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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JULY 26, 2021
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL***

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

Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

WARRANTS for July 26, 2021:

Jim Muri read the warrants as follows: 22-05B-Payroll: \$110,169.89; 22-04A Withholdings: \$136,777.61; 22-04 Warrants \$182,053.40; 22-04R Refunds: \$50.31; 22-04R1 – Refunds: \$2,607.48; 22-04B – Veterans: \$7,479.33. Motion by Mr. Muri to accept the warrants as listed; seconded by Dave Perry; Vote was 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Office is looking for a Temporary-Part-time Payroll/Office Clerk. Job Description and application are available on the Town Website or by request in the Board of Selectmen's office.

Transfer Station is looking for two Monitors. Interested applicants, please send in your application to the Board of Selectmen's office.

Reminder that we have a Public Hearing set for August 2 at 7:30 for Francis Farm Liquor License Transfer

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Carol Williams, CPC

At the last meeting, there was discussion of the demolition of the Anawan School.

Chairman Vadnais noted that this needs to be an agenda item. Audience will be able to speak on the subject but Selectmen cannot respond.

Carol Williams of the CPC noted that previously the Anawan School building had been deemed unsafe by the Fire Chief and the Building Inspector, who had shared photos of the building. However, little had been specifically discussed of the structural integrity. Therefore, with the CPC approval, Ms. Williams had hired a structural engineer who inspected the Anawan School on July 19 to make an assessment. He was accompanied by the Fire Chief and Building Inspector. Although the Fire Chief stated he was not in favor of demolition, he would not allow his firefighters to enter because he felt the building was unsafe. Ms. Williams then asked "what is unsafe": presence of hazardous materials due to the collapse of the interior aggravated by a leaking roof. The Structural Engineer declared the interior steel and timbers to be sound. The biggest problem would be the mitigation of hazardous materials. Ms. Williams had received his professional report which she will distribute to the members of the Board of Selectmen.

Kathy Rourke Wilson informed the meeting that she has a petition to stop the demolition of the school, and asked for a timeline or deadline for the decision. Chairman Vadnais responded that it would need to come before a Town Meeting because this would be asking the Town to expend money if the petition was asking for funding. Selectman Deignan said the Town does have money at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.

COVID update via Jim Muri/Town Nurse: Number of cases in Rehoboth, currently doing contact tracing. West Nile Virus: 14 cases in Massachusetts, none in Rehoboth yet. COVID vaccine is available at the Anawan Pharmacy.

Action Item #1: Recognition of "Ava and Ryan Day" – Awardees for the Arson Watch Program

Action Item #2: Discussion RE: Human Rights – Presentation given by Patricia Donohue. Patricia presented her background and reasons for requesting a Human Rights Commission in town. These included helping everyone especially the parents of children with disabilities and promoting diversity, equality, hope and dignity.

Michael Deignan recommended forwarding the request to Town Meeting as a warrant article which would establish it as a "standing committee" and thus allow all of the Town to vote on it. Advised to work with Town Clerk to prepare the proper petition (10 signatures).

Action Item #3: Demolition of Buildings at Francis Farm.

Mark Canuel, chairman of the Historical Commission, asked to use CPC funds to repair/restore the "Carriage House" at Francis Farm. Jared at Full Scope Engineering offered to do an analysis of restoration and cost assessment for an estimated \$14,000.

Jim Muri motioned to rescind the decision to demolish the "Carriage Barn" and allow the structural engineer (Jared) access to the building. Motion was seconded by Dave Perry. Vote was 5-0.

Action Item #4: Discussion RE: Francis Farm – COA Revised floor Plan.

A discussion ensued on moving forward with the COA floor plan. Motion to proceed with office building plan concurrent with the rest of the plan, to be voted on at a later date. The plan will be presented to Ron Whittemore as a courtesy.

Action Item #5: Discussion RE: Relocation of Town Nurse and Veterans' Services

George Solas is working on getting IT in the offices and needs the Board to approve moving the Town Nurse and Veterans' Services. Moving the Health Agent is still up for discussion.

Action Item #6: Vote to approve Highway Superintendent's Contract Amendment

Dave Perry moved to approve Mike Costello to perform additional duties as Facilities Supervisor on a part-time basis; for the term 7/27/2021 to 6/30/2022 and being paid a weekly stipend of \$383.14. Seconded by George Solas, in view of extraordinary work Mike is doing.

Action Item #7: Vote to Approve Fiber Optic Municipal Area Network Quote for Francis Farm

George Solas motion to approve the quote from Comm-Tract for \$25,762.00 and to allow the IT Director to sign it. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote was 5-0.

Action Item #8: Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer for Fire Dept. Vehicle Repair & Maintenance 012203-52420 for \$11,273.69

Motion by Jim Muri to approve the transfer; Michael Deignan seconded. Vote 5-0

Action Item #9: Vote to Approve Bristol-Plymouth Reg Tech School 1st Quarter Assessment Payment of \$237,402 for FY 22

1st Quarter payment due by 8/13/2021 per the Town's agreement with the school.

