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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

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 March 7, 2022:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of March 7, 2022: 22-37B Payroll \$118,757.76; 22-36A Withholdings \$31,832.63; 22-36 Warrant \$109,172.66; 22-36VSP \$3,081.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0. 7:02 pm

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 9/20/21

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0. 7:03 pm

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Pole Hearing is scheduled for next Monday at 7:15 PM-Horton Estates

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

S. Vadnais mentioned Gert's 100th Birthday on March 10, 2022!

L. Schwall updated BOS on the Bristol Plymouth Election. The Bristol Plymouth Project and the debt exclusion failed in Rehoboth. Laura mentioned it may be possible to add another debt exclusion during November's election.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve SAFE Grant for the Fire Dept

Chief Barresi will be present to speak to this grant. The Fire Dept was awarded with \$4,575 for the S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) grant and \$2,855 for the Senior S.A.F.E grant.

J. Muri motion to approve the SAFE grants for the Fire Dept for a total of \$7,430. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0. 7:18 pm

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Hazard Material Equipment Contract-HMEP-\$3000

Chief Barresi may speak to this as well. The application for the 21-22 Hazard Material Equipment was approved for the amount of \$3,000. REMA is asking for the BOS approval and the Chair's signature on the contract.

J. Muri motion to approve the Hazard Material Equipment Contract-HMEP for \$3,000 and to allow the Chairman to sign the contract. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0. 7:28 pm

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor Licenses for Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club

Rumford Hunting and Fishing Club will be holding events at 61 Reed Street, So Seekonk for the following dates: April 9th, July 30th and Sept 17. These events are all fundraising events.

J. Muri motion to approve the One Day Liquor License Applications for the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club for April 9, 2022-Transportation dates of April 8th and 10th; July 30, 2022-Transportation dates: July 29th and 31st and September 17th- Transportation dates: September 16th and 18th. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0. 7:30 pm

Action Item (4): Consider and Vote on the Response to Open Meeting Law Complaints regarding 1/31/22, 2/7/22 and 2/27/22

Town Counsel has provided her response to the OML complaints from Mr. Higgins and needs the Board to review and vote to have her sign and submit the paperwork.

J. Muri motion to approve Town Counsel's responses to the OML complaints and authorize Town Counsel to submit. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0. 7:31 pm

Action Item (5): Discussion Re: August 2022 STM Meeting Date for K-8 Withdrawal, with Possible Action Taken

M. Deignan motion to call special Town Meeting for August 6, 2022 and to call for opening the warrant by petition on K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee and close the warrant for August 6, 2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0. 7:36 pm

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Possible New Hire -Part-Time Payroll/Office Clerk in Treasurer's Office

Lisa Dias-Cabral, Debbie Arruda and Cheryl Gouveia interviewed a candidate on February 23rd for the Part-time Payroll/Office Clerk's position. This position was placed on hold a few months back awaiting the legislative decision on whether the Treasurer/Collector's position was going to be an appointed position or not. Now that we have appointed Lisa to that position, her prior roll needs to be filled. She is requesting the Board's approval to hire Molly Lima for the part-time position until 6/30/22. If all goes well, she would like the option to offer a full-time union position as the Administrative Aide for the Treasurer, as it was in the past.

M. Deignan motion to approve the hiring of Molly Lima as the Part-time Payroll/Office Clerk, pending a pre-employment physical and CORI check until 6/30/22 with the option to offer a position as a full-time Union Administrative Aide in FY23. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0. 7:39 pm

Action Item (7): Vote to Accept Roadway Layout and to Solicit Written Report from the Planning Board-Layla's Way-Preserve II

The Planning Board received a petition from Starr Real Estate Holdings, LLC on a roadway layout acceptance for Layla's Way at the Preserve II. The Board needs to vote intentions to lay out the way and solicit the PB for their written report-asking them to include recommendations from the Fire Dept/Highway

Discussion:

J. Muri amended vote to change street name to Doc Mello's Way. M. Deignan stated that the BOS recently mentioned that before we change/approve a name to consider the developer and why they chose the street name.

M. Deignan motion to table the discussion. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-1. S. Vadnais voted nay because the process is lengthy and reports from Highway, Police Department, and Fire Department will show if they agree with name.

Action Item (8): Discussion Re: Bristol-Plymouth Regional Election & Debt Exclusion, with possible action.

Discussion was tabled.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

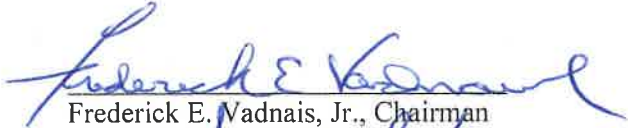
Deignan: Question for G. Solas about flyers for the Garden Club event.

Perry: Spoke about elevator plans with BOS. Ted Rowse is working on Bid Plans.

Muri: S. Vadnais asked J. Muri for an update regarding water issue. COA portable water needs installation of carbon filtration at site to be able to begin meals at COA. J. Muri will speak to state.

Solas: Spoke about Candidate Night at Francis Hall/COA on March 22, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Invites will go out and it is open to the public. He also spoke to M. Deignan's question about the Garden Club.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:15 PM. Second by D. Perry. 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,
Marisa Medeiros

Approved: 6/13/2022