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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

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

Absent: Selectman James Muri

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 November 15, 2021:

D. Perry motion to approve the Warrant for the week of November 15, 2021: 22-21B Payroll \$117,390.67; 22-20A Withholdings \$32,655.32; 22-20 Warrant \$5,023,338.41. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0. Selectman Michael Deignan was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 7/26/21 -tabled approval

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, November 29th at 7 PM at Town Hall. We would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Assessors are beginning the interviewing process to fill the Administrative Aide position.

There were 50 probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases the week of 11/1/21-11/15/21.

Anawan Pharmacy has COVID-19 vaccines available for appointment. Booster shots are available for anyone 65 years and older, age 18+ who live in long term care settings, age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions, age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings.

Anawan Pharmacy is also offering Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinics for children ages 5-18 and Influenza vaccinations for ages 9 and older. These vaccinations may be completed on the same date.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

G. Solas introduced Ellen Rosenfeld from CommCan. He met Ms. Rosenfeld at the Grand Opening of CommCan two weeks prior. Ellen Rosenfeld gave many kind words about the Town, and presented a check for \$25,000. The Board thanked Gerry Schwall for his help in the matter.

Laura Schwall gave an update on the Bristol-Plymouth meeting attended by many Town Clerks (including L. Schwall) and G. Solas. The Superintendent/Construction Project Manager gave an update on the Building Project, PSBA process, and building schedule. The filing deadline for the funding from SMBA is 120 days from the 27th of October when the grant was issued. The earliest the election could take place is January 29, 2021 for the state re-precincting to be completed.

D. Perry discusses the Bristol-Plymouth vote with L. Schwall and the Board for clarification. (Time stamp 17:45)

Laura Schwall attended Seekonk's Town Meeting to witness how their "electronic clickers" worked to count the votes of residents. Gave suggestions to the Board for how to use them in Rehoboth's next Town Meeting. – very quick and efficient. G. Solas asked Seekonk residents as they were leaving the Town Meeting what they thought of the "clickers." Everyone he spoke to were in favor of the "clickers." One Seekonk resident was very pleased with how anonymous the new voting system was.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Accept Commencement payment of \$25,000 from CommCan

Ellen Rosenfeld will be at the meeting to present the Board with a "Big" check of \$25,000 (official payment has been received). The Grand Opening was 11/6, but the business actually commenced on 10/23/2021.

No motion necessary because the board stated they already accepted the check

Action Item (2): Discussion with CPC Re: P&S Agreement

Rachel Smith and perhaps Carol Williams will be present to discuss the P&S issues on the land restrictions.

M. Deignan motion to table discussion. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve and Sign Contract for Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) of \$3500 for the Fire Department

Chief Barresi is requesting the approval and the Chairman's signature on the EMPG grant of \$3500

D. Perry motion to approve the EMPG Grant of \$3500 for the Fire Dept and to allow the Chairman to sign the contract. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Ratify Vote Taken on 11/8 on the Town Hall Personnel Move for the Week of 12/27 to 340 Anawan Street and Vacation Moratorium

At last week's meeting the Chairman and the Board discussed the Town Hall move in date to 340 Anawan St being the week of 12/27. The Town Hall will be closed to the public. The Chairman placed a moratorium on any vacation time for that week that has not already been requested and approved.

Questions from Employees:

1. Will boxes be provided to each department to begin packing their items? – Yes, accommodations will be made, and crates will be provided.
2. BOH has a custom filing system, will that be taken down and moved to the new location? - Yes
3. When should all items be boxed and labeled? Week of Christmas or beginning of the week of 12/27? – By Christmas Eve all boxes should be packed and ready to go.

