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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman James Muri, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan and Assistant Town Administrator Cindy McDonough

Absent: Selectman Dave Perry and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair so declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body

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

Warrants for June 21, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve this week's Warrant: 21-50B Payroll \$151,271.21; 21-49A Withholdings \$34,459.26; 21-50 Warrant \$74,080.208. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 12/14/2020 & 6/14/2021
Regular Minutes: 12/21/2020 & 1/4/2021

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2020. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Executive Session minutes were approved and held.

Announcements:

Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, June 28 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Today's Public Hearing will need to be opened and continued per the request of the applicant's attorney. They are looking to continue it until at least the end of July.

In your correspondences this week there is a copy of a signed letter that we received from one of the current owners of the Class II license on Winthrop Street. Our office is gathering the required paperwork from the 2nd owner, to change the current license that shows both names, to only one owner and the business name is changing slightly as well, as a new FID# was required. Would the Board require a Public Hearing to

take place for these changes or is a vote from the Board approving the changes enough? The business certificate has been updated through the Town Clerk's office and paid for. The Board replied that we will need to question Counsel.

Announced that Helen Dennen's husband Dick passed away suddenly. Sending prayers to their family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #2: 7:30 Public Hearing for Cumberland Farms-Changes in Officers/Beneficial Interest

At the request of the attorney representing Cumberland Farms, they asked us to continue this public hearing to at least the end of July.

J. Muri motion to open the public hearing. Second by M. Deignan.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

J. Muri motion to continue the public hearing until we hear from the attorney. Second by M. Deignan.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (4-0)

Action Item #1: Discussion Re: Open Meeting Law and Senate Bill #2475, with Possible Action

J. Muri motion to not allow a hybrid situation, allow Boards to continue at chairs discretion, to meet via Zoom, and to allow Boards to meet in-person provided it's in a public location, following all meeting posting requirements, etc. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

L. Schwall raised the point that the Town Hall is closed to the public at this time.

S. Vadnais stated that only the BOS meet here for now and advised the Assistant Town Administrator to remind the Board to revisit this discussion in 30 days.

Action Item #3: Discussion Re: Recreation Committee, with Possible Action Taken

Chairman Vadnais explained that this idea came forward from inquiries for use of the fields/woods of recent acquisition (not including properties covered by Parks and Recreation Committee) regarding usage of land for recreational purposes (passive and active recreation. Selectmen Vadnais then stepped down (and relinquished his authority to Clerk Muri) so that he could make the motion.

S. Vadnais motion to establish a 5-member Recreation Committee to support the requests from residents. Use of property would require approval from BOS, made up of the following representative members:

1. Pop Warner Football, 2. Rehoboth Little League, 3. COA Board of Directors (Senior needs)
4. Physically Handicapped representative, and 5. Member at large, for both passive and active recreation of all Town Properties. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

M. Deignan questions if this was a conflict of interest, having an organization that could benefit on the Board.

J. Muri countered that the representative would only be making recommendations, for our Board to approve.

Action Item #4: Discussion Re: American Jobs Plan

Our office received an email from Rep Steve Howitt asking his district towns to send him 2 projects with projected costs so he can discuss with the House Committee Chair. This pertains to Biden's infrastructure package plan. The Board discussed with Gerry Schwall the plans that would be submitted.

Gerry Schwall, Special Projects Coordinator, address the 3 sections to this project.

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve AppGEO (Map GEO) Quote for FY22

M. Deignan motion to approve the total quote of \$9430.00 for the AppGeo services and other technical services that they provide to the town and to authorize the Chairman to sign the quote as submitted. Second by G. Solas Vote 4-0

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve One Day Liquor Licenses, as submitted

We have received two requests for One Day Liquor Licenses for the following individuals:

Dean Botelho, Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity-All Alcohol

David Lecomte, Town Events Committee-Malt & Wine

J. Muri motioned to approve and sign the One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, for July 9, 2021 from 6pm-11pm at 43 Broad St. Transportation Dates of 7/8/21 and 7/10/21. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motioned to approve and sign the One Day Liquor License for Town Events Committee for July 9, 2021 from 5pm-10pm at the Anawan Club 13 Gorham St. Transportation Dates of 7/8/21 and 7/10/21. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Construction Quotes for the Anawan Fire Station

Our Special Projects Manager, Gerry Schwall is requesting the Board's approval of quotes that he received for work that needs to be done at the Anawan Fire Station. This work includes removing paneling, painting and floor work.

