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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL***

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

Absent: Selectmen David Perry

The scheduled Executive Session was cancelled.

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

Warrant for August 30, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 30, 2021: 22-10B Payroll \$106,160.91; 22-09A Withholdings \$136,681.21; 22-09 Warrant \$43,790.78; 22-09V Veterans Warrant \$7,479.33. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

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

Update from Town Nurse regarding West Nile virus cases and precautions to take, and an update of current Covid-19 cases in the town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder of job opening in town and the current mask policy at town hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Update from the State on Act Providing for the Appointment of a Collector/Treasurer in the Town of Rehoboth

The chair recognized Representative Steve Howitt and Bill Titus, representing Senator Feeney's office, to give an update regarding the Home Rule Petition. It will be held on September 14th.

The Senator's representative and Rep. Howitt each presented retired Treasurer/Tax Collector Cheryl Gouveia with a citation for her 26 years of municipal service to the town.

Cheryl Gouveia was present to thank the people of the town for having the trust and faith in her these past years.

Discussion:

The Town will need an answer by January 1 2022 in order to allow time for people to pull papers if an election does need to be held in April to replace the Treasurer/Tax Collector.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Crown Atlantic Company, LLC Cell Tower Agreements-See attached for details

J. Muri motioned to table Crown Atlantic Company, LLC Agreement to 9/7/2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Highway Superintendent Mike Costello was present to present the Board with a check for \$1027.14 for the scrap metal removed from the demolished pub building at Francis Farm.

Michael McBride and Susan Ohsberg were present to ask that they be on the next agenda to update the Board on the K-8 withdrawal information. Also, they would like the Board to reconsider the cancelled Special Town Meeting and to using DRRHS as a venue. Discussion ensued.

M. Deignan motioned to take the action items out of order and to go to Action Item 11. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (11): Discussion Re: K-8 Withdrawal, with possible action taken Michael McBride and Susan Ohsberg were present to discuss the K-8 withdrawal.

S. Vadnais would like to meet with a consultant in order to gain better knowledge regarding this process.

G. Solas motioned to allow the BOS to move forward with reaching out to consultant to get direction on how to move forward with withdrawal. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Funding for Providence St, Allen Ln, Miller St, & Wheeler St-See attached for details

The Highway Superintendent is asking for the Boards approval and signature on the Chapter 90 request for stone chip seal/scarify bad areas and maintain road edges on Providence St, Allen Ln, Miller St and Wheeler St. This project is being estimated at \$316,950, which will cover about 29,537 feet in length by 20-30 feet wide.

J. Muri motioned to approve the Chapter 90 request for \$316,950 for Providence St, Allen Ln, Miller St and Wheeler St. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Job Description for Facilities Maintenance Technician-See attached for details

M. Deignan motioned to approve and sign the Job Description for Facilities Maintenance Technician, that we currently have advertised on the town website. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Job Description for Facilities Maintenance Supervisor-Part-Time-See attached for details

M. Deignan motioned to approve and sign the Job Description for Facilities Maintenance Supervisor-Part-Time, as in the packet. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Public Health Nurse Employment Contract-See attached for details
M. Deignan motioned to table the Public Health Nurse's contract until questions are reviewed and answered, with the intent to revisit. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Discussion Re: Use of "White Building" at Francis Farm, with possible action taken
Jim Muri addressed the white building at Francis Farm and asked for clarification of what its use will be. Chairman Vadnais answered that it will be used for the "Human Services" building moving forward, including the Health and Veterans Agent for our residents, not just our elderly. Discussed regarding the grand opening of the facilities ensued, regarding the need for safety fencing before the public can be on the property.

Action Item (8): Discussion Re: Anawan School Hazard Material Removal Survey, with possible action taken
J. Muri motioned to table this action item as they need the report which is not available at this time. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Correct Motion Taken on Reed Street Bridge Project Plan PE-4 and PE-5 for Property Held by Bristol & Warren Water Works-Correction to Book and Page Numbers
At last week's meeting, votes were taken for the Reed Street Project-easements. There was a typo on the book and page information for the Bristol & Warren Water Works property. It read Book # 10329 and page # 290. A new motion has to be taken to correct it.

G. Solas motioned to approve the following:

The specific easements, as shown on the Plan, and the ownership interests associated therewith are identified as follows:

- I. Two Permanent Easement identified on the Plan as PE-4 and PE-5, said easements located on Reed Street and containing approximately 521 square feet in total. The Board of Selectmen has moved to award damages in the amount of \$700.00 for said easement.

Property held by Bristol and Warren Water Works;
Bristol Registry of Deeds: Book _660, Page _549____
Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (10): Discussion Re: Francis Farm and Anawan School Sites on Security, with possible action taken
Dave Perry is working with Home & Commercial Security to get things up and running, it is a work in progress.

Action Item (12): Discussion Re: Francis Farm Vestibule Entrance, with possible action taken
J. Muri motioned to allow Chairman to sign said contract for Full Scope Construction for closure to back area at Francis Farm for \$30,886.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:
S. Vadnais briefly discussed the enclosure and what the project entails.

