115,668.69; 14-01, Invoices, \$22,132.32; 13-53, Invoices, \$33,723.50 Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Minutes:** None

**3.0 Open Forum – Announcements:**

S. Pimental stated the next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, July 15, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Town Administrator’s Report:** J. Ritter reported that all the paperwork has been submitted to FEMA regarding Hurricane Sandy and the Town should receive a reimbursement of \$32,831.37. A \$20,000 grant application has been prepared and submitted to the South Coast Rail Technical Assistance Grant Program that if funded would create for the first time a housing production plan for the Town. A surplus equipment sale is being planned for late October and web site use training will be provided at no charge by Virtual Town Hall the Town’s web site provider.

Finally, he received a call from Attorney Mark Bobrowski regarding the revisions and updates to the Town’s Zoning Bylaws. The Board agreed to establish a “Zoning Bylaws Review

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Committee,” and that Joe Tito and Michael Costello would serve on that Committee. The Committee would include two (2) representatives from the Planning Board and two (2) representatives from the Zoning board of Appeals.

**4.0) NEW BUSINESS**

**Action Item #3: Vote to Rescind Approval Vote of One Day Entertainment License No. 13-34G & One Day Malt Beverages Liquor License No. 13-23L Issued to Ryan Schuman , Reed Productions for Use at Hobby Horse Farm, 23 Bay State Road:** L. Botts made a motion to rescind a previous vote of the Board to issue an entertainment license and a One Day Malt Beverages Liquor License based on information presented by the applicant that there would be approximately 150 people attending the event and then the Board learned there would be over 4,000 attending which would require a Special Permit to be issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second, J. Tito. Voted 3-0-2 (Costello/Vadnais did not attend the previous meeting).

**Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Application for One Day Liquor License for Emery’s Catering for Five Bridge Inn:** S. Vadnais made a motion to approve and grant a One Day Liquor License for Emery’s Catering for an event at Five Bridge Inn. Second, J. Tito. Voted 4-0-1 (Botts)

S. Vadnais made a motion to allow the Chairman to make this decision in the future if the event were to be held in an off week when the Board is not meeting and then the Board could take a confirmatory vote the following week. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments: \$1,126.47 Police Department; \$38,523.23 Police Department; \$642.80 Police Department; \$3,917.36 Police Department; \$39.38 Police Department; \$5,127.22 Police Department; \$230.00 Council on Aging; \$1,200 Treasurer/Collector:** L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 011873-52412 Facilities Maintenance Senior Center Repairs by \$230.00 and to increase budget line item 011873-52122 Facilities Maintenance Senior Center Electric by \$230.00. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line items 012052-51550 Police – Court Time by \$4,120.60, budget line item 012052-51310 Police – Wages Overtime by \$30,698.66, budget line item 012052-51520 Police – Holidays by \$3,703.97; and to increase budget line item 012052-51120 Police – Wages Full Time by \$38,523.23. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012052-51550 Police – Court Time by \$656.78 and to increase budget line item 012052-51930 Police – Incentive by \$656.78. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

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L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012052-51550 Police Court – Time by \$642.80 and to increase budget line item 012052-51121 Police Administrative Assistant Salary by \$642.80. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012112-51120 Police – Dispatcher Holidays by \$3,917.36 and to increase budget line item 012112-51310 Police – Dispatch Wages Overtime by \$3,917.36. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion pursuant to G.L. Chapter 44 Section 33B (the following budget amendments) to decrease budget line item 012112-51120 Police Dispatcher Wages Full Time by \$1,126.47 and to increase budget line item 012113-51920 Police Expense Dispatcher Training by \$1,126.47. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012112-51420 Police Dispatcher Shift Differential by \$39.38 and to increase budget line item 012113-51920 Police Expense Dispatcher Training by \$39.38. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line item 012112-51120 Police Dispatcher Wages Full time by \$5,127.22 and to increase budget line item 012052-51120 Police – Wages Full Time by \$5,127.22. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget item lines 011443-53030 Treasurer Tax Title Advertising by \$600.00; 011443-53830 Treasurer Tax Title Registry by \$600.00; and to increase budget line item 019193-51120 Treasurer Medicare by \$1,200.00. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #1: Public Hearing: Renewal/Non-Renewal/Revocation/Suspension of Class II Auto License for Maria & Jose Silveira dba Wig Wam Auto Sales, 345 Winthrop Street & Board of Health Violations: J. Tito made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0. Attorney Fredericks was present.**

S. Pimental reviewed the current status of the clean-up efforts and the timeline prepared by Attorney Fredericks on behalf of his clients for the clean-up of the site.

Attorney Fredericks stated that during June and July 34 cars had been removed and several larger vehicles as well.

S. Vadnais stated that he viewed his matter as a violation of the Class II license and the site was a junk yard. He asked David Perry, Chairman of the Conservation Commission to provide and update regarding the wetlands.

D. Perry stated that in general the Silveira's responds the Conservation Commission. However, it took them forever and they did not act quickly when asked to clean up the wetlands

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the Conservation Commission had to stay on them to get anything done. There is an ongoing enforcement order dating back to 1998.

Attorney Fredericks asked for an additional three (3) months to complete the cleanup.

M. Costello stated that metal is valuable and the cleanup should start tomorrow.

S. Vadnais stated there are issues with the Board of Health, Building Inspector, Conservation Commission and now the Selectmen.

J. Tito noted very little work has been done for the last six (6) months.

William McDonough, Building Inspector was present and reported that he declared the building as an unsafe structure.