Motion by George Solas to approve; Dave Perry seconded. Vote 5 – 0.

Action Item # 10: Vote to Approve MEMA Reimbursement for FEMA-4496-DR-MA – March 27, 2020 COVID-19

Fire Dept. Chief Barresi requested the Board's approval of the contract from MEMA for the federal share reimbursement under FEMA - 4496-DR-MA- associated with the FEMA Public Assistance Program. The total reimbursement of \$7600.00 covers PPE, disinfecting cleaners, and other items needed during the pandemic. Motion made by Jim Muri to approve; seconded by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #11: Vote to Ratify Approval of Agreement with Home Commercial & Security for Fire Alarms/Monitoring for Francis Farm-COA

Discussion: Monthly charge \$49.95; \$149.85 quarterly

Motion by Dave Perry: to ratify approval made by the Chairman for Home Commercial and Security to begin the process for installing fire alarms and monitoring services at Francis Farm and to allow the Interim Town Administrator to sign the electronic documents; seconded by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0

Action Item #12: Vote to Approve Appointment to IT Committee, Community Preservation Committee, & Agricultural Commission, and Reappointments to Economic Development Committee, Green Energy Committee, Historical Commission Personnel Board, and Municipal Building Study Committee.

Motion by Jim Muri to appoint Timothee J. Maynard to the IT Committee, effective 7/26/21 to 6/30/22. Second by Dave Perry. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Jim Muri to appoint Patricia Vadnais to the Community Preservation Committee, effective 7/26/21 to 6/30/22. Second by Michael Deignan. Mr. Vadnais abstained, vote 4-0.

Motion by Jim Muri to appoint Arthur Gareau to the Agricultural Commission, effective 7/25/21 to 6/30/22. Second by Dave Perry. Vote 5-0.

Motion to reappoint the following **committee members with the following dates,**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent "holdover" status for all of fiscal year 2021.

Economic Development Committee (one year term, back dated to cover "holdover" period):

Garth Baker (new this year) effective 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022

Joseph Cherepowich, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Linda Ferreira, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/20/2022

John Jordan, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Lisa Milich, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Stephen Silva, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Nicole Grdella, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Green Energy Committee: (one year term, back dated to cover “holdover” period).

Carolyn Panofsky, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
David Feeney, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Patricia Abrahamson, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Jessica Skyeson, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Lisa Wentworth, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Historical Commission: (all 3 year terms, all ending in 2021)

Mark Canuel, effective 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024
Jann McMurry, effective 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2024
Catherine Potter, effective 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2024

Personnel Board: (3-year term, ending in 2021)

Craig Chapman, effective 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2023

Municipal Building Study Committee: (1 year term, back dated to cover “holdover” period).

Francis T. Barresi, effective 7/1/2020 -6/30/2022
David Foss, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Scott Meagher, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30-2022
Joseph Nunes, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Richard Panofsky, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Carolyn Panofsky, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022
Norman Todd, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022

Community Preservation Committee: (3-year term, back dated to cover “holdover” period).

Rebecca Smith, as BOS representative, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2023

Motion to approve by Jim Muri; seconded by acid Perry; Vote 5-0

Action Item #13: Vote to Ratify Appointments to Conservation Committee, Harvest Block Party Committee, Finance Committee, IT Committee, and Reserve Officers.

This was a vote to ratify previous appointments with new dates to cover the holdover period of 7/1/2020-6/30/2021, and fix minor typos. (Disclaimer was read)

Motion on vote to ratify the reappointments voted on **7/12/2021** of the following committee members with the following dates, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and their consequent “holdover” status for all of fiscal year 2021.

Conservation Commission:

Robert Materne, 7/1/2021-6/30/2024

David R. Evans, 7/1/2021 -6/30/2024

Mathew Habershaw, 7/1/2021-6/30/2024

Conservation Commission is a 3-year term, as such some members terms ended in 2020

Matthew Kershaw, 7/1/2020-6/30/2023

Thomas B. Nicholson, 7/1/2020-6/30/2023

Motion by Jim Muri; seconded by Michael Deignan, vote 5-0

Harvest Block Party Committee:

Cathy Edington, 7/1/2020-12/31/2021

Cornelius V. Harrington, 7/1/202-12/31/2021 (Mr. Vadnais abstained on vote)

Suzanne Laverdiere, 7/1/2020 - 12/31/2021

Mary Beth Moriarty, 7/1/2020-12/31/2021

Raymond M. Olivier, 7/1/2020-12/31/2021

Charles Procopio, 7/1/2020-12/31/2021

(Committee will be dissolved at the end of the year)

Finance Committee:

Colleen Simpson, 7/1/2020-6/30/2022

Susan McBride 7/1/2020-6/30/2022

Motion: Vote to ratify the reappointments of the following **Reserve Officers** to be effective 7/1/2020 through 6/30/2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent “holdover” status for all of fiscal year 2021:

