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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMENS MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

Absent: Selectman Dave Perry

At 6:00 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

Call to Order at 7:30 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Action Item #3: 7:30 PM Public Hearing Anawan Brewing Company, LLC via Zoom

M. Costello motion to open the public hearing for Anawan Brewing Company, LLC. Second by J. Muri.

Roll call vote: Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

M. Costello motion to continue the public hearing for Anawan Brewing Company, LLC to later time.
Second by J. Muri.

Roll call vote: Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.

Warrants for September 14th, 2020: J. Muri read the weekly Warrants; 21-11B Payroll, \$109,534.30; 21-10A Withholdings, \$34,475.55; 21-11 Warrant, \$36,747.76. J. Muri motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none
Executive Session Minutes: 11/18/2019

Open Forum – Announcements:

Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held Monday September 21st at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, at 148 Peck Street.

The Board of Selectmen are happy to announce the retirement of Mandy Ezyk from the Assessor's Office. Mandy has been an employee of the town since 1998. She has seen many changes in the 22 years of service with the Town. It has been an honor to work with Mandy, she has been a very loyal and dedicated employee,

co-worker and friend to all of us. We wish Mandy a long and happy retirement. She will be greatly missed. Thank you to Mandy for your dedication to the Town of Rehoboth.

Chairman Vadnais reported to the public about the Emergency Meeting at 9:30 AM today which addressed the concerns of the fire at the COA, which was a total loss. All BOS are working on moving forward with temporary location. J. Muri is working with COA director on getting things up and running.

J. Muri updated BOS on his efforts to assist in upkeeping the daily functions of the COA.

G. Schwall updated BOS public on temporary location.

Derek Rousseau mentioned using vacant business in town, instead of a temporary trailer. G. Schwall found something and will visit on 9/15/20 and speak to Linda Sherman. This will be in place until the next step. Jean Grotta is working with us. Also, offered her office if needed.

S. Vadnais- intermediate solution will be worked on and reported on.

M. Costello- long term solution is a work in progress.

J. Muri- Fire Marshall will be on-site 9/15. Insurance agent said we will be covered, just a long process.

Town Administrator's Report:

The Rehoboth Town Nurse has received 3 new COVID-19 cases in the past week. There are 9 new West Nile Virus cases in Middlesex County. The risk level for West Nile Virus and EEE in Rehoboth remains low at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to approve the October Spending Plan

G. Schwall motion to approve the October Spending Plan for the amount of \$2,660,506 and to forward the Spending Plan to the Department of Local Services. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0

Discussion:

Full budget of insurance plan is covered in premium budget.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Appointments, as Submitted

The Town Clerk's Office is fortunate again that a resident has stepped forward to request to be an Election Worker.

J. Muri motion to appoint Gail Freitas as Election Worker- Inspector, Unenrolled, Precinct 3 effective 9/14/2020- 10/30/2020. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

Chief Trombetta is requesting Gregory DeCastro a former Patrol Officer in the Town of Rehoboth, to be appointed as a Reserve Officer.

J. Muri motion to appoint Gregory DeCastro as Reserve Officer, effective 9/14/2020-6/30/2021. Second by M. Costello. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

none

Selectmen's Reports:

Costello: Very sad to see COA destroyed in a fire, remembered original location at old building department and how excited and proud the seniors were of the new location. We will all work hard to get this completed.

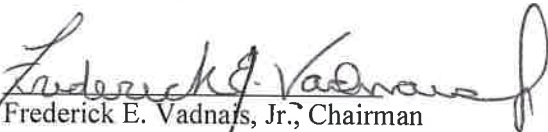
Muri: Thank you to all who have stepped up to offer their efforts and facilities. Regarding the negative response on social media about our Fire Department, they did a great job. Before you post something negative, do your homework.

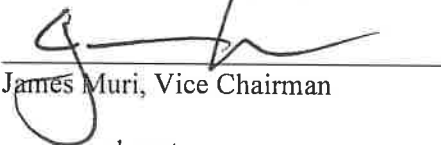
Schwall: Fire Chief did the right thing and pulled his people out. It was a building; we still have the Senior Community and will work hard to rebuild. Thank God no one was hurt, no other areas were affected.

Vadnais: agreed with all said. Thank you to BOS for your support and help in this circumstance. Everyone stepped in, Thank you to all.

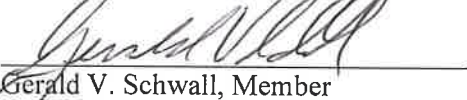
Perry: absent

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:55 PM., Second by Selectmen G. Schwall. Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Schwall – aye, Vadnais – aye.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


James Muri, Vice Chairman

absent
David A. Perry, Jr., Clerk


Gerald V. Schwall, Member


Michael Costello, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator 3/15/2021