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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 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)**  
*(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. (4) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation.*

**Call to Order at 7:25 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectmen Costello asked the Board to join him in observing a moment of silence in honor of Anne Salisbury, a lifelong resident and a firefighter in Town, who recently passed away.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrants for January 25, 2021:**

D. Perry motioned approve this week's Warrant: 21-30B Payroll \$104,166.37; 21-29A Withholdings \$123,275.57; 21-30 Warrant \$99,089.05; 21-30V Veterans Warrant \$8,384.90. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall abstained.

**Minutes:** Regular Minutes: none  
Executive Minutes: 9/14/2020

The Executive Session Minutes for September 14, 2020, as amended, were approved and held during Executive Session.

**Announcements:**

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Regarding the Historical Commission revolving account that was brought up last week, per the direction of the chairman, we have advised the accountant to allow the commission to expend from their account. This is due to the fact that the revolving account was set up and voted on at the Fall 2018 Town Meeting.

We have posted on the Town website two job openings. The Highway Department is looking for a truck driver/laborer position and the Transfer Station is looking for 2 monitors. You can fill out an application on the website and mail to the Board of Selectmen's Office at 148 Peck Street or email to Cindy at [cmcdonough@rehobothma.gov](mailto:cmcdonough@rehobothma.gov) We did interview one candidate today.

Town Events Committee is looking for new members to help them organize future events in 2021. If interested, please fill out a Talent Bank Form which can be found on the Town website and send it to the Board of Selectmen's office.

Interim Town Administrator reported on the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting, which she attended on Thursday and Friday of last week, which was held Zoom Style.

The Board discussed neighbors' concerns regarding the solar project at 90 Pond Street and their opposition to it. They have reached out for the Board's help. The Board discussed how it does not lie in the Selectmen's jurisdiction.

J. Muri will draft a letter in response to the residents for the Board to review next week.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item #1: Discussion RE: Fireman's Ball Dedication**

Fire Captain Kenny Marcotrigiano was present to present a plaque and read a dedication from last year's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund-Raising campaign to Lieutenant Randy Larrivee. Lt. Larrivee and his daughter, Mandy, the newest probational member of the Rehoboth Fire Department, were present as well.

Captain Marcotrigiano read the dedication to Lt. Larrivee, recognizing him for his 32 years of dedication to fire prevention and the Town, especially his work with the SAFE program in the schools.

Selectmen Schwall read a press release from the State Fire Marshalls office, that for the first time in Massachusetts history, no child died in a fire in Massachusetts in 2020. He crediting the hard work of fire fighters educating the public, such as in the SAFE program which Lt. Larrivee promotes.

#### **Action Item #2: Vote to Accept HMEP Grant**

This is one of the hazardous material grants that we have been successful in receiving over the years. Thank you to Deputy Chief Haskell for his work on this, the original approved amount was \$2600, but has since the proposal that was sent in, the grant award has been increased to \$5862 due to the needs that were determined by the grant application.

G. Schwall vote to accept the HMEP Grant for \$5862 and to allow the Chairman to sign the contract. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

#### **Action Item #3: Vote to Accept Stanton Foundation Grant -K-9**

We have been awarded the Stanton Foundation K9 Grant, which is for 3 years. We have had police dogs two times in the past and they have worked out well.

M. Costello vote to accept the Stanton Foundation Grant for the K9 program and the acceptance of the \$27,000 funds as well as any future funding from the grant. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

#### **Action Item #4: Vote to Accept Resignation- Town Events Committee Members**

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Deborah Breckenridge from the Town Events Committee. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

#### **Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Agreement with National Grid -PD Building Project**

M. Costello has been working with National Grid to complete the needed infrastructure for the new Police Station. All we're waiting for now is for the electrician to get the wires to the new pole that they put in, and they said they'd hook it up immediately. This is the cost for the pole, the wires brought in and the transformers that are on the pole, \$16,100.27. This is a lot less than the estimate of \$40,000 that would have

cost for a ground mounted transformer. Luckily a new engineer came on and found an easier and less expensive way to do this.

G. Schwall motion to accept the agreement with National Grid for the work to be performed at the Police Building for the amount of \$16,100.27, and to use the sale of real estate account as the source of funds. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

G. Schwall motion to ratify Mike Costello's signature on the agreement. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. M. Costello abstained.

**Action Item #6: Rescind Vote and Revote Cultural Council Member- Correct Term**

Last week the Board voted to appoint Susan Reid to the Cultural Council, however there was a typo in the effective date when the motion was read. The actual Appointment Slip was correct.

D. Perry motion to rescind the appointment of Susan Reid as member of the Cultural Council, effective dates 1/19/2021-9/22/2024. J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry motion to appoint Susan Reid as a member of the Cultural Council, effective dates 1/19/2021-1/19/2024. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #7: Vote to Approve the ABCC Annual License & Revenue Report**

Under Chapter 138, Section 10A the town is required to provide the ABCC with our annual license revenue from the previous year. Cindy McDonough has provided the Board with our report which totals \$23,405.00 for 2020. Small decrease from 2019 due to not having as many "One Day" Liquor Licenses in 2020.

J. Muri motion to approve the 2020 Annual License & Revenue Report as submitted for the ABCC. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #8: Vote to Approve COA Grant**

This is an annual grant between the Town and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, that we apply for every year, and they usually award grant money to the COA every year.

J. Muri motion to approve grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and to have Chairman sign the contract. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item #9: Vote to Accept the CESF Grant- Police Department**

This is a grant that was awarded to the Police Department in late August for FY2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding. This is to help the department with anything they may need to prevent, prepare and respond to the virus. This grant will be in effect until August 2021 and quarterly reporting is a must for the Police Department administration. The total grant award was for \$24,404.00.

G. Schwall motion to accept the CESF Grant of \$24,404.00 for the Police Department. Second by M. Costello. Vote 5-0.

**Discussion:**

G. Schwall reminded D. Arruda that this money is to be used first, then CARES money, per the government's direction.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Jessica Potter, Interim Town Nurse, joined the meeting to update the Board on the Town's current COVID situation.

-Increase to 468 cases, 599 positive/probable cases in Town.

-Increase in number of mass vaccination sites.

- Phase 1 continues, time table for Phase 2 moved to February 1<sup>st</sup> (for ages 75+)
- working with local pharmacy
- working with Derek to put information on website
- hoping to get mobile vaccination program going in 2 months

#### Selectmen's Reports:

##### **Schwall:**

Where do we stand on the OPM status?

- ITA reported we are waiting for feedback from BOS/COA Building Advisory Committee, will be put on next week's agenda
- GS/MC asked ITA to research other OPM's in town and to reach out to Town of Norton

##### **Costello:**

- National Grid update, crew working at PSB, Thursday, Friday and Monday, almost done.
- Septic-added 2 tanks to Police department, so septic is complete
- Cells are biggest hurdle.

**Perry:** no report

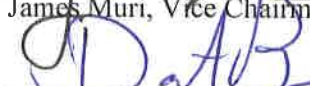
**Muri:** no report

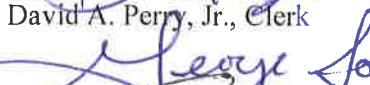
**Vadnais:** no report

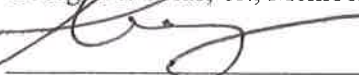
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:20 PM, Second by Selectmen Muri. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello-aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye.


  
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**