Chairman Vadnais abdicated the chair to J. Muri.

S. Vadnais motion to approve a quote for interior construction from Earle Dias Interiors, Inc for \$7360.65. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

S. Vadnais motion to approve a quote for interior painting from Arruda and Son Painting for \$7200.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri inquired if the money was in the budget. And it was answered affirmatively.

Action Item (8): Vote to Authorize Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity's Procession Route

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity's would like to resume their tradition with the Holy Ghost Feast held in August. They are asking the Board's approval to have their procession on Saturday, August 14th at 6pm and Sunday, August 15th at noon. They will be walking on Broad Street, Pine Street, Winthrop Street and Wilmarth Bridge Road. Both our Fire Chief and Police Chief have given their approval.

The Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity has also extended an invitation to the Board members to join them for the traditional soup that will be served at the Hall.

J. Muri motion to approve the request of using Town roads for the Holy Ghost Procession to be held on Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Use and Occupancy Agreement for Francis Farm

Town Counsel has approved the agreement and it is ready for the Board's signature.

J. Muri motion to approve and sign the amended use and occupancy agreement with Francis Farm. Second for discussion by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

M. Deignan motion to strike paragraph #8, as he doesn't feel it is necessary given our relationship with the seller. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Accept Resignation

The Town Clerk's office received a letter on June 14th from Valerie Souza resigning from the Agricultural Commission.

J. Muri motion to accept the resignation from Valerie Souza from the Agricultural Commission, effective June 14, 2021. Community Preservation Committee and RA& NRPC as well. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (11): Vote Reappointments, as submitted

Below are the names that Chief Trombetta is putting forth for the Boards' approval.

J. Muri motion to approve the following re-appointments of Reserve Officers, effective 7/1/2021-6/30/22. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

JOSEPH BAKER
JUSTIN A. COSTA
GREGORY P. DECASTRO
NICOLE EASTWOOD-DUVALLY
JOSHUA FERREIRA
MICHAEL R. JONES
GILBERT LIMA, Sr.
STEPHEN MCKENNA
SCOTT G. ROBBINS
MICHAEL SILVESTRI
GEOFFREY W. STANLEY
JAMES TOLER
CHRISTOPHER VAZ
WILLIAM M. WALKER
BRENT WARISH
DAVID J. WELCH

Action Item (12): Discussion Re: IT Committee

Chairman Vadnais read the bylaw description of the Computer Committee (posted/added July 1993). This committee has not met in 2 years, also there are legal problems as some members cannot serve by order of office. It is an outdated bylaw. As a stop gap measure /solution to this bylaw, S. Vadnais asks the Board to appoint a selectman to interface with department heads to contact the members to be reappointed and willingness to continue and develop new policies.

J. Muri motion to appoint members of the Computer Committee (bylaw list section). To be determined as noted for various town entities to be appointed by BOS, and someone appointed to interface. Second by M. Deignan for discussion.

Motion to ask these people that are listed by the bylaw who they want to be appointed.

M. Deignan- we don't need to take action at this point, Chair can assign who he wants to handle this.

J. Muri recommends that chair makes that assignment rescinds previous motion.

J. Muri name and roll of committee should be updated.

J. Muri passed out a list to selectmen of tasks in the hands of IT Director currently. Will build out with detail, completion dates and projected costs.

Selectmen's Reports:

Perry: absent

Deignan:

We were CCed on, takes on another elected Board, re: private meeting comment.

-OML may want to have Town Counsel revisit to educate new members about OML

-S. Vadnais suggested that after our appointment cycle it would be good to refresh old and educate new appointees and to make mandatory for new members.

Solas:

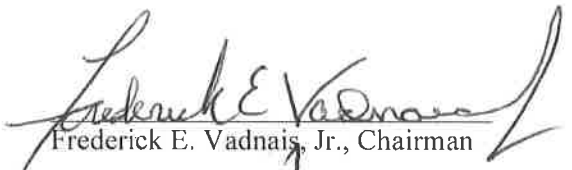
-Communication process is the issue with Anawan School

-Francis Farm has done a great job with communication

Muri: good walk through with COA Board at Francis Farm. Their response was positive and they are working on ideas to maximize potential.

Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen J. Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 9:16 PM. Second by M. Deignan, Vote 4-0



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Absent

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

Approved: 12/6/2021