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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectmen David Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

At 6:40 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Topics: Discussion Regarding Public Health Nurse Contract

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 31, 2022:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of January 31, 2022: 22-31B Payroll \$105,245.03; 22-30A Withholdings \$130,788.50; 22-30 Warrant \$61,441.35. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 6/14/21 & 7/6/21

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 14, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be Monday, February 7, 2022.

S. Vadnais requested a moment of silence for Author Tobin.

J. Muri read Author Tobin's tribute to the Town that was put together by the Town Clerk.

J. Muri announced appointments are available for COVID-19 vaccines at Anawan Pharmacy.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Today was the last day to submit applications for the Full-Time Maintenance Tech position. As of 1/27 we received 2 applications. Dave, would you like to begin interviewing?

There are other open positions on the town website under Employment Opportunities, please visit the town website for more detailed information. For any questions, please call the Selectmen's office @ 508-252-3758.

A couple of weeks ago The Community Electricity Program sent out notifications regarding the aggregate program in town to approximately 160 new electric account members. As a reminder, this is a 3-year program and you are automatically enrolled. If you would like to OPT out, forms were provided in the mailing. For more information, please visit the BOS page on the town website or call the BOS office.

On February 3 at 10 am at 340 Anawan Street, we have scheduled a "walk-through" for any contractor that is interested in bidding on the Vault IFB. The Bid was advertised on 1/26/22 on CommBuys and the Central Registry as well as in the Taunton Gazette.

In your correspondences this week you were copied on memos that went out to certain boards/committees regarding 2 requests for Chapter 61 Land (Mason St and Salisbury St). Once I receive feedback from them, I will place it on an agenda in late February for your final vote.

Sunrun Solar-Soliciting in town without a license from BOS-PD have been notified.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote Ratification of Executive Action Taken by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Re: Anawan School

Due to a recent break-in at the Anawan School and pictures being posted on social media, the Chairman had to take quick action to allow the Building Inspector to Board up the entire 1st floor of the building and have the police investigate the area. (Time stamp 13:43)

D. Perry motion to ratify the executive action taken by the Chairman of the Board to work with the Building Inspector and contractors to board up the entire first floor of the Anawan School and to have the police investigate the area. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry answers why we care that the window is broken if the building is going to be torn down. D. Perry states that safety is the main concern and it's our responsibility to keep people off the property. He goes on to answer why the building is still standing: they're shorthanded, timing, cost, urgency isn't there, and abatement.

Chief Trombetta gave report to the Public and Board of Selectmen on the incident.

Action Item (2): Discussion with Representatives of the CPC RE: Conservation Restrictions for Francis Farm

Artie Pierce and Carol Williams from CPC along with Rachel Smith from the RAGNRC were present to begin discussions on the Conservation Restrictions for Francis Farm. (Time stamp 30:11)

Artie Pierce states that they need to review the conservation restriction at Francis Farm and what the options are.

Rachel Smith acknowledged the CPC funds have conservation restrictions from the state that they must follow. The Warrant Article was put together in a rush, and the wording was not reviewed on the CPC portion. Wondering which portion of land is covered by the CPC Funds and what can be done with them.

S. Vadnais stated he will need to review the plans and actual land to decide what land is sensitive and can be protected by the CPC.

Rachel Smith states they need to get quotes from 3 surveys to find out the land boundaries and what 30.9 acres are on CPC. About 8 acres will be for Recreational Committee / Town Land. R. Smith states no structure can be on CPC land, and will need to find out if the current fields are on CPC property. If so, what will be done? R. Smith will put something together for surveys.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Extension of Vacation Hours for William Pray

Bill Pray was notified last week of his anniversary date approaching in February and that he had 40 Hours of vacation time to take before the 7th of February. With all of the projects in town and the Maintenance/Highway Dept being shorthanded he did not have a chance to use up his time. Would the Board allow the payroll dept to rollover Bill's time? Bill is planning on taking some time in March.

D. Perry motion to Approve the extension of 40 hours vacation time for William Pray and to allow the Payroll Dept to roll them over. M. Deignan amended to a 6-month time limit. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports: (Time stamp 54:10)

Vadnais:

1. Review notice of naming a certain area in Town after someone – Dave will work on this.
2. Naming of streets issue – A letter will be put together to Planning Board and Assessors.

Deignan: Working on free cash certification – Should be wrapping up. The FY23 assessment is increased. Net minimum \$689k going to schools, \$10k added tax revenue to town is left over. There may be a refund received from E+D, but not certain.

Perry: Met with Ted Rowse on elevator design, and I'm waiting for the final design with stairs (3 levels) then I'll bring it to the Board; 8 months to 1 year timeframe to complete project. Bids possibly out by March.

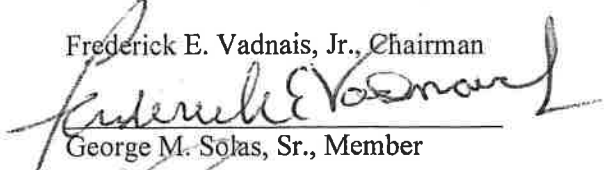
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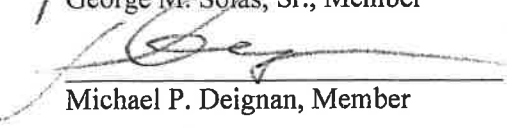
1. MBTA update – legislature has not confirmed zoning upgrade. There are grants available. If the town does not comply then any future grants from the state may not be give out. Most grants that are available TOR has never applied for them anyway.
2. To move the video from 148 Peck Street to Francis Farm. If it's not the same there will need to be different wiring for the upgraded equipment.

Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman J. Muri motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:30PM. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 3/28/2022