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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

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

At 6:45 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, § (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.

Chair so declares

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for October 4, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 4, 2021: 22-15B Payroll \$106,173.89; 22-14A Withholdings \$35,280.79; 22-14 Warrant \$203,346.34. Second by G. Solas Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 4/26/21, 5/3/21, 5/6/21 and 5/17/21

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for May 3, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

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

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12th at 7 PM at Town Hall. Town offices will be closed on Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day.

J. Muri gave a brief discussion on COVID-19 and West Nile/EEE.

J. Muri announced The Prescription Drug "Take Back" held by the Rehoboth Police Department.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At the October 12th BOS meeting, we will be holding a hearing at 7:15 pm with the Assessors to vote on their recommendation for the Classification of Taxation.

Tickets are still available for the Rehoboth Fire Fighter's Association's 50th Annual Ball on Saturday, October 16th at 6pm at the Crestwood Country Club. Tickets are \$40 per person, please call Capt. Dan Noons at 508-509-8357.

Reminder: Please check the Town's website for employment opportunities that are available. If there are any questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Reminder: The Personnel Board and the IT Committee are looking for volunteers for their committees. If someone is interested in helping them, please forward your talent bank form to the Selectmen's office.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion with Facilities Maintenance Supervisor on Ongoing Town Building Projects, with possible action taken

Skip has asked that Mike Costello be present so the Board can prioritize the different projects at the COA and 340 Anawan Street.

M. Costello brought the Board up to speed on projects that have been done in Town and what is upcoming.

D. Perry brought the Board up to speed on 340 Anawan St. The current priorities are: installing a ramp in the front of the building, installing a window for the Treasurer and Town Clerk's Office, creating an IT server room, creating a storage area in the lower level, creating a vault, water runoff and ambulance bldg.

G. Solas began a discussion about the bays at the ambulance station, and determined they are not being worked on currently.

J. Muri motion to implement all outside work to be done using contractors/vendors to commence immediately using federal funds. Second by G. Solas.

M. Deignan amended the motion to use ARPA funds and move forward with projects. Vote 5-0

M. Deignan motion to approve our Facility Maintenance Supervisor to work on the Board of Selectmen's office, Board of Health, Building Department, and Planning Board office signage. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan motion to approved the Facility Maintenance Supervisor to move forward with Public Safety Building project. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to allow our Director of Finance to move forward on drawing plans for outdoor building addition, work with W.B. Mason to purchase new office furniture and evaluate workspace, and get quotes/bids. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Town Counsel's Response to the Open Meeting Law Complaint Dated 9/13/21

Town Counsel has put together a response to the 9/13/21 Open Meeting Law Complaint from Mr. Higgins regarding the timing of approved minutes. The response is due by 10/6.

J. Muri motion to approve the response from Town Counsel for the 9/13/21 Open Meeting Law Complaint and to allow Town Counsel to forward the response to Mr. Higgins and the Director from the Division of Open Government. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan asked if the Board should hire a temp to help with the Selectmen meeting minutes.

M. Deignan motion to authorize a job posting for part-time personnel to help with the backlog of minutes. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Two Road Races from Ocean State Multisport for October 11, 2021 and 1/1/2022.

Ocean State Multisport would like to host a 5K/Half Marathon Road Race called the Crazy Clam Running Festival. They have provided their safety plan and COVID restrictions as well as a map of the route, which begins and ends at the Newman YMCA in Seekonk but will pass through Rehoboth on Pine Street to Broad Street. The race will take place on Monday, October 11 at 8:00 am. Both the Fire Chief and Police Chief have been advised and they have no issues. Chief Trombetta just asks that they arrange for a detail officer at Pine & Broad Street. Highway Superintendent has been consulted and he asks that any markings on the roadway be done with "marking paint" only.

J. Muri motion to approve the Ocean State Multisport's use of our roads for their Crazy Clam 5K/Half Marathon Road Race to be held on October 11, 2021 at 8:00am. Further requesting detail officers to be placed at Pine and Broad St. and use of marking paint only. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

They have also submitted a request for approval for their Chilly Willy Running Festival, a 5K/Half Marathon Road to held on January 1, 2022 at 10:00am. They have provided their safety plan and COVID restrictions as well as a map of the route, which is the same as above, and begins and ends at the Newman YMCA in Seekonk but will pass through Rehoboth on Pine Street to Broad Street. Both the Fire Chief and Police Chief have been advised and they have no issues, Chief Trombetta just asks that they arrange for a detail officer at Pine & Broad Street. Highway Superintendent has been consulted and he asks that any markings on the roadway be done with "marking paint" only.

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Action Item (4): Vote to Approve "Change of Manager" for LMYZ Catering, LLC dba Parks Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar from Jatinder Vij to Sean Park

We have received a completed application from LMYZ Catering, LLC dba Parks Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar on Park Street for a "change of manager" request. All necessary paperwork and fees have been submitted and a CORI check has been done as well. The current manager on record was the previous owner of the establishment that was in the same location. He has since moved out of town and no longer can be the manager. Sean Park is requesting the vote of the Board to become the new Manager on Record for this establishment.

J. Muri motion to approve the new Manager on Record request for Sean Park for LMYZ Catering, LLC dba Parks Asian Bistro and Sushi Bar at 3 Park Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Accept the FY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant of \$29,900 for the Police Dept.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research has awarded the Police Dept \$29,900 for their FY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) grant program. The funds will be available through 9/15/2022 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Grant program. Congratulations!

J. Muri motion to accept the FY22 Municipal Road Safety Grant of \$29,900 for the Police Dept. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Discussion Re: Use of Town Property Grounds for Private Community Organizations, with possible action taken

The BOS office has been receiving various calls from community organizations requesting the use of the Francis Farm grounds for events that will be taking place next year. The Board needs to set ground rules/procedure on how the town would like to move forward with these requests.

- Discussion tabled

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve FMLA for Diane Fyfe from the Highway Department

On September 27, 2021 the BOS office received FMLA request form from Diane Fyfe's physician. The physician is requesting that Diane be out until 11/3/21 under her care. Diane will be using accrued time for this leave.

- Action was not discussed at meeting.

Action Item (8): Discussion Re: COA Scheduled Programs

Selectman Jim Muri discussed needs and projects of the COA once it is opened to help the seniors.

S. Vadnais suggested that Gerry Schwall attend the COA Board meetings to explain the needs to get federal funds.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

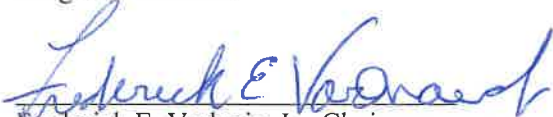
Deignan: no report

Perry: no report

Muri: no report

Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman J. Muri motion to adjourn the regular session. At 9:07PM. 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: 5/23/2022