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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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 6:00 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to GL CHAPTER 30A, Section 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. (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. (6) 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.

Topics: Non-Union Contract and Job Description for Temporary Director of Finance
Superior Officers # 208 Union Contract
Gear Farm Purchase and Sales Agreement

Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for November 29, 2021:

J. Muri motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of November 22, 2021: 22-22B Payroll \$108,939.29; 22-21A Withholdings \$135,361.93; 22-21 Warrant \$44,930.93; 22-21R Refund Warrant \$27,523.21; 22-21R1 Refund Warrant \$681.50; 22-21R2 Refund Warrant \$1,179.23; 22-21V Veterans Warrant \$7,479.33. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of November 29, 2021: 22-23B Payroll \$102,927.92; 22-22A Withholdings \$37,011.51; 22-22 Warrant \$80,321.02. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Chairman Vadnais was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 7/26/21 - resubmitted

J. Muri motion to approve resubmitted Regular Meeting Minutes for July 26, 2021, as edited. Second by M. Deignan.
Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, December 6th at 7 PM at Town Hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

J. Muri read the nurses update about COVID cases for the week of 11/15/21 – 11/29/21. There are 91 possible cases (19 in Town). Travel restrictions and vaccine/booster update was given.

D. Perry announces that Mike Costello was nominated by the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee for his hard work and dedication in keeping the town clean.

Jake Kramer of the Park & Rec Committee updated the public about tree decorating. J. Kramer reached out to approximately 500 businesses for support. There are about 10 trees at Red Way Plain. Announced that on 12/11/2021 at 3 PM the 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place.

Tish Vadnais mentioned that Jay Crandall is working with Keep Rehoboth Beautiful on the Clean-up. Also, Tish was concerned with the continued power outages in town, especially with the most recent being on Thanksgiving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote on a Tentative Fall Town Meeting Date for 2022

J. Muri motion to approve November 1, 2022 as the date for the Fall Town Meeting. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve the new date for Annual Town Meeting to May 14, 2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Superior #208 Officers' Union Contract

Superiors have agreed on the contract as all as the BOS in Executive Session. The Board and Union signed the contract.

Action Item (3): Vote to Accept FY22 Body Worn Camera Grant for the Police Dept for \$37,711.97

Chief Trombetta is requesting the Board to accept the FY22 Body Worn Camera Grant for the Police Dept for \$37,711.97

J. Muri motion to accept the FY22 Body Worn Camera Grant for the Police Dept for \$37,711.97. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4a): Vote to Approve Community Health Service-Board of Overseers Committee

The need of this committee is to "oversee" the health aspects of the COA, Veteran's Agent and Public Health Nurse and the needs of the community.

S. Vadnais spoke to the resignation of Jamie Conlon. Doctors and Gerry Schwall will work together. S. Vadnais thanked Jamie Conlon for her years of service through COVID.

G. Solas motion to approve and establish the Community Health Service-Board of Overseers Committee. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4b): Vote to Appoint Dr. Robert Lambe and Dr. Bruce Thayer to the Community Health Service-Board of Overseers Committee

The Board will be appointing the following two people to the committee.

J. Muri motion to appoint Dr. Robert Lambe to the Community Health Service-Board of Overseers Committee, effective 11/29/21-6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to appoint Dr. Bruce Thayer to the Committee Health Service-Board of Overseers Committee, effective 11/29/21-6/30/22. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry stated this will help with the gap between residents and these areas, this committee is needed.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Assessor's Administrative Aide Christine Arthurs

The Board of Assessors have conducted interviews recently and have chosen a candidate to fill the Administrative Aide position. Christine's tentative start date is December 6, pending her pre-employment physical.

D. Perry motion to approve Christine Arthur as the Administrative Aide for the Assessor's Dept. pending a pre-employment physical. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Public Hearing at 7:30pm for All Alcohol License and Entertainment License – Campfire Hospitality, LLC dba Campfire Tavern & Table – Tyler Almeida, Manager 7 Park Street Rehoboth, MA

Tyler Almeida Manager (through the Office of Erik Brainsky) is applying for both "all alcohol" license and entertainment license in the town for a new business.

J. Muri motion to open the Public Hearing at 7:35pm for All Alcohol License and Entertainment License – Campfire Hospitality, LLC dba Campfire Tavern & Table – Tyler Almeida, Manager 7 Park Street Rehoboth, MA. Second by D. Perry – aye. (5-0)

Roll call vote: Vadnais – aye, Perry – aye, Muri-aye, Solas – aye, Deignan

J. Muri asked about the status of a CORI check on Tyler Almeida. The status was approved

D. Perry asked what the hours and entertainment are. The lawyer stated the hours of entertainment.

S. Vadnais asked if there will be a band in the future. The lawyer stated there was an amendment to remove the band and there will be no dancing.

J. Muri motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:53pm, second by M. Deignan.

J. Muri motion to approve the All Alcohol License and Entertainment License for Campfire Hospitality, LLC dba Campfire Tavern & Table – Tyler Almeida, Manager 7 Park Street Rehoboth, MA. Second by M. Deignan.

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

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Modifications to the Temporary Director of Finance Job Description and Contract

M. Deignan spoke to this discussion. Per direction of Chair – in October M. Deignan was tasked to review the job description and employment agreement.

J. Muri stated we are very fortunate and this is tax neutral.

M. Deignan motion to approve modifications to the Director of Finance's Job Description and Contract-effective: October 1, 2021. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Grear Farm Purchase and Sales Agreement

J. Muri motion to approve the Purchase and Sales Agreement as amended, between the Town of Rehoboth and the Grear Family. Price is \$940,000 not \$980,000. Closing date upon Title search completions. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Auto License Renewals for 2022: Big Al's Used Cars 329 Tremont and Street, Bay State Truck & Trailer, Inc. 527 Winthrop Street

We have received additional auto renewals for 2022. We are nearing the end of the renewals.

