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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais; Selectman David Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Michael Deignan and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda
Selectman Solas arrived at the meeting at 7:55 PM.

At 6:30 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or 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

Topics: Clerical Union

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for January 24, 2022:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of January 24, 2022: 22-31B Payroll \$110,052.81; 22-30A Withholdings \$130,788.50; 22-30 Warrant \$61,441.35. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 6/21/21 & 8/23/21 approved and held

Regular Minutes: 8/16/21

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be Monday, January 31, 2022

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

We are accepting applications for a Full-Time Maintenance Tech position and for a Part-Time Administrative Aide for the Town Clerk's office. For more information, please visit the town website.

Heating System at 340 Anawan St.- Oil fill seems to be very frequent (every 3 weeks) at 300-400 gallons each time. I've spoken to Dave and Skip if programmable thermostats would be more beneficial?

Reminder for Skip- Anawan Pharmacy Covid-19 Vaccine paperwork- currently about once a month we have been making about 1000 copies of the adult forms and about 250-500 copies of the 5-11 age group.

Not sure how much longer these copies will be needed; could we make a bulk order at Staples for copies to hold them over longer? Board agrees to use Staples moving forward.

Greer Farm Property Closing is scheduled for January 31, 2022 at 148 Peck Street. Time TBD.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Ballot Question for March 5, 2022 Special Election for the Building Project for Bristol-Plymouth Vocational Tech High School

This discussion/vote was tabled on 12/20, but the Town Clerk needs to print the ballots.

TOWN OF REHOBOTH
SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT
MARCH 5, 2022

QUESTION:

"Shall the Town of Rehoboth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District building project?"

Yes

No

M. Deignan motion to approve Ballot Question for the Special Election on March 5, 2022 and request that the Town Clerk move forward with printing of the Ballots. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

M. Deignan read the ballot question out loud and explained what the vote would mean to Rehoboth voters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Performance Evaluation Bonus for Clerical Union Employee

M. Deignan motion to approve Annual Clerical Union bonus that was established at 1-1/2 % of base pay for "above expectation" in performance reviews. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri clarified that this was a one-time bonus.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Street Names for Rehoboth Country Club-The Fairways

The Planning Board is requesting the approval of the Board of Selectmen on the naming of streets at the Rehoboth Country Club-The Fairways.

J. Muri motion to Table Clubhouse Way and Hybrid Drive as street names for Rehoboth Country Club-The Fairways. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Common Victualler 2022 Renewal License for Anawan Grange #221

Anawan Grange #221 has applied for their 2022 Common Vic renewal license.

J. Muri motion to approve the 2022 Anawan Grange #221 P of H, Inc 2022 Common Vic Renewal License, effective 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Ratify Appointment of CPC-Historical Commission Representative – Arthur Pierce

At last week's meeting the Board signed and discussed the appointment of Arthur Pierce as the CPC – Historical Commission Representative. It needs to be put to a vote.

D. Perry motion to approve Arthur D. Pierce as CPC-Historical Commission Representative. Effective 9/13/2021 – 6/30/2024. Artie is taking the place of Mark Canuel, who passed away in Sept of 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Open the FY23 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles-February 1, 2022

As discussed last week, the Board has decided to open the FY23 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles on February 1, 2022.

J. Muri motion to open the FY23 Spring Town Meeting Warrant Articles on February 1, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Discussion on Cell Towers & Cell Tower Districts, with possible action

Jim Muri advised the Board. Our office received a proposal from Everest Infrastructure Partners. They are interested in the current location/cell towers in town that are occupied by Crown Atlantic and Industrial Tower & Wireless.

J. Muri would work with Daniel Roach and Gerry Schwall to look into the benefits. The Board of Selectmen approved J. Muri to do this work.

Action Item (7): Discussion on Old Town Hall Public Water Supply Permit, with possible action

Jim Muri advised the Board of the situation.

D. Perry motion to allow Old Town Hall Public Water Supply Permit to lapse – as long as the state allows that to happen. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri suggested to remove 148 Peck Street from Public Water Supply Permit – would have Board of Health reach out to the state.

M. Deignan asked how that would impact other meetings since 148 Peck Street is a Public Meeting Place. The solution would be to post a notice to only use water for toilets and washing of hands.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve License Agreement for AT&T for use of Shelter Building to House Fire Radio Equipment

Derek has provided backup for this vote and was going to speak to Skip.

G. Solas motion to Approve the License Agreement with AT&T for use of the shelter building to house fire radio equipment. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Executive session for 1/31 and 2/7 at 6 PM.

Deignan: no report

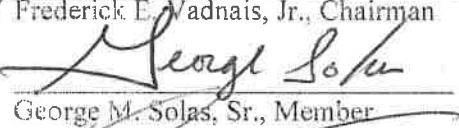
Perry: Spoke to Otter Brown of the Recreational Committee re: Trails at Francis Farm. Spoke to Gerry Schwall on Grants available. D. Perry would like to sit together with Conservation Committee and other committees to review options. Welcomes anyone from the public with expertise to get involved. This is Phase 1.

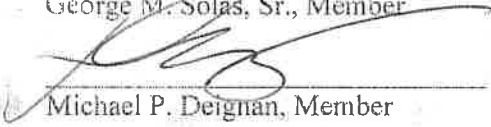
Muri: no report – S. Vadnais asked about children's playground at Francis Farm. Concerned on location.

Solas: Re: Mailing for Bristol Plymouth from Town Clerk's Office. Asked if we can include an explanation on how the votes work (for or against the project). S. Vadnais suggests that G. Solas and M. Deignan work to get something together, review with Counsel, and then review with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman J. Muri motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:25 PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0:


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 4/11/2022