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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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 6:30 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ***MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)(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.***

Call to Order at 7:13 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for February 8, 2021:

D. Perry motioned approve this week's Warrant: 21-32B Payroll \$107,013.78; 21-31A Withholdings \$28,874.49; 21-32 Warrant \$216,578.14. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall abstained.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none.

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Monday, February 15th the Town Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day.

Town Administrator's Report:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion Re: COVID-19 Vaccine

Town Nurse Jessica Potter was present.

G. Schwall updated the Board regarding the vaccine's availability and the possibility of hosting a vaccination site and the challenge before a small town like Rehoboth facilitating something like this. There are three options available:

- 1- Send residents to mega-sites, like Gillette, Fenway, etc.
- 2- Take small amount State will allot to us as a municipality.
- 3- Strategic partnership with Anawan Pharmacy, who have the subject matter expertise, and will be able to get a larger supply. This is the option I suggest we take. They will be administering vaccine in room adjacent to pharmacy. They have an extremely user-friendly online appointment site. We did a trial run over the weekend. Our part in this is through FEMA and CARES, we can scale it up, bringing in supplies. The vaccine is free, but there are other associated expenses with running a vaccine site. Some of these expenses are allowable expenses under FEMA.

M. Costello motion to enter into a strategic partnership with Anawan Pharmacy to provide Rehoboth residents with access to COVID-19 vaccinations and also to grant permission to use FEMA funds to achieve this goal. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

J. Potter updated the Board with some numbers. 622 current and probable cases in the past 3 months, 35 active cases in the past week. New 211 telephone number that State released is a free and confidential line regarding COVID-19 vaccine information 24/7, especially good for senior citizens and translating to different languages, as well as any problems with the health attestation form. Some business moved up to 40% capacity, but that doesn't mean we are out of the woods in term of fighting the virus.

Action Item #2: Vote Appointments, as submitted

The Town Clerk's office has received 2 talent bank forms for residents wanting to volunteer for upcoming elections.

D. Perry motion to appoint David LeComte and Jennifer LeComte as Election Day Workers-Inspector, Unenrolled, Precinct 2, effective 2/8/2021 through 10/31/2021. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: Vote to Accept Resignation from Town Events Committee

The Town Clerk received on February 1st a resignation letter from Dawn Crooks.

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Dawn Crooks from the Town Events Committee. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Road Race Application -New England Harvest Half Marathon

Every year our Town receive a request from the president of True North Running Company, asking for the use of our roads. The race will take place on October 10th, 2021. Both Police and Fire Chief have given their approval.

D. Perry motion to approve True North Running Company's request to use town roads for their half marathon race to be held on October 10, 2021. Race to be compliant with all applicable State COVID restrictions. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #5: Discussion Re: Finance Committee Reorganization

Normally after Annual Town Meeting the Finance Committee is reorganized, but the Chairman is asking that it be a "hold over" the same as all the other committee appointments due to the pandemic restrictions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve Contract-Fencing Work at Police Dept

M. Costello met with Citiworks, and they have agreed to draw up plans for Dave, but he has not received them yet. M. Costello would like to table until 2/16.

Selectmen's Reports:

Perry: Snow issue again with snow being pushed into clean street. Notices will go out to residents; fines can be set if it continues. This is an issue of public safety.

Muri: no report

S. Vadnais asked, what are we doing to help shut-ins receive the vaccine?

J. Muri- Could use Veterans Van to get people to appointments (covered by FEMA),

If can't leave house, we need to look into further, would need personnel to help.

G. Schwall- FEMA will allow us to hire people that are qualified to help.

Costello: Active February Snow- we are out cleaning, I ask that residents wait till roads are clean before heading out, very dangerous, especially at night in the middle of a snow storm.

Schwall:

-Permit Online-Burn permit is up and running and doing well, over 100 permits given out to date. Thank you to Chief Barresi and Linda at the Fire Department.

-Nick Procopio -Out of ICU and waiting to be moved to another facility that will be able to handle his rehabilitation needs.

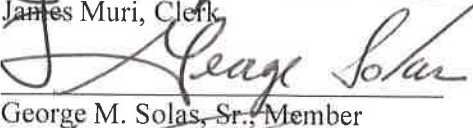
Vadnais: Fire Department heating issue, Highway to help Facility Maintenance Manager to get numbers from units in order to get quotes.

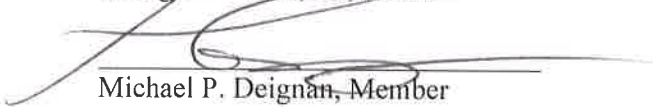
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:10 PM, Second by Selectmen Muri. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello-aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


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
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Approved: 9/20/2021

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