J. Muri motion to approve the following Auto License Renewals effective 1/1/2022-12/31/2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0:

Big Al's Used Cars, 329 Tremont Street-Class II
Bay State Truck & Trailer, Inc., 527 Winthrop Street-Class I

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Common Victualler Renewal Licenses for 2022: Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity 43 Broad Street, Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc. 116 Winthrop Street, and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc. 4 Locust Avenue, Aaron Anderson-Titan Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts 227 Winthrop Street, Aaron Anderson-Krios Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts 3 Park Street- Unit 11, and Jin Lin-China Gourmet 503 Winthrop Street- Suite 6

J. Muri motion to approve the Common Vic 2022 License Renewals for the Following Businesses, Effective 1/1/2022-12/31/2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0:

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity - 43 Broad Street
Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc. - 116 Winthrop Street
Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc. - 4 Locust Avenue
Aaron Anderson-Titan Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts - 227 Winthrop Street
Aaron Anderson-Kirkos Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts - 3 Park Street-Unit 11
Jin Lin-China Gourmet - 503 Winthrop Street-Suite 6

Action Item (11): Vote to Accept and Approve Foregoing Restrictions for Retreat Lots 15 and 20 at the Rehoboth Country Club - "The Fairways"

We have received from the engineer's office for the Rehoboth Country Club-Fairways project a request for approval of the Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Charges & Liens for the Retreat Lots 15 and 20. The Board's approval is prior to the Planning Board's review and approval.

J. Muri states a reminder to make sure the Declaration gets recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The Planning Board is responsible.

D. Perry motion to approve and sign the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions Charges and Liens as submitted for the Rehoboth Country Club - The Fairways. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Approve FEMA-4496-DR-MA-March 27, 2020 Covid-19 -Assistance for Emergency Measures Protective Measures-1/1/2021-3/31/21 grant funds of \$5003.20

This Grant is for the project that was submitted for PPE that was eligible after 1/1/21 for "Safe Opening and Operation Work Eligible for Public Assistance"

M. Deignan motion to approve and accept the grant funds of \$5003.20 from FEMA's project Assistance for Emergency Measures Protective Measures-1/1/2021-3/31/2021. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (13): Vote to Acknowledge Receipt of Form M from the Planning Board for 493 Winthrop Street

The Planning Board is requesting acknowledge from the BOS on the FORM M submitted for Site Plan 493 Winthrop Street. (FYI – this project is for Fournier Auto which is now located at 496 Winthrop Street, he is looking to relocate or add this location (home address) to the Class II business). No Gravel Committee Meeting is necessary.

J. Muri motion acknowledgement of FORM M from the Planning Board for 493 Winthrop Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (14): Vote to Approve Volunteer for the SHINE Program at the COA-Debora Bonin

The COA is asking for the Board's approval on a volunteer to help with the SHINE program.

J. Muri motion to approve Debora Bonin as a volunteer for the SHINE program at the COA. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (15a): Vote to Rescind Re-Appointment of Christopher Cooper to the CPC as Representative of the Planning Board and Agricultural and Natural Resource Preservation Council

CPC recently noticed on the vote taken for re-appointment of Chris Cooper to CPC that it noted he was representing the Planning Board, that is incorrect. Vote has to be rescinded and revoked.

J. Muri motion to Rescind Re-Appointment of Christopher Cooper to the CPC as Representative of the Planning Board. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (15b): Vote Re-Appointment of Christopher Cooper to the CPC as Representative of the Agricultural and Natural Resource Preservation Council

The Board has to vote on a correct appointment.

J. Muri motion to approve the correction of the re-appointment of Christopher Cooper to the CPC as Representative of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Preservation Council, effective 7/1/21-6/30/24. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (16): Vote to Ratify Approval of New Hire for the Highway Department-Erik Malaguti as Truck Driver/Laborer

Mike Costello was given permission to hire an additional person to his department. He interviewed Mr. Malaguti a couple of weeks ago, he has passed his DOT Physical and began working with Mike on 11/29/21.

D. Perry motion to Ratify approval of the new hire for the Highway Department-Erik Malaguti as Truck Driver/Laborer and a start date of 11/29/21. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

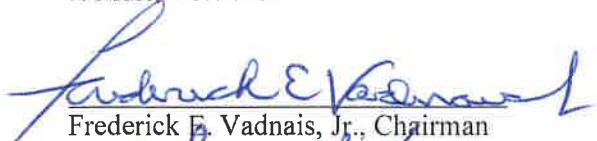
Deignan: no report

Perry: Next weeks report will include an update of the move to the new Town Hall

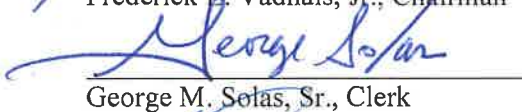
Muri: Thanked the BOS for holding the fort while he was in Mexico

Solas: Working with Selectmen of Dighton in regards to the Bristol-Plymouth renovation and regarding the financial hit. There's a meeting on Wednesday and Friday with different people going over all the aspects. M. Deignan mentioned it seems that Bristol-Plymouth enrollment goes up every year. So, this will be a large hit to the town – for 30 years.

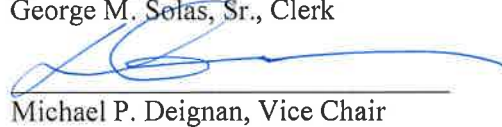
ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:43PM. Second by J. Muri, Vote 5-0.



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