M. Costello stated there are significant environmental concern.

S. Pimental asked for a 3—60-90 day cleanup plan.

Attorney Fredericks stated he would like the opportunity to place the plan into writing and would need seven (7) days to do that.

L. Botts stated no new vehicles should be brought onto the site.

M. Costello made a motion to continue the Public Hearing until Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #2: Discussion Re: Wheeler Street Bridge Status:** S. Pimental provided an overview and history of the project to date. There were approximately 75 residents present to express their support for keeping the bridge open. They presented a petition to the Board to keep it open.

M. Costello added the expense of the project was driving the discussion if the bridge should be abandoned. However, new information indicates that the federal government will compensate for 80% of the engineering costs. Therefore, the total estimated cost to the Town for engineering and construction is estimated at \$180,000. He was leaning toward repairing the bridge.

J. Tito clarified that the Selectmen do not have any authority to close any road only Town Meeting can make that decision. Also, the cost to discontinue the use of the bridge is estimated to be \$150,000. The flow must be state law remain the same as it was to pre-flood conditions. He thought the bridge should be repaired.

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L. Botts stated she was leaning toward repairing the bridge.

The Board invited comments from the public.

Ruben Perez, 45 Reed Street: Expressed concerns that the silent majority had not been heard. He wants the bridge to remain open. There is an issue with emergency vehicles. He has lived there for fifteen (15) years. There is extra traffic from Crestwood Country Club. It is unsafe to walk on Reed Street.

Robert Sunderland, 8 Bassam Drive: He stated there were 78 people attending this meeting and they want to be heard.

Paul Hardman, 32 Reed Street: Asked why the bridge could not be replaced sooner? There is speeding on Reed Street there should be more police patrols.

Henry Coleman, 183 Wheeler Street: Asked for regular updates to be placed on the web site. There have been 15 accidents mostly from those coming from the Country Club. The owners of the Country Club need to be told. He has had property damage due to the flooding. The water was three (3) feet over the road. There should not be culvert. There should be a tussle bridge built. There also needs to be a three (3) way stop sign installed.

M. Costello stated the flow can't be increased or decreased it must remain the same.

Ernest Dupuis, 280 Providence Street: Stated that something is wrong. In 2005 there was flooding. The old bridge was never properly designed.

S. Vadnais stated that the traffic issue is a matter of enforcement. The Police Department should speak with the owners of Crestwood and give them a reasonable amount of time to inform the golfers that enforcement will be significantly stepped up with two (2) weeks.

Jean Kusiak, 36 Reed Street: Stated she was concerned about communication and wanted all the Selectmen's phone numbers and e-mail addresses posted to the web site and adequate notice was not provided to residents of this meeting.

S. Vadnais made a motion for the Chairman to contact the Police Department regarding the traffic enforcement issues and not to close the Wheeler Street Bridge, to proceed with reconstruction. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfers for: \$14,000 Fire Department; \$706.00 Board of Selectmen; \$1,939.00 Board of selectmen; \$632.94 Veterans Services; \$261.97 Council on Aging; \$11,802.28 Town Counsel; \$1,109.59 Town Counsel:** L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund

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Transfer in the amount of \$261.97 into budget line item 015511-51110 Council on Aging Salary (unused vacation time per Contract). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 012203-52430 Fire Department \$14,000 (emergency repairs to Tanker II). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 011873-52414 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance North Fire Station Repairs \$706.00 (emergency repairs to overhead doors). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 011873-52415 Board of Selectmen Facilities Maintenance South Fire Station Repairs \$1,939.00 (emergency repairs to overhead doors). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 015433-52430 Veterans Services \$632.94 (emergency repairs to Veterans Van). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 011513-53060 Town Counsel \$11,802.28 (emergency and unforeseen litigation expenses, REPAC, Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

L. Botts made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 011513-53060 Town Counsel \$1,109.59 (emergency and unforeseen litigation expenses, REPAC, Dighton Rehoboth Regional School District). Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0.

S. Vadnais made a motion to approve and request approval from the Finance Committee a Reserve Fund Transfer into budget line item 011873-52412, Facilities Maintenance Senior Center Repairs in the amount of \$2,100 (emergency and unforeseen replacement of the A/C compressor unit) and a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,900 from the Fire Department Wages budget line item 012202-51140 for a total of \$7,000. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #7: Federal Excess Personal Property Agreement (Rehoboth Fire):** J. Tito made a motion to approve the Federal Excess Personal Property Agreement between the Commonwealth and the Town of Rehoboth Fire Department to share equipment for fire fighting purposes. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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**Action Item #8: Request to Reduce the Membership of the Information Technology**

**Advisory Committee from Seven to Five:** J. Tito stated he spoke with the Chairman of the Information Technology Advisory Committee and supports this approach because it is more efficient to have five (5) members who are high functioning instead of seven (7).

J. Tito made a motion to reduce the size of the Information Technology Advisory Committee from seven (7) members to five (5). Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

**Action Item #9: Senior Center A/C Compressor:** J. Tito made a motion to reaffirm the vote outlined in Action Item #6 above. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

**5.0) OLD BUSINESS**

**Action Item #1: Anawan School RFP:** The Board reviewed the revised RFP document. Keep it simple and straightforward ie. this is what the Town is seeking and invites bidders in to discuss the project.

**6.0) OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** L. Botts congratulated S. Vadnais on his wedding anniversary. J. Tito thanks Norie Palmer and Uncle Ed's Ice Cream Shop for the donation of the ice cream for the ice cream social.

**9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**10.0) ADJOURNMENT:** J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator

Approved 7/15/13