JOSEPH BAKER

JUSTIN A. COSTA

JOSHUA FERREIRA

MICHAEL R. JONES

STEPHEN MCKENNA

SCOTT G. ROBBINS

MICHAEL SILVESTRI

GEOFFREY W. STANLEY

JAMES TOLER

CHRISTOPHER VAZ

WILLIAM M. WALKER

BRENT WARISH
DAVID J. WELCH

Motion by Jim Muri; seconded by Michael Deignan, vote 5-0

Motion: Vote to ratify the reappointment of the following **Reserve Officer** to be effective 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and their consequent “holdover” status for all of fiscal year 2021, and ratify officer’s name, original voted as “George Lima, Sr.” to “Gilbert P. Lima, Jr.”

Motion by Jim Muri, seconded by Michael Deignan, Vote was 5-0.

Motion: To ratify Anna Deignan’s appointment to the IT Committee on 7/12/2021 to a reappointment, effective 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2022.

(The Town Clerk brought to Board’s attention that Ms. Deignan was already a member of the “IT/Computer Committee” so her appointment would be a “reappointment”).

Motion by Jim Muri, seconded by George Solas, with Michael Deignan abstaining, Vote 4-0.

Action item #14: Vote to Accept Planning Board’s Notification of a Vacancy on their Board

The BOS office received the notification on 7/22/21. Both Boards must now meet at the following BOS meeting to review any Talent Bank forms that have been submitted to fill the vacancy.

Motion by Jim Muri to accept the notification from the Planning Board and to include on the Board of Selectmen’s Agenda for August 2nd a discussion with the Planning Board to review applicants; seconded by Michael Deignan. Vote was 5-0.

Action Item #15: Vote to Approve Warrant for Robert E. Johnson, Constable, Dog Officer, Police Officer of the Town of Rehoboth.

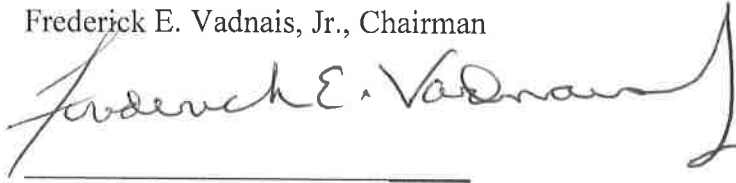
Michael Deignan read the first paragraph of the warrant for the viewers:

Per M.G.L.Chapter 140, section 151A, the Animal Control Officer is given approval to proceed with seeking out, catch and confine, all dogs within the Town, not duly licensed, collared, or harnessed, and tagged. This approval is necessary since the Town Clerk has over 200 unregistered dogs in town. As of August 1, the Animal Control Officer will be contacting the owners of all unregistered dogs and/or picking up the dogs. Owners will have to contact the Town Clerk’s office to pay all overdue fines and proof of vaccinations will be needed as well.

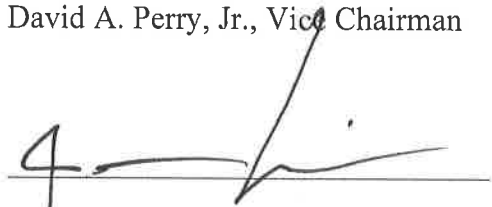
Motion: to approve the warrant for Robert E. Johnson, Constable, Dog Officer, Police Officer of the town of Rehoboth and to allow the Chairman to sign the warrant Motion was made by George Solas and seconded by Dave Perry. Vote 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Jim Muri made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session meeting at 9:35 PM. Second by Selectman Perry. Muri – aye, Vadnais –aye, Perry – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye.

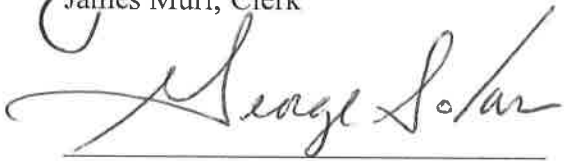
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



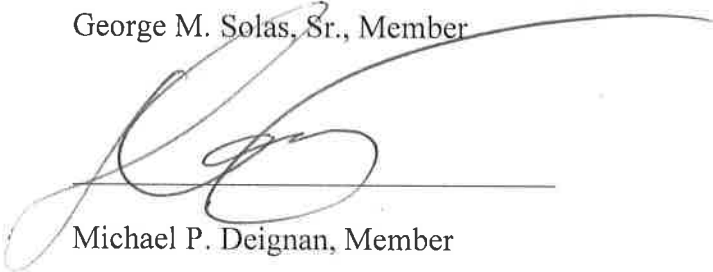
David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman



James Muri, Clerk



George M. Solas, Sr., Member



Michael P. Deignan, Member



Respectfully Submitted,
Marisa Medeiros
Administrative Aide to the Board of Selectmen

Approved: 11/29/2021