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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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: 14-09, Withholdings, \$18,067.02; 14-09, Invoices, \$37,849.62; 14-10b, Payroll, \$74,002.16. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the September 3, 2013 meeting minutes. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0.

J. Tito made a motion to approve and hold for release the meeting minutes from August 19, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

M. Costello made a motion to approve and hold for release the meeting minutes from August 26, 2013. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: S. Pimental reminded the viewing public about the **Collier Country Strong Man** competition on September 14th at Redway Plain and about the AED defibrillator training on Wednesday, September 11th starting at 6:00p.m. at the Senior Center and on September 17th at the Town Hall at 9:00a.m.

S. Pimental reported the **next meeting** of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, September 16, 2013 starting at 7:00p.m.

The **14th Annual Larry Procopio Harvest Block Party** will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2013 (rain date September 22, 2013 starting around 11a.m. John Moriarty was present and

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welcomed the board to attend and participate in the block party and for the public to contact him a 508-252-9215. The Lion Club does really outstanding work for the community.

Michele Cinquegrano, **Regional Director for Verizon Government Affairs** was present and introduced herself to the Board and the public and encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

AED/Defibrillator training will be held on September 11th at the Senior Center starting at 6:00p.m. and September 17th at the Town Hall starting at 9:00a.m.

Sheila Santos, Request for a Temporary Signs, S. Santos asked that the Board approve her request for the installation of temporary signs at various locations in town to advertise the upcoming Alyssa E. Correira Memorial 5K Run/Walk on September 22, 2013 at the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School.

J. Tito made a motion to approve the request and for the signs should be taken down or removed by September 24, 2013.

Stroll Down Memory Lane, L. Botts reported the sale of tickets is going really well with about 30 tickets left for the event this Friday. The benefit is for the Rehoboth Fuel banks to help the elderly during the Winter months with their heating bills.

Town Administrator's Report: Department Heads Meeting, the next meeting will be held this Thursday. One focus of the meeting will be a discussion about the establishment of a staff driven Safety Committee.

Microsoft Outlook Training, there will be a staff training this Wednesday for eleven (11) staff at the Town Hall. The total anticipated cost will be less than \$1,000.

Salt Shed, the engineering project request has been approved by MassHighway District 5.

9 Smith Street: The Board asked that I follow-up regarding a letter received from a resident at that location and the removal of a tree by National Grid. J. Ritter report that he communicated with National Grid and the arborist will be out shortly and will provide at least three (3) days' notice to the resident before the tree is removed.

Tri-County Transportation, J. Ritter reported as anticipated the total cost for the transportation has been reduced by fifty (50) percent from approximately \$50,000 per year down to approximately \$25,000 per year.

Flu Clinics, there will be two (2) clinics, the first of September 30th from 10a.m. to noon and the second October 7th from 10a.m. to noon both at the Senior Center.

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4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Review and Approval of One Day Entertainment License Application from Rebel Race for October 26, 2013, 23 Bay State Road: Amit Nar representing the Rebel Race LLC was present and briefed the Board on the upcoming event on October 26th.

M. Costello stated that he had heard there would be 1,000 vehicles. A. Nar stated that about thirty-five (35) percent of the participants drive to the event and there would be six (6) police officers on duty that day and that according to the Police Department internal security was not needed. The event starts at 9:30a.m. and everyone should be gone by 6:00p.m.

S. Vadnais asked if permits were secured from the Board of Health regarding serving food and Porta Johns. A. Nar stated that he is scheduled to meet with the Board of Health in a week or two and yes Porta Johns have been ordered.

J. Tito asked about the serving of alcohol. A. Nar said the area would be fully enclosed, there would not be any bottles only beer and with a double barrier around the beer tent that would stop the passing of any beer to underage drinkers. An ID must be show before anyone can get into the tent. They have been doing this now for three (3) years.

Sandra Molter spoke in favor as an abutter to the property her only concern was about the safety of the horses.

