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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

**Absent:** Selectman George Solas

**6:30 Executive Session:** 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:** Highway Department Grievances, Preparation for Contract Negotiations, Continued Opioid Litigations.

**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**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Presentation by Bristol County Savings Bank- Contribution of \$25,000 for the Fire Department, with possible action**

Bristol County Savings Bank President and CEO Pat Murray, Bank Board Chairman Don Backlund, and head of their charitable foundation Michelle Roberts were all present to present the check to Chief Barresi of the Rehoboth Fire Department.

**0:08:25**

J. Muri motion to accept the donation of \$25,000 from the Bristol County Savings Bank to the Rehoboth Fire Department. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (2): Discussion with Town Moderator and Town Clerk Regarding Special Town Meeting, with possible action**

Town Moderator Bill Cute and Town Clerk Laura Schwall were present to discuss with the Board the logistics carrying out a special town meeting with pandemic restrictions in place.

**0:37:16**

M. Deignan motion to move the date of Special Town meeting from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM with continuation date of November 7<sup>th</sup> if necessary to go to a second day. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

0:40:35

M. Deignan motion to accept the plan put forward by the Town Moderator and Town Clerk and authorize implementation thereof. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Warrant for August 9, 2021:**

0:46:26

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 9, 2021: 22-07B Payroll \$144,144.407; 22-06A Withholdings \$31,498.15; 22-06 Warrant \$62,756.53. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: none

**Announcements:**

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, August 16 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

J. Muri gave an update from the Town Nurse regarding the concern of the rise of current West Nile Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis and Covid cases.

Chairman Vadnais brought up the problem of the Town Nurse needing back up assistance in contact tracing and whether we could authorize part time help for her.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Announcement of two upcoming pole hearings.

Reminder of job openings in town, see website for details.

**Action Item (3): Discussion Re: Relocation of Town Nurse to Francis Farm**

1:01:19

Discussion was tabled, till WIFI can be set up at Francis Farm.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Accept Comcast PEG- Franchise Fees for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter- \$52,180.03**

1:02:00

J. Muri motion to accept quarterly reimbursement from Comcast franchise fee for \$52,180.03 and to allow the Treasurer's office to process the transaction. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Acknowledge Receipt of Form M from the Planning Board for 155 Perryville Road "The Fairways"**

1:02:55

D. Perry motion to acknowledge receipt of Form M from the Planning Board for 155 Perryville Road, known as "the Fairways" and to allow the chairman to sign the receipt form and to determine that a Gravel Committee meeting is not necessary. J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor Licenses for Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC and Rehoboth Lions Club**

1:04:19

J. Muri motion to approve the One-Day Liquor License for Terrydiddle Farm, 33 Chesnut Street effective August 14, 2021, from 4-10 Pm with transportation of liquor August 13 and 15 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

1:05:10

J. Muri motion to approve One-Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth Lions Club, 98 Danforth Street effective August 27, 2021 from 5PM -12midnight with transportation of liquor on August 26 and 28, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Home and Commercial Security Contract for Lease of Motion units**

1:05:00

D. Perry motion to approve a contract with Home and Commercial Security for Francis Farm motion unit for \$800 on a monthly leasing fee to be for one month. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

M. Deignan made a friendly amendment to include waiving the applicable permit fee.

**Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Request for Amendment to a Portion of the Rehoboth Zoning Map Located at Article 3.2 of the Rehoboth Zoning By-Laws Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch 40A Section 5; Tricorp, LLC A.P. 46, Lots 96A (Rear) and 97 (Rear)**

1:09:00

J. Muri motion to accept the request of the amendment of a portion of the Rehoboth Zoning Map Located at Article 3.2 of the Rehoboth Zoning By-Laws Pursuant to M.G.L. Ch 40A Section 5; Tricorp, LLC A.P. 46, Lots 96A (Rear) and 97 (Rear) and to forward to the Planning Board for their review. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0

Discussion: J. Muri discussed this needing to go before Town Counsel.

**Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Reappointments for Individual Positions in Town**

1:10:57

J. Muri motion to reappoint the following **individuals, 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:

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)

NAME	POSITION
Frank Barresi	Forrest Fire Warden
Eric Brainsky	Special Municipal Counsel
William Carmichael	Constable
Jaime Conlon	Infectious Disease Coordinator
Jaime Conlon	Public Information Officer
Jaime Conlon	Town Nurse
William Costa	Town Maps Review (Planning Board Rep.)
Michael Costello	Highway Superintendent
William Dalpe	Fish Warden
William Dalpe	Harbormaster
Karl Drown	Town Maps Review (BOH Rep)
Karl Drown	Public Information Officer
Kate Feodoroff	Special Labor Town Counsel

Debra Giles	Assistant Tax Collector
Frank Gouveia	Constable
Mark R. Hass	Constable
Mark R. Hass	Public Weigher of Livestock
Robert E Johnson II	Animal Control Officer
Robert E Johnson II	Field Driver
Robert E Johnson II	Measurer of Wood & Lumber
Robert E Johnson II	Moth Superintendent
John D. Kramer	Veterans' Grave Officer
John D. Kramer	Veterans' Service Officer

Second by D. Perry Vote 4-0.

**1:13:46**

J. Muri motion to reappoint Michael Deignan as Fence Viewer, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2022. Second by D. Perry. Vote 3-0. M. Deignan abstained.

**1:14:30**

J. Muri motion to table the reappointment of Michael Costello as the Public Safety Complex Project manager, due to its redundancy. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

#### Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Deignan: Announced the passing of fellow Selectman George Solas' brother Gregory Solas and offered condolences to him and his family.

Perry: none

Muri: none

Solas: absent

**1:16:14**

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman J. Muri motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:16PM. Second by D. Perry.

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

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

George M. Solas, Sr., Member

Michael P. D'Signan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cindy McDonough

Approved: 4/19/2022