D. Perry motion to Ratify the vote to have Town Hall be closed to the public the week of 12/27/21 to allow the employees to move their departments into the new location at 340 Anawan Street. A moratorium has

been placed on any vacation/personal time requested for that week; unless already previously requested and approved. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Class II 2022 License Renewals for: Consolidated Truck & Equipment, Inc., 231 Plain St, Jim's Rims Inc. dba Wheels Unlimited 40R Fall River Avenue, and Manny & Sons Auto Repair and Tire Center, Inc. 2 Park Street

Last week we began approving the 2022 Auto Renewals: We have a few more this week. Police inspections have been performed on these locations and there are no issues. There are no tax issues and the fee for renewal has been paid on all of them.

D. Perry motion to approve the 2022 Class II Auto License Renewals for the following business. These will be in effect from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Consolidated Truck & Equipment, Inc., 231 Plain St,
Jim's Rims Inc. dba Wheels Unlimited, 40R Fall River Avenue,
Manny & Sons Auto Repair and Tire Center, Inc., 2 Park Street

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Class III 2022 License Renewal for Reed's Junkyard 199 Plain St

This is a Class III License Renewal for 2022, Reed's has passed the Police inspection, there are no tax issues and the renewal fee has been paid.

D. Perry motion to approve the 2022 Class III Auto License Renewal for Reed's Junkyard 199 Plain St, effective from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Fire Alarm System Renovations from Home & Commercial Security, Inc for the COA-\$1122.60

Home & Commercial Security has provided the Board with a proposal for the renovations to the COA at Francis Farm that are needed for the smoke detectors. The quoted cost is \$1122.60. The proposed completion date is the end of November.

D. Perry motion to approve the proposal for the Fire Alarm System renovations from Home & Commercial Security for the COA at a cost of \$1122.60. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Fire Alarm System from Home & Commercial Security, Inc. for 340 Anawan Street-\$2250.00

Home & Commercial Security has provided the Board with a proposal for the Fire Alarm System for 340 Anawan Street. The install will be for Fire Alarm communicator, smoke detectors and horn/strobe in certain areas of the building. The cost for this project will be \$2250.00. The project should be completed by the end of the month.

D. Perry motion to approve the proposal for the Fire Alarm System from Home & Commercial Security for the 340 Anawan Street at a cost of \$2250. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Security System from Home & Commercial Security, Inc. for 340 Anawan Street - \$9287.67

Home & Commercial Security has provided the Board with a proposal for the Security System for 340 Anawan Street, the quote is for the items listed on the detail sheet as provided to the Board. The proposed cost is \$9287.67 and the project should be completed by the end of the month.

D. Perry motion to approve the proposal for the Security System as presented from Home & Commercial Security for the 340 Anawan Street at a cost of \$9287.67. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Gerry Schwall will be present to speak to the Board about this topic. G. Schwall explained contact tracing and the issue with the state not helping after 11/30/21. Schools are a big issue – no help. Gerry recommends we do not vote to be part of this collaborative. To follow up with Jamie Conlon and report back on 11/29/21.

M. Deignan motion to not participate in the Covid Training Collaborative Initiative. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais:

1. Meeting with Dr. Thayer and Dr. Lambe at 6pm on 11/16/21 to review a plan to move forward at the COA.
2. COA move is possible to happen the second week of December. A possible "soft" opening only.

Deignan:

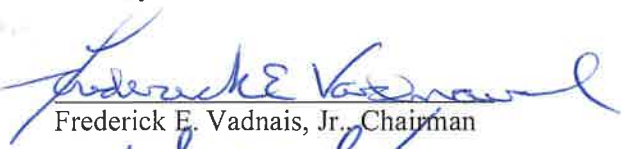
1. OSHA mandate, will we be adopting that mandate here? OSHA does not apply to municipalities. We will need to review this at some point.
2. Gerry's update on Permit eyes payments. G. Schwall stated (Re: Tish Vadnais concern about paying fees online) the Town Hall is open to the public and residents can pay for permits in person or payments can be dropped off in the box outside. This would avoid the fee charges.

Perry: no report

Muri: absent

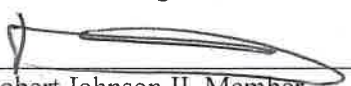
Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:20PM. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chair


Robert Johnson II, Member

Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 6/13/2022