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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

Absent: Selectmen James Muri

Call to Order at 7:10p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for August 16, 2021:

D. Perry motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 16, 2021: 22-08B Payroll \$106,120.78; 22-07A Withholdings \$42,659.24; 22-07 Warrant \$2,706,819.12; 22-07R Refund \$12,943.24; 22-07R1 Refunds \$3,739.29. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, August 23 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

We have two pole hearings scheduled for next week, August 23rd at 7:30 for Pond Street and 7:45 for Summer Street.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Treasurer's office is looking for a Temporary-Part-time Payroll/Office Clerk. We have received 2 applications so far.

Transfer Station is still looking for two Part-Time Monitors and I will be posting for a Manager's Position at the Transfer Station.

We have posted a new position for a Part-Time Seasonal Worker for the Highway Dept.

Interested applicants, please send in your application to the Board of Selectmen's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Award Presentation of the Massachusetts Call Volunteer Firefighters Association-Robert Hindley Memorial Scholarship to Angie Rose, with possible action taken

Firefighter Fred Chrisbaie and the State Treasurer for the MCVFA were present to award the scholarship of \$750 from the Massachusetts Call Volunteer Firefighters Association to Angie Rose. Her father Tom Rose is a current firefighter in town, was also present.

Lt. Chris Hager was present representing the Fire Department.

Angie will be attending Bristol Community College studying Criminal Psychology.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Side Letter Agreement Between Town of Rehoboth and Local 1701, State Council 93 AFSCME-Highway Dept.-Facilities Maintenance Technician Position

The Facilities Maintenance Supervisor will be looking to hire a Facilities Maintenance Technician to help oversee all projects in the Town buildings. This will be a union position under the Highway Dept and had to be negotiated with the Union Rep.

D. Perry motion to accept the Side Letter of Agreement with the Local 1701 State Council 93, AFSCME for the Facilities Maintenance Technician and to allow the Chair to sign the agreement. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #3: 7:30 PM Public Hearing for Pole Hearing at Pleasant/Davis Street Plan #30152179

Michael Parent, a representative from National Grid's Hopedale office was present to answer any questions the Board may have on the Pole Location. They are relocating 2 poles to accommodate roadways for Veader Estates on Pleasant St and Davis St. All internal approvals have been received.

D. Perry motion to open the Public Hearing:

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

D. Perry motion to close the Public Hearing:

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

D. Perry motion to approve National Grid to relocate 2 Poles on Pleasant Street and Davis Street for the Veader Estates. Plan #30152179. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Continue Public Hearing for Rehoboth Cumberland Farms- Changes in Officers/Beneficial Interest on the Liquor License

This is a continuance from a public hearing that was held in June for Cumberland Farms at 232 Winthrop Street. The attorney representing Cumberland Farms asked for a continuance because they were waiting more information from the ABCC. This hearing is for a change in officers/beneficial interest within the corporation only.

D. Perry motion to continue the public hearing. Second by M. Deignan.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

There being no representatives present and no residents to speak for or against this item, the public hearing was closed

D. Perry motion to close the public hearing. Second by M. Deignan.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

D. Perry motion to approve the Change of Beneficial Interest and Change of Officer application for the Package Store Wine and Malt Alcohol Beverage License of Cumberland Farms at 232 Winthrop Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Discussion Re: Town Nurse Position, with possible action

The Board discussed changes to the Town Nurse's Position during Executive Session. They spoke to the Town Nurse and will be moving forward with her contract.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve Class II Auto License for US Financial Cars, LLC (formerly US Financial Vehicles, LLC)

The current license holder of US Financial Vehicles, LLC located at 29 Fall River Avenue has changed its name to US Financial Cars, LLC and now it is under sole ownership. Previously, the Elnemer brothers were both named on the license, but one brother no longer is in business. Johny Elnemer has applied with the business name change and as a sole owner. Background checks have been done, there are no issues with this business, so Mr. Elnemer is asking if the Board would approve his license.