J. Tito made a motion to grant the one day entertainment license for October 26, 2013 from 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. with not amplified music. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: Review and Approval of One Day Liquor License Application from Rebel Race for October 26, 2013, 23 Bay State Road: J. Tito made a motion to approve an application for a One Day Malt Beverages Only Liquor License Application for Saturday, October 26, 2013 from 9:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. at the Hobby Horse Farm, 23 Bay State Road from Rebel Race LLC 2 Maplecroft Avenue, Easton, PA 18045 including October 25 and October 27 for delivery and transportation of alcohol. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Review of Personnel Policy Revisions as Recommended by Personnel Board: 4.0 Discipline; 6.0 Safety; 7.0 Substance Abuse; 9.0 Family & Medical Leave Act: M. Costello made a motion that this item be tabled until next week to give the Board additional Town to review the draft policies before they are sent to Labor Counsel for comments. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4 Local Access Update: Derek Rousseau was present and provided a quarterly update. He presented a document showing the number of boards, committees and commissions currently being taped for rebroadcast. Currently the local access channel covers nine (9) boards and committees and there are twenty-two (22) are not being covered.

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J. Tito asked about what was happening in Dighton?

D. Rousseau stated that Dighton does not pay Rehoboth any money for coverage at the School Committee meetings. However, it might be to the advantage of both communities if we were able to merge our resources.

M. Costello brought up the issue that the Board of Health does not appear to have any coverage in Rehoboth and he thought it would be a good idea.

S. Pimental agreed and stated that even using portable equipment would enhance transparency for residents in town. She also asked about the sound quality in the Senior Center and perhaps the use of a remote microphone would help.

D. Rousseau agreed but also noted the best place to hear is at the rear or the back of the room.

S. Pimental asked about the timetable. D. Rousseau stated it would take about a month to develop a plan and report back. But also they are not in the practice of taping five (5) minute or ten (10) minute meetings.

M. Costello stated that he would leave that judgment call up to D. Rousseau. There was no objection.

M. Deignan stated that the Finance Committee often only has very brief meetings and perhaps a switch could be turned on and off like they have in Seekonk. D. Rousseau stated they are close to that solution at the town Hall. However, the Senior Center would be more of a challenge.

Action Item #5: Preserve Plan Review: M. Costello stated his only concern was to make sure there is enough money in place to do the recording. M. Costello made a motion to recommend approval to the Planning Board. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: Chapter 61A Parcel to Sell Notice: L. Botts made a motion to table this matter until comments are received from other Departments. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #7: Special Town Meeting Warrant (10/28/13): The Board reviewed the draft Warrant for the Special Town Meeting and agreed to remove the articles as recommended by J. Ritter. A new draft will be presented next week.

Action Item #8: Board of Selectmen License Fee Schedule: The Board reviewed the current license fee schedule based on a survey of similar communities. J. Tito made a motion to support in concept increasing the fees for package stores, change of manager, transfer of license, and Class I, II, and III auto licenses and to hold a public hearing regarding the proposed increases.

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Second, S. Vadnais. Discussion: S. Pimental asked that Norton be added as a comparable community. Voted 5-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Review RFQ for Public Safety Building Owner's Project Manager

Services: M. Costello said he had reviewed the document and found it to be pretty much boiler plate and he had no objection to issuing the RFQ. There was no objection from the Board.

J. Tito made a motion to approve and issue the RFQ. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

6.0) OTHER BUSINESS: None

7.0) OPEN PUBLIC FORUM: Michael Deignan was present and updated the Board regarding operation clean sweep, Phase II. Removal of illegal signs along Fairview Avenue is now complete and he is starting to branch out. Any citizen or resident can call him at 401-555-5062 with concerns or complaints. Signs can also be retrieved at the Highway Department.

8.0) BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS: S. Vadnais thanked State Representative Steven Howitt for supporting a recent grant application for the creation of a housing production plan. The \$20,000 grant application was submitted through the South Coast Rail project.

M. Costello stated that two (2) mowers are now cutting back the over grown on the sides of the road. Prisoners from the Sheriff's Department are cutting back around the guard rails. The new entry at the Public Safety Building is now completed.

L. Botts stated the David Stevens Band will be playing at the fundraiser this Friday evening and that Nori Palmer was recently elected to serve on the Regional Council on Aging Advisory Board.

S. Pimental questioned the expense relating to the Animal Control Officer and she would contact Jane Foster.

9.0) EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

10.0) ADJOURNMENT: M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator