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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL***

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

At 6:00 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 (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.

Topics:

Litigation Discussions-Eric Brainsky will be present.

Discussions Regarding Unions-Dispatchers and Highway Dept (possibly)

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for September 7, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 30, 2021: 22-11B Payroll \$109,799.37; 22-10A Withholdings \$30,781.36; 22-10 Warrant \$54,283.34. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Selectman Muri provided an update from Town Nurse regarding current Covid-19 cases in the town, availability of vaccine for both Covid and influenza, and current West Nile virus cases and precautions.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder of job opening opportunities in town and the RFP for the consultant position, as well as the opening on the Personnel Board.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Tish Vadnais posed a question regarding the current FDA approval of vaccines.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Organize Recreation Committee and Discuss Upcoming Programs

Dr. Mello, Rose Amaral, and Jason Sidok, all newly appointed members of the Recreation Committee were present and represented a quorum of said committee. Chairman Vadnais entertained a motion to nominate a Recreation Committee chairperson.

Recreation Committee member Rose Amaral motioned to approve Dr. Mello as Temporary Chair of the Recreation Committee. Second by Recreation Committee member Jason Sidok. Vote 3-0.

The committee decide they would vote the other positions at their next meeting.

Selectman Perry brought up the need to discuss the use of the newly acquired Francis Farm property and the other issues that should be the focus of the Recreation Committee. He tasked the committee with determining the needs and possibilities of the town's facilities.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Quote for Replacement of Highway Solar Inverters and Possible Monthly Monitoring-See attached for details

David House was present to discuss the quotes that have been received for the replacement of the 3 inverters at the Highway Dept. We received the following quotes:

- Fall River Electrical Associates Co., Inc. \$23,280 to replace 3 inverters
- US Solar Works \$20,000 to replace 3 inverters*
- Aldon Electric-quote received for \$11,749.84-cost was for troubleshooting and repairing units. We reached out to the vendor to supply us a quote to replace all 3 with a 10 year Warranty, and we did not hear back.

*US Solar provided David with additional cost options for monitoring the units yearly and also to repair roof top wires. David discussed these options.

David recommends US Solar Works

J. Muri motion to approve US Solar Works quote \$23,818.00 for total equipment replacement cost and 3 inverters at the Highway Dept. Second for discussion by M. Deignan.

J. Muri rescinded previous motion.

J. Muri motion to approve US Solar Works \$20,000 quote to replace 3 solar inverters at the Highway Department as indicated on their proposal. Second by M. Deignan Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve quote of \$3,818.00 to US Solar Works for DC wire repair and installation of monitoring equipment. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan motioned to enter into a one-year contract for \$1,000.00 with US Solar Works to monitor system to keep things working properly. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Discussion Re: K-8 Withdrawal Committee Updates

Mike McBride and Tim Maynard were present to discuss the K-8 withdrawal and the steps that have been taken and those that would need to be taken.

Action Item (4): Discussion Re: Securing of Anawan School with Carol Williams, with possible action taken Steve Silva was present, representing CPC, in place of chairwoman Carol William who was not able

to attend due to medical issues. Selectman Deignan reminded the CPC member that weeks ago they were instructed to come up with a plan. Still no plan,

M. Deignan motioned to demolish the Anawan School as per Building Inspectors. Second by D. Perry.

Motion rescinded.

Discussion: D. Perry advised waiting a on vote.

M. Deignan asked Interim Town Administrator to place demolition of Anawan School on agenda for 9/13 meeting.

Action Item (5): Discussion Re: Securing of Carriage House at Francis Farm with Marc Canuel, with possible action taken

Artie Pierce, Vice Chairman, now voted as Chair (representing the Historical Commission) was present to discuss the quotes they received for the fencing around the Carriage House at Francis Farm and the process.