Action Item (13): Vote Appointments to CPC and Local Emergency Planning Board and Reappointments to Local Emergency Planning Board and ZBA-See attached for details
The following are additional appointments and reappointments for various committees.

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:

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)

Local Emergency Planning Board:

Reappoint:		
CONLON	JAIME	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD
MEAGHER	SCOTT	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (Ambulance Rep)
MCDONOUGH	WILLIAM	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (Bldg Dept Rep)
DROWN	KARL	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (BOH REP)
PRAY	WILLIAM	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (FM DEPT)
ROUSSEAU	DEREK	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (IT DEPT)
SHERMAN	LINDA	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (COA Rep)
BARRESI	FRANCIS	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (Fire Rep)
COSTELLO	MICHAEL	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (Highway Rep)
TROMBETTA	JAMES	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (Police Rep)
KRAMER	JAKE	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD
JOHNSON II	ROBERT E	LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING BD (ACO)

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to amend motion and add 7/1/2020 to 6/30/2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri to motion to reappoint the following individuals to the **Zoning Board of Appeals**:

Richard Panofsky, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2025* (5-year term)

Raymond Olivier, Associate Member, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2022*

Stephen Silva, Associate member, effective 7/1/2020-6/30/2022*

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

The following individuals are being appointed to the **Local Emergency Planning Board**, replacing previous employees.

J. Muri motion to appoint Deborah Arruda to the **Local Emergency Planning Board**, effective 8/30/21-6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

J. Muri motion to appoint Frederick Vadnais to the **Local Emergency Planning Board**, effective 8/30/21-6/30/22. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0. S. Chairman Vadnais abstained.

J. Muri motioned to appoint Stephen Silva to the **Community Preservation Committee** as the Housing Authority Representative, effective 8/30/2021-6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (14): Vote to Correct Term Dates for Finance Committee Member Susan McBride

Original vote taken on the term date for Susan McBride was on 7/12/2021. The Board voted 7/12/2021-6/30/2022 which was then ratified to 7/1/2020-6/30/2022*, to incorporate the "holdover period". However, it is a three-year term, and her last term only expired in 2021.

J. Muri motion to correct Susan McBride's term date from 7/1/2020-6/30/2022 to 7/1/2021-6/30/24. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (15): Vote to Appropriate \$40,000 from the Agricultural Trust Fund for the Purchase of Grear Farm for CPC

Carol Williams is asking the Board to approve an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Agricultural Trust Fund for the purchase of the Grear Farm. On Wednesday August 25th the Rehoboth Agricultural and Natural Resources members voted for on appropriation. The total purchase price of the acquisition is \$980,000. We will be working with Town Counsel on any needs moving forward.

G. Solas motioned to approve the appropriation of \$40,000 from the Agricultural Trust Fund for the purchase of the Grear Farm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0. Chairman Vadnais (removed himself from the discussion and the vote) abstained.

Discussion:

M. Deignan questioned, the Town Meeting vote of \$1.3 million, actual cost is less, why use Agricultural funds? Per Rachel Smith via phone call into the meeting, \$1.3 million approved subject to appraisal cost was town vote in May of 2021. Appraisal came in a little less at \$940,000 and Carol worked with Grear family to come to an agreed upon amount of \$980,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve First Amendment to Lease Agreement for Antenna Site-Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC at 46 Martin Street-See attached for details

The Interim Town Administrator, Selectman Muri, and the IT Director have worked many months on this agreement with Industrial Tower. As these agreements were first established over 15 years ago, there were some modifications that had to be done. The changes that were made were based on a consultant's input from a few years ago to increase certain co-locaters to agree with the ongoing market. Co-locaters have been increased from 10% to 15% on 2nd and 3rd and 20% for 4th and 25% for all others. Starting in February 2022, the rent being paid to the town will increase from 2% to 3% each year, as well. Industrial Tower has been paying the town on a month-to-month basis since this agreement expired in 2019. This First Amendment will expire on February 1, 2034. At that point the Town will have to decide if they will like to put out an RFP for this location since the complete term of 30 years will have been reached at that point.

J. Muri motion to approve and sign the First Amendment to Lease Agreement for Antenna Site with Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC at 46 Martin Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Remind G. Solas about fencing for Francis Farm and Anawan School

Deignan: none

Perry: absent

Muri: none

Solas:

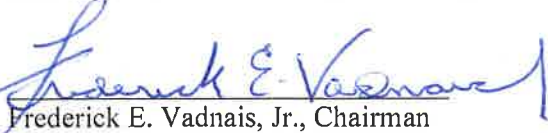
1. Flags at ½ mast on August 30th, would prefer to fly them higher, his personal opinion.

2. Blanding Library/Antiquarian – mask mandates, how are they both public and private?

J. Muri answered that it is a library which is freely available to the public. It is however managed by a private entity.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:50PM. Second by J. Muri.

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

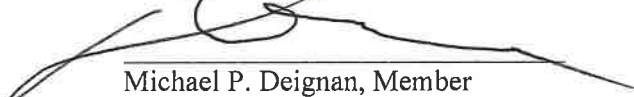

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

absent

David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Approved: 2/14/2022