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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER**

Present: Michael Costello, Chairman; Frederick “Skip” Vadnais, Vice Chairman, Joseph Tito (arrived at 6:51p.m.); and David Perry

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

Absent: Susan Pimental

Executive Session: At 6:30 p.m. S. Vadnais made a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, 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 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: Contract negotiations, disposition of Town owned land; PILOT Agreements

1.0) Call to Order at 7:24p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

M. Costello asked for a moment of silence be observed regarding the recent death of former Deputy Fire Chief George C. “RAB” Wetherell, Jr.

2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: M. Costello read the weekly Warrants: 14-41A, Withholdings, \$18,509.32; 14-42B, Payroll, \$79,722.86; 14-42, Invoices, \$35,920.16; 14-42R, Refunds, \$4,337.09. J. Tito made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Minutes: J. Tito made a motion to approve and release the meeting minutes from April 14, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Discussion: M. Costello asked if the Board approved a sixty (60) or ninety (90) day extension to the Class II License for Lopes Auto Sales dba First Class Auto

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Sales, 29 Fall River Avenue? J. Ritter stated his notes indicated a sixty (60) day extension but would check again and report back to the Board. Ron Whitemore who was in the audience indicated his notes showed sixty (60) days. Motion amended pending clarification. Voted 3-0-1 (Perry).

Executive Session Meeting Minutes: J. Tito made a motion to release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2006, Sessions 1 & 2; and March 13, 2006, Session 1 of 5. Second, D. Perry. Discussion: J. Tito reviewed the ongoing review of old Executive Session Meeting Minutes and how J. Ritter has been reviewing the files and pulling together meeting minutes that could be released. In general, when a confidential matter has concluded the Board should release those meeting minutes. Voted 4-0

3.0 Open Forum – Announcements: Laura Schwall, Town Clerk was present and announced that the recount will be held next Monday, April 28th. Also, the Warrants have arrived from the printer and are scheduled to be mailed tomorrow.

Fire Chief, Robert Pray was present and provided an update on the Station Two dedication. A working Committee has been formed and they have met several times and are looking for donations. The dedication is scheduled for July 13, 2014 at 1:00p.m. at Station Two. A press release is being prepared.

There will be a steak supper this Thursday at South Station and an upcoming breakfast at Station Two.

M. Costello reminded the public about the upcoming Community Recycling Day will be on April 26, 2014 sponsored by the Lions Club. The event will be held at Beckwith Middle School from 9a.m. until noon.

There will be a free CPR/AED Class on May 1, 2014 at 6:30p.m. at the Council on Aging. Contact Town Nurse Jaime Conlon for more information.

J. Tito read the following announcement from the Town Nurse. “As a special request in the event of a true public health emergency (such as Anthrax, pandemic flu etc.), in which the entire community (12,000 citizens) would need to be medicated in a 24 hour period, I am looking for personnel to assist with an Emergency Dispensing Site. Attached, is a Powerpoint presentation describing some of the Emergency Dispensing site (EDS) operations. There are many different roles and responsibilities needed. You do not have to have any medical knowledge! I am compiling a list of Rehoboth’s Emergency Dispensing Site plan, as we currently do not have enough volunteers to assist in such an operation. As an incentive for participation, any personnel that volunteers to assist would be able to obtain medication for their families first. Please let me know if you would be interested in participating in such an event by completing the attached form and returning it via e-mail.”

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M. Costello stated the next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, April 28th at 7:00p.m. in the Senior Center.

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that the Board of Assessors have reached an agreement in principal with BlueWave Capital, LLC regarding their payment in lieu of taxes plan for the Barney Avenue and the landfill solar installations. He anticipates a meeting with Assessors in Executive Session next Monday to review the details of the "PILOT" Agreements.

J. Ritter asked the Board to vote to refer the Zoning Bylaw revisions to the Planning Board pursuant to a recommendation from Town Counsel Mark Bobrowski. J. Tito made a motion to refer the revised zoning bylaw to the Planning Board. Second, S. Vadnais. Discussion: The Board asked that the Planning Board make comments on the revisions and report to Town Meeting any suggested revisions. Voted 4-0

There is a scheduled meeting with abutters to the Wheeler Street Bridge next Tuesday morning at 10:00a.m. in the Senior Center with the project engineers and others.

