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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

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

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, Jay Talerman, Town Counsel, Michael Kennefick, Town Counsel

Absent: Joseph Tito

Call to order at 6:00p.m.

Executive Session: L. Botts made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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: Morra vs. Casey; Casey vs. Town of Rehoboth; Medeiros et al vs. Morra; 366 Winthrop Street; non-union personnel issue; MassCop 208 & 209 grievance/arbitration request.

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

At 7:00p.m. M. Costello made a motion to return to open session. Second, L. Botts. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Costello – Aye; Pimental – Aye. Voted 4-0

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

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: S. Pimental read the weekly Warrants. L. Botts made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants: 14-07A, Withholdings, \$19,381.62; 14-08, Invoices, \$59,106.72, and 14-08B, Payroll, \$82,117.58. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

Minutes: S. Vadnais made a motion to table the August 19, 2013 meeting minutes of the Board until next week allowing J. Tito the opportunity to review them and provide his input. Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0.

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: S. Pimental reminded the viewing public that there is a community survey online and encouraged everyone to take it. The questions relate to keeping the Town Hall open late on day per week and closing on Friday.

L. Botts stated the threat of EEE is out there and the public needs to be very careful.

S. Pimental reported the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m.

Patrolman Ray Brule' was present and reviewed with the Board a fundraising activity he was working on in conjunction with the Fraternal Order of Police called the Collier Country Strong Man to be held on September 14, 2013 at Redway Plain. He has secured the approval of the Parks Commission. There will be about twenty participants. The event is to raise money for the two police officers Sean Collier (the MIT police officer killed in the line of duty) and Dick Donohue who was seriously injured during the apprehension of the Boston Bombers. Officer Brule' and Sean Collier were Police Academy classmates.

M. Costello stated it was a bonus to have a Police Officer involved with the Community.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that MassHighway District 5 has approved the use of Chapter 90 funds for the Wheeler Street Bridge work and the Contract with Greenman Pederson has been fully executed and now the engineering work can proceed.

Defibrillator Training: AED training will take place at the Senior Center on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:00p.m. Although the training is designed for town employees and citizen volunteers to public is welcome to attend. It is recommended that anyone interested to call the Selectmen's Office to register in advance. There are 37 AED locations in Rehoboth.

Salt Shed Engineering Contract: This Contract has been fully executed and Steve Nelson will be starting work on the design aspects of the new salt shed.

Representative Howitt: He has a new staff assistant. Her name is Cara Liebman and can be contacted a 617-722-2305.

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Glatfelter: He will be meeting with an insurance representative from Glatfelter to complete a more detailed inventory of our public buildings this week.

Vacancies: He is preparing a press release to be posted to the Town's Web site regarding the vacancies on various town boards, committees and commissions.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve FY14 Valor Act Proposal: The Board reviewed a joint proposal from the Board of Assessors and the Veterans Agent for 2014. It was noted that 2013 was a very successful year. The proposal calls for an increase in the number of hours worked and therefore an increase in the abatement received by veterans. The increase is a maximum of three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars. L. Botts moved to approve the 2014 Valor Act proposal. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Illegal Signs: Constable Michael Deignan was present and asked the Board to provide some guidance and direction which he can follow when removing illegal signs.

M. Deignan presented the Board with pictures of illegal signs placed on telephone poles and other locations around town. The pictures were taken mostly on main roads and M. Deignan called the placement of illegal signs a "visual blight and pollution."

S. Vadnais noted that some of the signs such as those will well established businesses are grandfathered in and do not require approval of the Board of Selectmen for the placement of the sign.

M. Deignan cited a state law (G.L. 260, Section 16) that include fines for the placement of trash within a public way that this could be a good way to raise money for the Town.

M. Costello stated that we should go back and revisit both the General Bylaw and the Zoning Bylaw and perhaps the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee could this matter up especially for those signs on telephone poles.

S. Vadnais said that the former Tree Warden would often take down illegal signs within the easement. However, we had no authority over private property.

S. Vadnais made a motion to enforce the bylaws of the Town and for the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee to make a recommendation, and to take the appropriate steps to clean-up new non-Rehoboth business signs and or expired signs within the public right of way. A list of local businesses with signs in the right of way should be provided to J. Ritter for follow-up action. Second, M. Costello.

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Discussion: L. Botts asked about paint in the road and the speed limits in Town. S. Vadnais stated roads are posted 35 miles per hour but there is a need to do our due diligence and look at all the roads in Town.

