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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

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

At 6:38 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21-(a) (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

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 December 6, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of December 6, 2021: 22-24B Payroll \$108,291.59; 22-23A Withholdings \$30,664.16; 22-33 Warrant \$100,036.41. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 11/30/21, approved and held.
Regular Minutes: 6/7/21 and 6/21/21

J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.
J. Muri motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes with amendments for June 21, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman David Perry abstained.

Announcements:

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

J. Muri gave a COVID case update.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Vault Bjd Update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Review, Consider and Vote on Response to Open Meeting Law Complaints Regarding 11/15/21 and 11/29/21 meetings filed by Patrick Higgins, on file with the Town Clerk

Town Counsel has provided her response to the OML complaints from Mr. Higgins and needs the Board to review and vote to have her sign and submit the paperwork.

D. Perry motion to approve Town Counsel's responses to the OML complaints and authorize Town Counsel to submit. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Change of Manager Amendment for Hidden Hollows Country Club-Priscilla J. Clark

At the beginning of 2021 the holder of the liquor license at Hidden Hollows Country Club Priscilla Clark passed away. The Executor to the Estate was left to her daughter Priscilla J. Clark. In order to process the license for 2022 the daughter had to process paperwork changing the Manager on Record. The ABCC required a letter from Ms. Clark's attorney proving that she is the executor to the estate. All paperwork has been submitted, CORI check has been done and fees have been paid.

D. Perry motion to Table the Change of Manager Amendment for Hidden Hollows Country Club to Priscilla J. Clark. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Ratify Vote for New Date for Annual Town Meeting, May 14, 2022

At last week's meeting a vote was taken to change the spring town meeting from Tuesday, May 10, 2022 to Saturday, May 14, 2022. However, this was not an action item and needs to be ratified this week.

J. Muri motion to ratify vote to change the spring town meeting from Tuesday, May 10, 2022 to Saturday, May 14, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri explains the intention to move the date to Saturday is due to contentious discussions.

Action Item (4): Vote to Accept Resignation from Jaime Conlin-Public Health Nurse, Infectious Disease Coordinator, member of the Local Emergency Planning Board and Public Information Officer

At last week's meeting it was mentioned that Jaime Conlon had given her notice to resign as the Public Health Nurse. A vote has to be taken this week.

J. Muri motion to Accept Resignation from Jaime Conlon, as Public Health Nurse, Infectious Disease Coordinator, member of the Local Emergency Planning Board and Public Information Officer, effective 12/10/2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Utility Installation License for Chris MacDonald-Eversource Gas Company of MA

The BQS office received a request for a Utility Installation License from Chris MacDonald an employee at Eversource Gas Company of MA. All required paperwork was submitted, required approvals received and payment received.

D. Perry motion to Table the approval of the Utility Installation License for Chris MacDonald from Eversource Gas Company of MA, effective 12/6/21-12/6/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$145,429.00

The Highway Dept received a Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request from Mass DOT for various equipment purchases for the total amount of \$145,429.00.

D. Perry motion to Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$145,429.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Re-Appointments for the K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee-James Crandall, Kelly Doran, Tim Maynard, Michael McBride and Susan Ohsberg

The K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee's appointment will end on 12/31/21 and the Board is being asked to re-appoint the members.

G. Solas motion to Re-Appointment the members of the K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee-James Crandall, Kelly Doran, Tim Maynard, Michael McBride and Susan Ohsberg, effective 12/6/21-6/30/22. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Rehoboth Republican Caucus date of February 16, 2022 at 7PM and Alternate Date of February 23, 2022 at 7 PM

Selectman Mike Deignan will speak to this.

J. Muri motion to Approve Rehoboth Republican Caucus date of February 16, 2022 at 7PM with Alternate Date of February 23, 2022 at 7 PM – with said meeting to be held at Francis Farm Campus. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0. Selectman M. Deignan recused from vote.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Fire Chief's Equipment Surplus Request: 1985 Ladder Truck and Compressor

Chief Barresi is asking for the Board's approval to surplus equipment from their department. He is looking to surplus (to be auctioned) the following items: 1985 ladder truck and Compressor (fill station and related equipment that was recently replaced).

J. Muri motion to Approve the Fire Chief's Equipment Surplus Request on the 1985 Ladder Truck and compressor and prepare for auction. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve New Part-Time Hire Gary Zimmer as Videographer

Derek interviewed this candidate to help him with recordings of the Board meetings. Derek feels Mr. Zimmer will be a good fit for the position and is asking for the BOS approval. Pre-employment physical is not necessary for this PT position. Mr. Zimmer will shadow with Derek on Tuesday, Dec 7 to help record the ConCom meeting.

G. Solas motion to Approve New Part-Time Hire Gary Zimmer as Videographer. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri stated Mr. Zimmer's credentials look good.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Deignan: no report

Perry: no report

Muri:

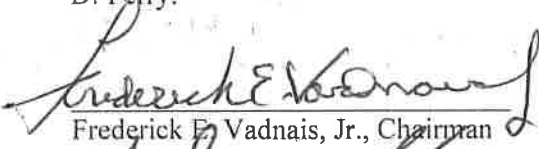
1. A soft opening at the COA will be held 12/20/2021. The COA will open up with limited activity / coffee. COVID social distancing will be in effect.
2. Request of bottled water because the building is not allowed to use drinking water.

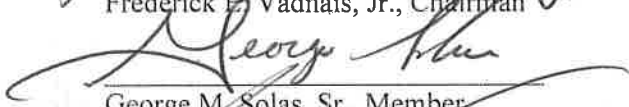
Solas: no report

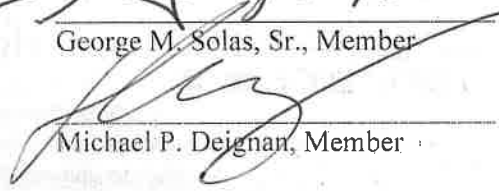
OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Artie Pierce asked the Board when the Historical Commission will be able to add pictures to the COA building.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 7:52 PM. Second by D. Perry.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 4/11/2022