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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 (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; (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair so declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for May 24, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve this week's Warrant: 21-47B Payroll \$120,769.21; 21-46A Withholdings \$34,950.04; 21-47 Warrant \$4,674,572.94; 21-47R Refund Warrant \$14,431.34; 21-47R1 \$4,117.74; 21-47V Veterans Warrant \$6,857.41. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 12/14/2020, 5/6/2021
Regular Minutes: 12/14/2021

J. Muri motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2020. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

The Executive Meeting Minutes from both December 14, 2020 and May 6, 2021 were approved and held in Executive Session.

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Monday May 31st the Town Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Town Administrator's Report:

Board of Health is looking to hire TWO Part-Time candidates for the Transfer Station. The position requires 2 days a week, Tuesday afternoon and Saturdays. Please view the town website for more information. Send applications to the BOS office.

Due to the continued pandemic restrictions, this year's Memorial Day Parade has been canceled. For more information, please contact the Veteran's Agent.

The Selectmen have received an invitation to the Dighton Rehoboth High School graduation and one to the Bristol County Agricultural High School graduation.

Update on Solar Inverters, will need to hold until we can research more.

Rolling Thunder, the motorcycle parade to honor Veterans will be on Sunday.

Veterans Agent Jake Kramer has collected some ramps and two chair lifts that were donated that can be used to help veterans in need.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion on Board of Health-Nurse's Position

Selectman Muri presented the need for two new temporary part time job positions to help the town nurse with COVID contact tracing.

J. Muri motion to approve temporary position for Infectious Preventionist and Clerk/Admin Aide until BOS finds it no longer necessary. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2: Vote to Accept DRRSD-School Committee Open Meeting Law Response

This is in regards to the previous discussion on the OML and the illegal vote taken at a recent school committee meeting. Per the Board, Selectman Deignan filed an OML complaint. The Board has to motion to accept the recent feedback from the school committee rescinding their vote.

M. Deignan motion to accept the rescinded vote taken by the School Committee on May 4, 2021 regarding the April 27, 2021 vote on the stabilization fund warrant article. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: 7:30 Pole Hearing-Plain Street with possible action

In conforming with requirements of Section 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws Ter. Ed., notice was given that a Public Hearing was being held this evening, by petition of National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. Installation of one new pole on Plain Street to provide electrical service to new address at 290 Plain Street. The hearing is being provided through Zoom.

J. Muri motion to open the public hearing for the pole petition on Plain Street with possible action. Second by D. Perry.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (5-0)

There was no one present to speak either for or against, neither in-person nor via Zoom.

J. Muri Motion to close the public meeting. Second by D. Perry.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (5-0)

J. Muri motion to Approve the Petition from National Grid and Verizon New England for the new pole placement at 290 Plain Street and to allow the Executive Assistant to proceed with finalizing the necessary paperwork. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept Rehoboth Antiquarian Society Grant Agreement

The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society is requesting that the Board approve and sign the grant agreement for the Public Library Services between the TOR and the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Th funding was approved at recent Annual Town Meeting.

J. Muri motion to accept and sign the grant agreement between the TOR and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the Public Library Services for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Reed Street Bridge Project- Appraisal Group

Town Meeting vote on May 11 approved the temporary/permanent construction easements for the Reed Street Bridge Area project (\$25,000 from FY21 General Government appropriations), Superintendent of Highway requested quotes from the following firms:

AM Appraisals Associates, inc.

Howard Dono

Gurdy* & Platt Real Estate Analysts

He received feedback from AM Appraisal Associated, inc. for \$17,500 and Gurdy* & Platt Real Estate Analysts for \$11,125. Mike Costello is asking the Board to please approve the quote from Gurdy* & Platt Real Estate Analysts for \$11,125.

D. Perry motion to approve the recommendation from the Superintendent of Highway, to contract with Gurdy & Platt Real Estate Analyst for the easement appraisals at the Reed Street Bridge Project for \$11,125. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve/Junk Dealers License

Due to the pandemic, the Antique/Junk Dealers License approvals are a bit behind schedule. The following license need approval from the Board.

J. Muri approve the following Antique/Junk Dealers Licenses, effective 5/24/2021-4/30/2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Business	Name	Address
Anawan Antiques	Gary Jennings	180 Anawan Street
Mendes Antiques	Mr. & Mrs. Valentim Mendes	52 Blanding Road
New Too You Furniture	Andrew Sarras	164 Winthrop Street
Americana Auctions/ Polly Warren Antiques	Edmond A. Tessier/Pauline B. Warren	380 Winthrop Street

Action Item #7: Vote to Accept Resignation

Our office was notified by the Town Clerk on May 13th notifying us of the resignation of Katy Rourke Wilson from the Personnel Board.

J. Muri motion to accept the resignation of Katy Rourke Wilson from the Personnel Board, effective May 12, 2021. Second by the D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #8: Discussion on Reopening Town Hall-Possible Action Taken

Special Project Manager Gerry Schwall presented the Board with vaccine updates. He presented his plan for the lobby area of Town Hall prior to opening to the public, once the State of Emergency is lifted. The public health advisory continues so the need continues.

M. Deignan motion to allow moving forward to implement vestibule and other construction needed for reopening of building, presented by Special Project Manager Schwall. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to require Town Hall Employees to wear masks if not vaccinated. If vaccinated, optional. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-1, D. Perry abstained.

J. Muri motioned to require both employees and the public to wear masks when the Town Hall Building is open to the public. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-2. *Effective when vestibule is.

J. Muri motion to change the hours of Town Hall from Monday through Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm, Thursdays 8:00am - 8:00pm, and closed on Fridays. (No second) Vote 5-0. Elected Officials are optional, effective when vestibule operated/open to public.

Discussion: Notify Clerical Unions of revised hours, effective when we reopen to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Vote to Accept Planning Board's Form M-297 Winthrop Street

Selectman Muri asked to Table this topic for further review from last week's meeting. Per the Planning Board Agent, this location is set for the Solar Farm and no material will be moved off premise.

J. Muri motion to accept the Form M for 297 Winthrop Street and to vote that there is no need to hold a Gravel Committee Meeting for further discussion. No material is being moved off premise. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Deignan: Reached out to Howitt/Feeney on Treasurer/Collector issue

Solas: no report

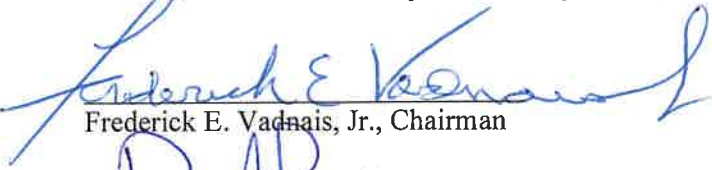
Perry: Highway/Police Chief invited BOS and Gerry Schwall to tour the Police Department at 5:00pm on June 1st. Any items that need to be discussed can be added to future meetings.

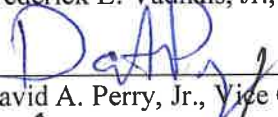
Muri: no report

Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen D. Perry made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:57 PM. Second by M. Deignan.

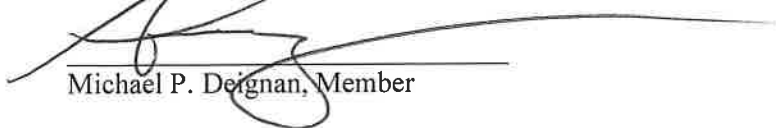
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (5-0)


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Approved: 2/7/2022