J. Ritter requested to take a half personal day this Thursday and a half personal on Friday to attend a funeral in Connecticut. There was no objection from the Board.

He review future agendas with the Board.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Interview of Scott Pennoyer for Appointment to the Conservation

Commission: Scott Pennoyer was present and answered questions from the Board. S. Vadnais asked if he would be available to attend meetings. He was concerned about his previous attendance record when he served on the Conservation Commission. S. Pennoyer stated this is a short term appointment until the end of June and yes he would make himself available.

S. Vadnais stated he was very knowledgeable about the Wetland Protection Act and had considerable experience and would be an asset to the Town serving in that capacity.

J. Tito stated he enjoyed working with him previously and would welcome him back.

D. Perry stated that S. Pennoyer set a new standard for the Town and the Conservation Commission and made a motion to appoint S. Pennoyer to complete an unexpired term from April 22, 2014 until June 30, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Reimbursement Request

for \$90,708.31 for Wheeler Street Bridge: M. Costello asked about the \$20,000 amount the Town had to put up for the project. J. Ritter said he would investigate and report back but this

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was request was for a Chapter 90 reimbursement for work already completed by the project engineers on the design phase of the project.

J. Tito made a motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 reimbursement request in the amount of \$90,708.31 for expenditures for engineering work associated with the Wheeler Street Bridge project.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Request for \$250,000 for highway Salt Shed Project: J. Tito made a motion to approve a Chapter 90 Project Request for the Highway Department Salt Shed in the amount of \$150,000 for construction on the concrete foundation and \$75,000 for the fabric building. Further to ratify Chairman Costello to sign the project request on April 15, 2014. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Budget Amendments for Fire Department (\$495); Police Department (\$10,883.83) and (144.10): J. Tito made a motion to decrease budget line item 012203-57335 Fire Department EMS Training by \$495.00 and to increase budget line item 012203-57310 Fire Department Dues by \$495.00. To decrease budget line items 012052-51120 Police Department Compensation Full Time by \$6,024.11 and budget line item 012052-51520 Police Department Compensation Holidays by \$4,859.72 and to increase budget line item 012052-51310 Police Department Compensation Overtime by \$10,883.83. To decrease budget line item 012103-52490 Police S/W Maintenance by \$467.01 and to increase budget line item 012103-52426 Police Mobile Computers by \$467.01. To decrease budget line item 012103-52420 Police Department Equipment Repair and Maintenance by \$144.10 and to increase budget line item 012103-52424 Police Department Radar Repair by \$144.10. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfers, Police \$631.68: J. Tito made a motion to approve a Reserve Fund Transfer request in the amount of \$631.68 from the Police Department and refer the request to the Finance Committee. Second, D. Perry. Discussion: J. Tito asked the Chairman of the Finance Committee about the current balance in the Reserve Fund. M. Deignan stated approximately \$90,000. Voted 4-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve & Authorize Chairman Costello to Sign Contract with MassDoT for \$92,369 for Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program: J. Tito made a motion to approve and authorize Chairman Costello to sign the Mass DoT contract documents in the amount of \$92,369 for the Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Vote to Declare Copier at Building Department to be Surplus & Approve Disposal: J. Tito made a motion to declare the old copy machine at the Building Department to be surplus and have it disposed of as scrap. Second, S. Vadnais. Voted 4-0

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Action Item #8: Discussion Re: Assignment of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: M. Costello reviewed his article assignments with the Board. This document will be updated and shared with the board again next week for further discussion. Also, the document will be sent to those who are not on the Board but are expected to address certain articles.

Action Item #9: Discussion Re: Comcast License Renewal: No action was taken on this matter. It will appear on the Agenda next week.

5.0 **OLD BUSINESS:** None

6.0 **OTHER BUSINESS:** None

7.0 **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** None

8.0 **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** None

9.0) **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Vadnais made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14p.m. Second, D. Perry. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator

Approved 4/28/14