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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Gerry Schwall, Selectmen Michael Costello and Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator

At **6:00 PM** it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)**
(1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual

Call to Order at 7:35 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for January 11, 2021:

D. Perry motioned to rescind the payroll of 1/7/2021 21-27B in the amount of \$100,643.88, and approve 21-27B Payroll \$100,643.88, as well as approve this week's Warrant: 21-28B Payroll \$105,200.91; 21-27A Withholdings \$29,679.90; 21-28 Warrant \$58,914.60; 21-28R Refund Warrant, \$1,064.74; 21-28R1 Refund Warrant, \$1,255.85. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 8/31/2020
Executive Minutes: none

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2020. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall was not in the room at the time of this vote.

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Town Administrator's Report:

We have posted on the Town website 2 job openings. The Highway Department is looking for a Truck Driver/Laborer and the Transfer Station is looking for (2) Monitors. Applications can be sent into the Board of Selectmen's office at 148 Peck Street or emailed to Cindy at cmcdonough@rehobothma.gov

The Town Events Committee is also looking for members to help them organize future events in 2021. If interested in helping the committee please fill out a Talent Bank Form and send it into the Board of Selectmen's office.

In the BOS correspondences this week there was an invitation for the Children's Advocacy Center the meeting will be via Zoom. An RSVP needs to be sent by 1/22. Please let me know if a Board member will be attending.

The Town Nurse, Jessica potter, has informed me that we currently stand at 405 COVID cases under isolation here in Rehoboth. We've had numerous clusters in daycares, dance studios and places of work.

J. Muri -EMS, Fire & Police will be getting COVID vaccines this week.

M. Costello wanted to send our prayers to Scott Pennoyer, of Conservation Committee, who is in Hospice right now. Need prayers for him and his family. Great person.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #2: Vote to Extend FMLA

Highway employee Mike Viveiros has been on medical leave since September, his next doctor's appointment is on January 27th. We need to extend his FMLA as it has expired.

D. Perry motion to extend FMLA for Mike Viveiros in the Highway Department to 2/8/2021. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. M. Costello abstained. G. Schwall was not in the room at the time of this vote.

Action Item #4A: Vote to Approve 2021 Liquor License Renewals

Our annual Liquor license are up for renewal.

D. Perry motion to approve and hold the following 2021 Liquor License effective 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

Liquor	Priscilla D. Clark dba Hidden Hollow Country Club	30 Pierce Lane
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D. Perry motion to approve the following 2021 liquor Licenses, effective 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

TYPE	LICENSEE	ADDRESS
Liquor	American Legion Post 302	84 Bay State Road
Liquor	Arya Ayan, Inc. dba The Grape Vine	289 Winthrop Street
Liquor	Michael & Ana Pacheco dba Chartley Country Liquor	319A Tremont Street
Liquor	Crestwood Acquisitions, Inc. dba Crestwood Country Club	90 Wheeler Street
Liquor	Cumberland Farms of MA, Inc. dba Cumberland Farms' Store #2314	232 Winthrop Street
Liquor	Hazelton Golf Club, LLC.	329 Summer Street
Liquor	Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club	82 Hillside Avenue
Liquor	Kalimay, LLC dba iAlive Restaurant	569 Winthrop Street

Liquor	KP Grille, LLC dba KP Grille	481 Winthrop Street
Liquor	Liquor Basket, Inc. dba Liquor Basket	49 Fall River Avenue
Liquor	LMYZ Catering, LLC dba Park's Asian Bistro & Sushi Bar	3 Park Street, Unit 3
Liquor	Pine Valley Country Club, Inc. dba Pine Valley Golf Club	136 Providence Street
Liquor	Jacob & Justin, Inc. dba Plaza Pizza	289 Winthrop Street
Liquor	MFB Foods, Inc. dba Rehoboth House of Pizza	503 Winthrop Street
Liquor	Rehoboth Mini Mart, Inc.	61 Plain Street
Liquor	Vino's Family Café, LLC dba Vino's Family Café	503 Winthrop Street, Unit 1
Liquor	Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC dba Rehoboth Wines & Spirits, Inc.	537 Winthrop Street