D. Perry motion to approve the Class II License for US Financial Cars, LLC with manager Johny M. Elnemer located at 29 Fall River Avenue. License will expire on 12/31/2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #7: 7:45 PM Public Hearing for Pole Hearing at Anawan Street Plan #29775695

Michael Parent, a representative from National Grid was present to answer any questions the Board had on the Pole Location. The petition is to install Pole # 969-50 to providence electrical service to existing address 160 and 162 Anawan Street Pole # 969 to be used for new service at 158 Anawan St.

D. Perry motion to open the Public Hearing for Anawan Street plan # 29775695:

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

There being no residents to speak for or against this item, the public hearing was closed.

D. Perry motion to close the public hearing. Second by M. Deignan.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

M. Deignan motion to approve National Grid to install Pole 969-50 for new service at 158 Anawan Street. Plan #29775695. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Bid for Survey of Hazard Materials for Anawan School

Mike Costello, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor has requested quotes from agencies to survey the Anawan School for any hazard materials. Mike has solicited 3 agencies and received one quote so far.

AltTech Services

44 Pole Bridge Road

N. Scituate, RI 02857

Cost range: \$1450-\$1600

D. Perry motion to approve the quote from Alt Tech Services for the survey of hazard materials for the Anawan School at a cost not to exceed \$1600 and to allow the chairman to sign the contract. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Rescind Vote Taken to Schedule Special Town Meeting Date of November 6th and Revote a New Date for Special Town Meeting for November 13th.

At last week's meeting the Board voted on a new date for the STM to be held on Saturday, November 6th at 1pm with a continuance date of Sunday, November 7th at 1pm. Town Counsel advised our Town Clerk that he will not be available that weekend. The dates have been changed to Saturday, November 13th at 1pm with a continuance date of Sunday, November 14th at 1pm.

D. Perry motion to rescind previous vote taken to set schedule the Special Town Meeting on Saturday, November 6th at 1pm with a continuance date of Sunday, November 7th at 1pm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry motion to set a new date for Special Town Meeting for Saturday, November 13th at 1pm with a continuance date of Sunday, November 14th at 1pm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (10): Discussion Re: Special Town Meeting-Opening of Warrant, with possible action
The Board discussed the opening of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting.

M. Deignan motioned to open Special Town Meeting Warrant articles on 8/16 and close on 8/23 at 4pm. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

S. Vadnais discussed setting priority items going to town meeting.

M. Deignan will work on warrant articles to see which could be consolidated in a consent agenda.

Action Item (11): Rescind Vote Taken for Rehoboth Lions Club One-Day Liquor License-Address Correction

At last week's meeting the Board voted to accept the One Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth Lions Club. However, the event address was listed incorrectly.

M. Deignan motion to modify the location of the previous voted One-Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth Lions Club from 98 Danforth Street in Rehoboth to 95 Cameron Way in Rehoboth. All other information on the license stays the same. Vote 2-0. G. Solas and D. Perry abstained as they disclosed they are members of the Lion's Club.

Action Item (12): Vote to Accept Resignation of Robert Brown from the Transfer Station

The Town Clerk's Office received the signed resignation letter from Robert Brown, Transfer Station Manager on August 10th.

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Robert Brown, Transfer Station Manager, effective August 21, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (13): Vote to Appoint Jason Sidok to the Recreation Committee

The Selectmen's office received a Talent Bank Form from Jason Sidok, for the Recreation Committee representing the Rehoboth Youth Baseball and Softball Association. He has been part of the association for 4 years, as a member of the Board of Directors.

D. Perry motion to appoint Jason Sidok to the Recreation Committee, effective 8/16/21-6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (14): Vote to Approve Reappointments for Individual Positions in Town

Our office is continuing with the process of reappointments for committee members and individuals.