J. Muri motion to approve \$1174.00 Sonco quote for temporary fencing for the Carriage House at Francis Farm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (14): Discussion Re: Boston Post Cane, with possible action taken

Town Clerk Laura Schwall was present to discuss the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to the oldest living Rehoboth resident, Gert Messier.

J. Muri motioned to make September 12, 2021 "Gert messier Day" in honor of her earning the Boston Post Cane on 9/7/2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motioned for the Board to approve using the gazebo to honor Gert Messier at 3:30pm on September 12, 2021 with permission from Jake Kramer. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve New Hire for Facilities Maintenance Technician-Joshua McCabe

Background: Mike Costello will be present to ask the Board's approve on the hire of the Facilities Maintenance Technician. Joshua has currently been working with Mike at the Highway Dept at Truck Driver/Laborer

D. Perry motion: to approve Joshua McCabe as the Facilities Maintenance Technician. Position will be supervised by Michael Costello, PT Facilities Maintenance Supervisor. Effective Date: 9/8/2021. Second by J. Muri Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Quote from Ferreira Company for Roof Work at Francis Farm for \$5855-See attached for details

D. Perry motion: to approve the quote of \$5855 from Ferreira Company to repair the rubber roof and replace any wood damage on the Francis Hall building at Francis Farm. And to Allow Deborah Arruda to sign the quote. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Quote for Installation of ADA Compliant Door for the Human Services Building at Francis Farm for \$4652.15-See attached for details

The current administration office at Francis Farm, known as the Human Services Dept. has an entrance door that needs to be upgraded to code and ADA Compliant. The cost to replace and purchase the door will be paid for from the CARES funds.

J. Muri motion to approve the purchase and replacement of the ADA Compliant Door for the Human Services Building at Francis Farm. The quote of \$4652.15 is provided by Full Scope and approval of the Chairs signature is accepted. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Date Change for Previously Approved One Day Liquor License for Michael Malafronte-Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc.-See attached for details

On July 12, 2021 the Board approved a One Day Liquor License for Michael Malafronte for the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc. The license was approved for 2 events July 31st and Sept 15th. The application had the wrong day in Sept and Michael reached out to the BOS office to correct. Please accept the amended new date for his 21-04L One Day Liquor License.

J. Muri motion to approve the amendment to the One Day Liquor License # 21-04L from Sept 15th, 2021 to Sept 11th, 2021. Transportation of liquor will be 9/10/21 and 9/12/21. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Hawker & Peddlers License for Tyrone Scoby from Trinity Solar, Inc.-See attached for details

We received a request and payment for Hawker & Peddlers License for a representative from Trinity Solar to solicit Rehoboth residents for solar services. The representative is aware that the Rehoboth Police Dept needs to be notified prior to his visits.

J. Muri motion to approve the Hawker & Peddlers License for Tyrone Scoby from Trinity Solar, Inc., effective 9/7/2021- 12/31/2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (11): Vote to Approve Voting Plan for Opioid Litigation for Mallinckrodt PLC Bankruptcy Plan

As previously voted on for the Perdue Opioid Bankruptcy Plan, we need to vote on a plan for the Mallinckrodt Opioid Bankruptcy Litigation that is currently in the courts. Town Counsel recommends that the Board motions to vote on this plan and any future plans that may come our way. There are times that the plan's deadlines do not give us ample time to meet and vote before the deadline.

J. Muri motion to approve all current and future recommendations from the National Prescription Opioid Litigation Plaintiffs' Executive Committee regarding said litigation and all related bankruptcy cases, unless the Interim Town Administrator determines that doing so would not be in the best interest of the Town. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Accept Resignation from Lisa Milich from the Economic Development Comm and Cultural Council

On August 30, 2021 the Town Clerk's office received a letter of resignation from Lisa Milich from both the Economic Development Committee and Cultural Council, effective immediately. Her family is experiencing some serious health issues at this time and she needed to step down from both committees. We are very grateful for Lisa's service on both the EDC and Cultural Council.