Action Item #4B: Discussion Regarding Approval of a Liquor License Renewal

Attached is recent information from the situation at hand with Francis Farms. It seems that things are in motion with the Septic and Water Testing. In speaking with the ABCC for their guidance, they say it is up to the Board to renew the license. They suggest if renewed, do not mail it out until all work is satisfied.

J. Muri motion to renew and hold Four Seasons Events, LLC dba Francis Farm, 151 County Street, the 2021 Liquor License, effective 1/1/2021-12/31/2021, in accordance with the agreements set forth with the Treasurer's office and the Board of Health, until compliance. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri-Owner is doing his best to comply and work with the Town.
Interim Town Administrator will put together "letter of good standing" for his grant/loan.

Action Item #1: Vote to Rescind Current Travel Policy

Per discussions at last week's meeting and due to changes in the State Travel policy, the Board decided to rescind the current policy.

D. Perry motion to rescind the current travel policy effective immediately. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #1B: Discussion and possible Vote of New Policy.

D. Perry motion to approve the new Travel Policy effective immediately. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

The Board discussed the new policy and how it works and who is responsible for seeing it through. Department Heads will approve vacations. Upon returning from travel, employees are required to have a COVID test 72 hours before returning to work. In order to be able to return to work they will need to provide a negative test result or quarantine for 10 days.

A negative test should be provided to the dept head who in turn will provide the Town Administrator with it, who will pass it on to the Town Nurse.

Action Item #3: Discussion on "Opt-out" of Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant

The Fire Chief has brought to our attention that due to COVID restriction, the difficulty in getting people trained and things like that as well as change in leadership of the group, that we should opt out of the grant and return the money, allowing for it to be re-appropriated somewhere else. We can reapply when we are ready. It's not uncommon across the Commonwealth with the nature of this grant, as some of the things you can spend it on are not available at this time.

G. Schwall motion to opt-out of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Grant and send a letter to MEMA notifying them of our request. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Discussion of RFP for Senior Center Rebuilding Project OPM

Town Counsel has provided us with a draft of the Request for Proposals for the OPM (Owner's Project Manager) for the Senior Center Rebuilding project.

M. Costello motion to table to be able to better review it. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

M. Costello has sent copies to members of the COA building advisory committee to review, will bring back with comments weeks following.

G. Schwall inquire what an OPM's responsibility is.

M. Costello replied it is to look out for the interest of the Town. Any design changes that the contractor comes across have to go before the OPM. They are an unbiased representative of the Town, making sure the plans are followed.

Selectmen's Reports:

Muri:

- Working on cell tower licensing with Town Counsel and Selectmen Schwall.
- Our acting Town Nurse, Jessica Schwall has been acting in excess of the number of hours we had allotted her. I'd like to put on the agenda the possibility of increasing her hours and using CARES money to cover it.

Costello: no report

Perry: no report

Schwall:

- Nick Procopio's condition has slightly improved. Chuck Procopio sends his thanks for the support of his son.


Vadnais:

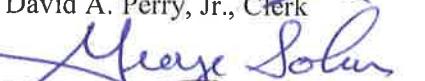
- Has been getting complaints from residents with online permits. Asked J. Muri to help with online function of Board of Health permitting.
- Inquired of M. Costello what all the piles of leaves at the COA site are?
 - M. Costello replied that he was just filling in a whole, its dirt with leaves mixed in.

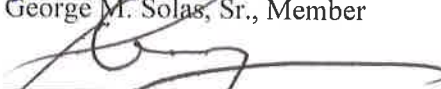
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:05 PM., Second by Selectmen Perry. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello-aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 9/13/2021