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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

Absent: Selectman Dave Perry

At **6:30 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; (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion 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.

Call to Order at 7:06 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for December 21, 2020:

J. Muri motioned to approve this week's Warrant: 21-24A Withholdings \$34,907.19; 21-25B Payroll \$146,698.55; 21-25 Warrant \$159,206.97; 21-26V Veterans Warrant \$8,334.90; 21-25R Refund Warrant \$3,785.66; 21-26R1 Refund Warrant \$1,831.58. Second by M. Costello. Vote 3-0. G. Schwall abstained.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 9/8/2020, 1/17/2019, 9/10/2018, 9/24/2018, 10/9/2018 & 11/19/2018
Executive Session Minutes: 3/30/2020, 11/12/2019 & 11/19/2018

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2019. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 10, 2018. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for September 24, 2018. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2018. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for November 19, 20018. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

The Executive minutes for 3/30/2020, 11/12/2019 & 11/19/2018 were approved and held in executive session.

Announcements:

J. Muri announced with sorrow that Linda Sherman's mother passed away on December 16th.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

Town Administrator's Report:

The Green Energy Committee chairperson Carolyn Panofsky would like to speak to the liaisons to the Police department regarding a possible grant for turning the police cars into hybrids. She can come into speak to the BOS or do it via telephone.

-S. Vadnais spoke with her and she will be putting together a packet for the BOS/Police Chief for further discussion.

We had a call from the insurance company regarding the COA. We will be receiving 2 checks; one for the building loss for just over \$2M, one for contents for \$168,000 plus. Once we start bid project, these amounts may be adjusted upwards. RFP for OPM and architect is with Ben, (Town Counsel). OPM is first priority, as they will help with creating RFP for contractor, etc., then the architect.

The Board of Health may be looking for 2 floaters to replace current employees' vacancies at Transfer Station. One out due to injury, one resigning due to health issues.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion RE: CARES Funding for DRRSD & Possible Approval

Selectman Schwall discussed the request the BOS received from Paul Kitchen to fund computers and other equipment using our CARES funds, for a total of \$112,613.47.

G. Schwall motion to approve a disbursement of \$52,152.70 from the CARES funds to Palmer River Elementary School for the purchase of sanitizing wipes, automatic flushing system and staff laptops (ACER Travelmate), contingent upon receipt of a signed agreement from school Committee to agree to reimburse if needed because of charge backs. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall motion to approve a disbursement of \$60,460.77 from the CARES fund to Beckwith Middle School for the purchase of sanitizing wipes, automatic flushing system, water fountain installation and staff laptops (Lenovo Thinkpads), contingent upon receipt of a signed agreement from School Committee to agree to reimburse if needed because of charge backs. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

G. Schwall gave an update on the CARES Act and what the Federal Government are going to do. At this point, no extension given to municipalities. He went into further discussion on the DRRSD request. In earlier discussion it was voted to pay for student Chromebooks for school. They received funding from the State for them, so we do not need to fund. The benefit to the Town is that we will not see the laptop cost on an assessment in the future.

If one of these items were not eligible per the State, or if school “double-dipped” and audit discovered it, we would not be at fault. G. Schwall asked in writing for an acknowledgement from the school committee, still waiting for reply. Motion to address that Board was agreed.

Action Item #2: Discussion RE: Electric Aggregation Residential Program

This past April the ITA signed a contract with the approval of the Board with Constellation to provide our residents with continued electric savings. This is a 3-year program beginning January 2021. The price per kWh for our residents will be \$.10470. Information will be sent to all residents within the coming weeks. This is an automatic program. For residents that would like to OPT out of the program, they would have to contact Constellation. The information that is being sent to the residents will explain the OPT out procedure. If you would like to stay in it, you do not need to do anything. The pricing for Constellation will be added to everyone’s National Grid monthly billing, starting with the January 2021 billing. If anyone has any questions, they can call the BOS office and we will help them.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve 2021 Common Vic Licenses Renewals

The following businesses have applied for renewal of their Common Vic and Entertainment licenses for 2021. All paperwork and fees have been collected.

J. Muri motion to approve the 2021 Common Vic/Entertainment Licenses as follows, effective 1/1/2021 through 12/31/2021. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

license type	licensee	business street address
Common Vic/Entertainment	Jacob Justin, Inc. dba Plaza Pizza	289 Winthrop St
Common Vic/Entertainment	Rehoboth American Legion Post #302	84 Bay State Rd
Common Vic/Entertainment	Vino's Family Café LLC	503 Winthrop St #1
Common Vic/Entertainment	Kalimay, LLC dba iAlive Restaurant	569 Winthrop St
Common Vic/Entertainment	Crestwood Acquisitions, Inc. dba Crestwood Country Club	90 Wheeler St
Common Vic/Entertainment	Hidden Hollow Country Club	30 Pierce Lane
Common Vic/Entertainment	LMYZ Catering, LLC dba Park's Asian Bistro & Sushi	3 Park Street, Unit 3
Common Vic/Entertainment	Hillside Golf LLC dba Hillside Country Club	82 Hillside Ave
Common Vic/Entertainment	KP Grill, LLC	481 Winthrop St
Common Vic/Entertainment	Pine Valley Country Club, Inc.	136 Providence St

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license type	licensee	business street address
Common Vic	MFB Foods, Inc. dba Rehoboth House of Pizza	503 Winthrop St
Common Vic	Hazelton Golf Club, LLC	329 Summer St
Common Vic	Uncle Ed’s Ice Cream	116 Winthrop St

Selectmen's Reports:

Schwall:

-Anawan School development program sent info to BOH regarding water issues. Previously been told that water issue was handled – I was approached today that is not the case by water commission (reported). The property where the water is located has not been purchased by the development group, and that's where the well water would come from. It is outside the existing Form A and therefore their solution would not work. BOH has not given their opinion yet.

-High School's Festival of Lights – we were asked to speak at the event. It was amazing, for the amount of time the kids were able to practice, they did an amazing job. Video was uploaded at school committee website, 25k views and will be on the "Rhode Show" on Christmas Day on channel WPRI 12.

Muri: no report

Costello: no report

Perry: absent

Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:45 PM., Second by Selectmen Costello. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello-aye, Schwall-aye.

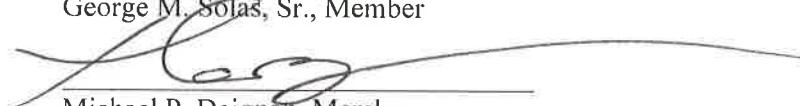

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

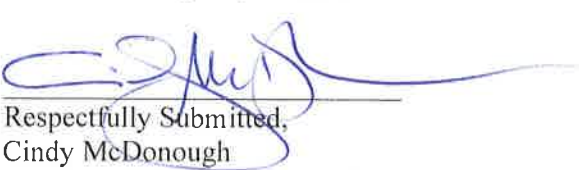
absent

David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 6/21/2021