Ron Whittemore stated he thought changing the posted speed limit around town from 40 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour was a random act that required more research.

Voted 4-0

Action Item #3: Public Safety Building: S. Pimental stated that she asked to have this item on the Agenda because she had received several questions. The proposal is a renovation and expansion of the current public safety building. The Public Safety Building Committee has been meeting for over one year and has worked with an architect to develop preliminary plans by looking out twenty (20) years for the use of the facility.

Action items include posting the plans to the web site, advertising for the Owner's Project Manager. Also, there will be a meeting tomorrow with Senator Timilty and Representative Howitt to discuss the state funding for the project.

Action Item #4: Capital Plan Update: S. Pimental stated she met with Police Department personnel last Friday to further refine and develop a list of fixed assets and with Bill Maiorano a few weeks ago. It is helpful to work with the Finance committee liaison to develop the fixed asset list.

Action Item #5: Vote to Appoint Election Workers: L. Botts made a motion to appoint the following **Republican Election Workers 2013-2014:**

Precinct I

Warden, Imelda Bliss
Deputy Warden, Suzanne Withers
Inspectors, Edward Bliss
Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli
Adam Latham
Mary Moriarty

Precinct II

Warden, Caroline Knowles
Deputy Warden, Brenda Crandall
Deputy Clerks, Audrey Eckilson
Inspectors, Charlene Cunha
Werner Horlbeck
Sally Know
Robert McKim
Lynore McKim

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Precinct III

Deputy Clerk, Mildred Hatten
Inspectors, Patricia O'Hern
Cornelius Harrington
Marilyn Henley
Randall Hicks
Eleanor Horton
Adrienne Sharp

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to appoint the following **Democrat Election Workers 2013-2014:**

Precinct I None

Precinct II

Clerk, Kathryne Sullivan
Inspectors, Kathryn Farrington
Lorraine Gobeille
E. Deva Mills
Brenda Saben

Precinct III

Warden, Beverly DeBlois
Clerk, Jacqueline Rebello
Inspector, Nancy Swallow
Second, M. Costello. Voted 4-0

L. Botts made a motion to appoint the following **Unenrolled Election Workers 2013-2014:**

Precinct I

Clerk, Barbara Parent
Deputy Clerk, Evelyn Viau
Inspectors, Sandra Quaglia
Jeannette Prairie
Kaaren Silverman
Cheryl Smith
Ronald Smiley

Precinct II

Inspectors, Barbara Beals
Diane Biello
John Biello
Stephen Brooks
Charlotte Castro

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Diana Silva
Stephen Silva
Maureen Whittemore
Cheryl Wyman

Precinct II

Deputy Warden, Patricia Richmond
Inspectors, Rosemary Darowski
David House
Susan Oliveira
H. Christine Rassol

Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Accept Resignation of Christine Daluz as a Member of the Finance Committee: S. Pimental noted that she really enjoyed working with Christine on the Finance Committee and deeply appreciated her service to the community. She will be missed but also hoped she would return in the future. M. Deignan also stated that as Chairman of the Finance Committee Christine always made a construction and valuable contribution to the Committee's work.

S. Vadnais asked that J. Ritter send Christine Daluz a letter of thanks.

M. Costello made a motion to accept the letter of resignation from Christine Daluz from the Finance Committee with regrets. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: None

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: S. Pimental stated that she had received several complaints about overgrown grass along the roadways in Town. Rob Johnson, Tree Warden, was present and addressed the Board.

R. Johnson stated the new mower had arrived but they were waiting for a new controller part to arrive but it was on back order. It was decided to use the mower now they best they could. The new part should be here this week. His plan is to first do Anawan Street, Providence Street, Mason Street and Barney Avenue. He asked resident to call his cell phone at 508-509-5691 with concerns. S. Pimental noted that time if of the essence since school is starting shortly.

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: None

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Vadnais asked that M. Costello look into a speed limit sign on French Street since the street was not posted. S. Pimental stated she would follow-up regarding the speed limit sign by the shad factory. M. Costello thanked everyone who

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participated in the recent fundraising effort and the dunk tank. Especially, S. Pimental and J. Tito. L. Botts reminded the public about the upcoming senior citizen fuel bank fundraiser on Friday, September 13th at the Attleboro Elks Club from 6:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. tickets are \$20.00.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14.m.
Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator