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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014
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: 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 potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares.

Topics of Discussion: Personnel Issue and Union Contract Negotiations

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

At 6:59p.m. L. Botts made a motion to return to open session. Second, M. Costello. Roll Call: Botts – Aye; Vadnais – Aye; Tito – 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: 14-31A, Withholdings, \$18,307.51; 14-32, Invoices, \$99,805.74; 14-32B, Payroll, \$81,359.08. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the meeting minutes from January 27, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the meeting minutes from February 3, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 3-0-1(Tito/Costello)

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3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: S. Pimental noted that the next regular meeting of the Board will take place on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 starting at 7:00p.m. in the Senior Center.

S. Pimental noted that on the Agenda for next Tuesday there will be an Order of Taking and Public Hearing regarding Fire Tower Road at the Senior Center starting at 7:15p.m.

Fire Chief Robert Pray was present with several firefighters. Chief requested that the Board consider renaming the North Fire Station the “Kenneth D. Marshall, Jr Fire Station.” Firefighter Marshall died in the line of service of November 25, 2010.

S. Vadnais made a motion to officially rename the North Fire Station the Kenneth D. Marshall, Jr. Fire Station. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Town Administrator’s Report: J. Ritter reported that there will be an onsite meeting at the Wheeler Street Bridge tomorrow morning with the Town’s consulting engineer, James Noyes from Greenman Pedersen, Inc. The purpose of this meeting is to review the project with various utilities and to also meet with area property abutters to review the specifics of the proposed temporary construction easements. Residents have been notified by mail of the meeting.

Veterans Agent interviews scheduled for last week had to be rescheduled to this week due to snow.

Two grant applications the Town participated in as part of a regional effort have not been funded. The first grant would have addressed records management and the second grant was for a new aerial mapping system that could have been used by several surrounding communities. The grant program is called the Community Innovation Challenge Grant.

The Public Safety Building Committee is continuing its interviews with possible owner’s program managers.

He participated in a good budget discussion last week with Selectmen Costello and a member of the Finance Committee at the Highway Department.

The Zoning Bylaw Review Committee has scheduled a public workshop on Wednesday, February 19th at 6:30p.m. in the Senior Center. Information has been posted to the Town’s Web Site and a Press Release has been issued to encourage public participation.

J. Ritter requested to take some vacation days on Wednesday, March 12th through Wednesday, March 19th. There was no objection.

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The Personnel Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00p.m. in the Senior Center. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive input from the public and town employees regarding certain revisions to the Town's personnel policies.

He reminded the Board there will be a special meeting of the Board on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at 10:00a.m. at the Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to call a Special Town Meeting on March 1st and to sign the Warrant for the meeting.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Financial Advisory Committee (to D-R School Committee) Interviews &

Appointments: J. Tito made a motion to appoint Gerald Schwall and Michael Deignan both members of the Finance Committee to the Advisory Finance Committee pursuant to the D-R Regional School Agreement "Item #D of Section X – Budget," for a term from February 3, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Regarding the third appointment, Robert McKim was present.

S. Pimental noted that Peter Jacobson had also submitted a talent bank form expressing interest. Mr. Jacobson was not present. Also, S. Pimental stated that to keep the full Regional School District or to separate was an issue on the table. S. Pimental reminded the public that the School Committee annual votes an assessment for Rehoboth and Rehoboth Town Meeting has always voted on the assessment as submitted. Chapter 70 funding from the State should follow the child.

S. Pimental asked Mr. McKim to explain his interest in serving on this Committee. Mr. McKim stated that he had served on the School Committee for many years and understands the budgetary process and thinks he could make a good contribution.

J. Tito noted that he was concerned that P. Jacobson has indicated he would not be available for a significant period of time during these discussions. S. Vadnais agreed and stated it was important for the appointee to be fully engaged and to participate during the meetings.

L. Botts made a motion to appoint Robert McKim to the Advisory Finance Committee for a term from February 3, 2014 until June 30, 2014. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Action Item #2: Discussion With Cemetery Commission Member Beverly Baker Re: Gravestone Conservation Workshop/Seminar & Request for Letter of Endorsement from

the Board of Selectmen: B. Baker was present and reviewed the scope of their proposed workshop. The total cost is \$3,800. There is some funding (\$1,500) available from the Community Preservation Committee, but they are working toward making the workshop a regional one based on contributions. They are looking at like \$300 per town.

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The program would look at a training program to restore grave stones. Up to fifteen (15) Rehoboth residents could participate. They would like a letter of support from the Selectmen.

S. Vadnais asked if once the volunteers are trained will they work under the supervision of the Cemetery Commission? B. Baker stated yes. M. Costello stated the objective is preserving the grave stones going into the future.

M. Costello made a motion for the Board to support and send a letter of endorsement to surrounding communities. Discussion: Trish Vadnais stated that the longest grave stone epitaph in the world to the best of her knowledge. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #3: Personnel Board Interview for Appointment: Sandra Marquis was present and explained her interest in serving on the Personnel Board. She has a Master's in Business Administration and previously Selectman McBride suggested that she consider serving on the Personnel Board when she had submitted a talent bank form to serve on the Finance Committee.

M. Costello made a motion to appoint Sandra Marquis to the Personnel Board for a term effective on February 3, 2014 until June 30, 2016. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #4: Discussion Re: Rt. 44 & Rt. 118 Transportation Bond Bill Amendment Letter to Senator Timilty: J. Ritter briefed the Board as the current status of the Transportation Bond Bill Amendment and that it has now been referred to the State Senate. As a result, he has prepared a letter for the Chairman of the Board to sign to State Senator James Timilty asking for his support of the project to redesign and reconstruction the Rt. 44 and Rt. 118 intersection.

J. Tito made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter on behalf of the Board. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #5: Discussion Re: Landfill Solar Project Proposals: J. Ritter reviewed with the Board that a Request for Proposals was issued and the Town received three (3) responses. We are in the process of reviewing those proposals. However, he would like the Board to vote to designate and appoint David House the Landfill Solar RFP Coordinator for this project. M. Costello made a motion to appoint David House to be the Landfill Solar RFP Coordinator. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

Action Item #6: FY15 Town Counsel Budget Review: The Board reviewed the proposed FY15 Town Counsel budget. S. Pimental noted that Dighton sued the School Committee and Rehoboth was named as a third party on that litigation and we can anticipate expenses related to that litigation as well as the ongoing litigation with REPAC.

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Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Appointment to the Rehoboth Emergency Management

Agency: L. Botts made a motion to approve the recommendation of Bill Maiorano to appoint Paula Diaonne to the Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency for a term effective on February 10, 2014 through June 30, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 5-0

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Payment of \$17,970.89 for Snow & Ice Removal Deficit

Spending: L. Botts made a motion to authorize payment of \$17,970.89 which will result in a Snow and Ice Account deficit balance of \$26,982.41 and to forward it to the Finance Committee for their approval. Second, M. Costello. Voted 5-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for \$275.00 for the Rehoboth

Emergency Management Agency: L. Botts made a motion to decrease budget line items 012913-53420 REMA – Postage by \$40.00; 012913-54200 REMA – Office Supplies by \$6.51; 012913-52430 REMA Vehicle R/M by \$100.00; 012913-55800 REMA Supplies Other by \$100.00; 012913-57350 REMA CPR Training by \$28.49 and to increase budget line item 012913-57340 REMA EMT Training by \$275.00. Second, J. Tito. Voted 5-0

5.0) **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6.0) **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

7.0) **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** Tish Vadnais stated that the snow plowing contractor Hired by Citizens Energy to clear snow to the driveway for the Tremont Solar installation should be instructed not to leave snow in the middle of the road.

Also, a meat vendor is going door to door. They need a Hawkers and Peddlers license. She will provide the information to J. Ritter.

8.0) **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** L. Botts asked if the schools were planning to Complete roof repairs they should also look at solar as an option as well.

J. Tito stated that in reference to some public comments from Dighton that Rehoboth is stealing money from Dighton. The worst that can be said is that Rehoboth is paying our fair share. In fact Rehoboth pays more per student than Dighton.

S. Pimental stated that Rehoboth has paid the net minimum required it is then the School Committee's responsibility to apply those funds accordingly.

9.0) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

10.) **ADJOURNMENT:** J. Tito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55p.m. Second, L. Botts. Voted 5-0

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Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Voted to approve on 2/24/14