D. Perry motion to reappoint the following individuals, to the following positions, effective dates 7/1/2020-6/30/2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent "holdover" status for all of fiscal year 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Please read this disclaimer:

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic and State of Emergency all 2020 reappointments were considered to be "hold-over" appointments until the State of Emergency was lifted. As such, the following appointed "terms" are being bridged by setting the effective dates with the beginning of the "holdover"

appointed terms. This will adjust the appointment records accordingly and eliminate any "break" in service. (This vote effectively ratifies the holdover period)

Robert Materne, Overseer & Volunteer of Town Projects
Robert Materne, Town Maps Review (Con Com Rep)
William McDonough, Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer
William McDonough, Fence Viewer
Brian McKearney, Assistant Animal Control Officer
Brian McKearney, Field Driver
Roberta Oliveira, Town Accountant
Sandra Phillips, Matron Police Department
Daniel Roach, Town Planner/Conservation Agent
Sandra Ruscetta, Volunteer Coordinator for Animal Shelter
Laura Schwall, Board of Registrars
Laura Schwall, Census Liaison
Laura Schwall, E-911 Municipal Liaison
Laura Schwall, Interim Municipal Hearings Officer
Laura Schwall, Burial Agent
Laura Schwall, Election Admin.
Steve Silva, Town Maps Review (Zoning Board of Appeals Rep.)
Jay Talerman, Town Counsel
Raymond White, Sealer of Weight & Measures

D. Perry motion to reappoint the following individuals to the following positions, with the following effective dates, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent "holdover" status for all of fiscal year 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Deborah Arruda as Interim Town Administrator, effective 1/1/2021-6/30/2022
Sandra Phillips as Constable, effective 7/1/2021-6/30/2021

D. Perry motion to reappoint Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. as the Bristol County Advisory Board, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent "holdover" status for all of fiscal year 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

Action Item (15): Rescind Vote Taken for REMA Representatives at August 2, 2021 Meeting

The Board voted to appoint the members of the Rehoboth Fire Dept at the August 2nd (correction from date listed) meeting to REMA. Through further research and the direction of Town Counsel, the Rehoboth Firefighters in their job description are already responsible for the duties under REMA. The appointment was not necessary and is being rescinded.

D. Perry motion to rescind the vote taken on August 2, 2021 to appoint the firefighters to the Rehoboth Emergency Management Agency, effective 8/2/2021-6/30/2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (16): Discussion Re: Coordinator of Special Projects, with possible action

M. Deignan explained that the Board had discussions with Gerry Schwall during Executive Session and presented him as the candidate for the new Director of Finance Position. He will be a temporary/ part time employee.

M. Deignan motioned to ratify contract that was entered into during Executive Session to employ Gerry Schwall as a part-time Temporary Director of Finance from 8/16/2021 to 6/30/2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Perry: Discussed events with borrowing items from Francis Farms. Asked how BOS moves forward.

G. Solas motioned to present request to Town Counsel to review the chicken grate situation. Second by D. Perry. Vote 2-1.

Deignan: no report

Solas: Fiber Optic quote for Town Buildings, to install fiber from County Street to Francis Farm Road, scheduled 9/20/21 install.

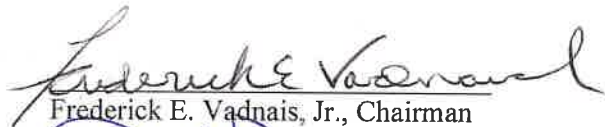
M. Deignan motioned to accept quote from Comm-Tract for \$5710.00 install fiber optic Service at 340 Anawan Street. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0. To be ratified on 8/23/2021

Muri: absent

Vadnais: Pursuing insurance coverage for COA.

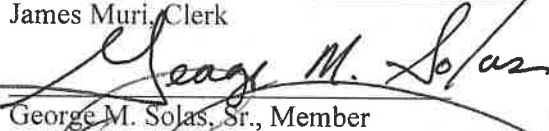
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen G. Solas made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:28 PM. Second by M. Deignan.

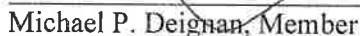
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman

absent
James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Approved:1/24/22