J. Muri motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Milich from the Economic Development Committee and Cultural Council, effective immediately. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (13): Vote to Approve Appointments for Local Emergency Planning Board, Cultural Council, Town Events Committee & Historical Commission and Reappointments for Town Events Committee and RA&NRPC-See attached for details

Following are additional appointments and reappointments for various committees.

*Due to COVID-19 Pandemic and State of Emergency all 2020 reappointments were considered to be "hold-over" appointments until the State of Emergency was lifted. As such, the following appointed "terms" are being bridged by setting the effective dates with the beginning of the "holdover" appointed terms. This will adjust the appointment records accordingly and eliminate any "break" in service. (This vote effectively ratifies the holdover period)

J. Muri motion to reappoint the following **individuals, to the following positions, effective dates 7/1/2020-6/30/2022**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent "holdover" status for all of fiscal year 2021:

Town Events Committee, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2022*

David LeComte

Sheila Kramer

Alexandria Caito, effective 7/1/2021-6/30/2022*

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

RA&NRPC, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2023*:

Eugene Campbell, Assessors Representative

Lynore McKim, Parks Commission Representative

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., BOS Representative

Carol Williams, Rehoboth Land Trust Representative

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Vadnais abstained.

J. Muri motion to appoint the following **individuals, to the following positions:**

New Appointments

Mark Haskell, to the **Local Emergency Planning Board, REMA Rep.**, 9/7/2021-6/30/2022

Nancy Scott-Puopolo, to the **Cultural Council**, 9/7/2021-9/7/2024

Kelli Trexler, to the **Town Events Committee**, 9/7/2021-6/30/2022

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (15): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for Me & Ed's Catering, Inc.

Our office received a request late last week for a One Day Liquor License for a wedding at 95 Cameron Way. The caterer on the premises is Me & Ed's Catering, Inc from New Bedford. The date of the event will be Friday, Sept 10, 2021 from 5-10pm. Transportation dates will be 9/10/21 and 9/11/21. The Caterer does have Worker's Comp insurance.

J. Muri motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for Me & Ed's Catering for 9/10/2021, with transportation dates of 9/10 and 9/12/2021. Second by D. perry. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: Hazard Material Survey on Anawan School and Vote to Approve Service Invoice for \$1554.80-See attached for details

D. Perry motion to approve invoice from Alt Tech Services for the survey that was done at the Anawan School for \$1554.80 Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Deignan: no report

Perry: no report

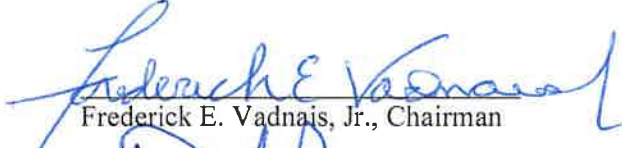
Muri:

1. Karl's report on PSB had an issue with septic last test was sent in and waiting.
2. softeners- have been requested, waiting
3. PFAS test was done and there was a hit, working on it.

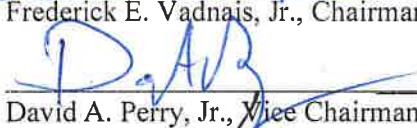
Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman D. Perry motion to adjourn the regular session. At 9:25PM. Second by J. Muri.


Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Perry – aye, Muri-aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (5-0)



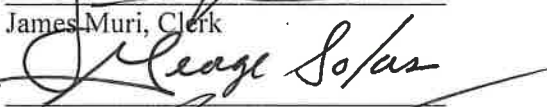
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



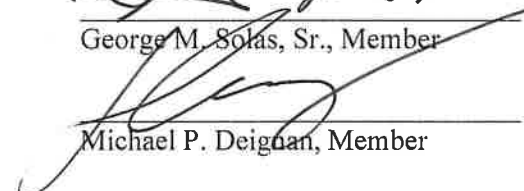
David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman



James Muri, Clerk



George M. Solas, Sr., Member



Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Approved: 2/22/2022