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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 12, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

At 5:30 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 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.
(5) To investigate charges of criminal mis-conduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints.

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

Warrants for June 28, 2021:

J. Muri motion to ratify the Warrant for June 28, 2021: 21-53B Payroll \$71,310.90; 22-02B Payroll \$44,450.96; 21-52A Withholdings \$42,954.47; 21-53 Warrant \$136,182.58; 22-01 Warrant \$1,224,698.45; 21-53R Refund Warrant \$25.00; 21-53R1 Refund Warrant \$1,461.09. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Warrant for July 12, 2021:

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of July 12, 2021: 22-03B Payroll \$109,760.84; 21-53A Withholdings \$20,184.78; 22-02A Withholdings \$ 13,456.54; 21-54 Warrant \$189,069.31; 22-02 Warrant \$34,462.04. second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 12/21/2020 were approved and held.
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, July 19 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Board members will meet at 5:45pm on Thursday, July 15th to approve and sign the final warrant for FY21.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Personnel Board is seeking experienced/knowledgeable volunteers for their committee. Please submit a resume and talent bank form to the BOS office.

My office has finalized the renewal process for the Town Insurance Policies for FY22. Chief Trombetta will supply me with a list of additional items/equipment that have been added to the Police Dept-outside of what I'm aware of. Bill Pray is taking an inventory of items that are in the Castle to make sure we are covered, Chief Barresi also supplied me with a listing of additional items/equipment for the FD. I also have

been in contact with the agent since we have taken ownership of Francis Farm, at this time we are insured there as well.

Public Hearing on 7/19 for the Transfer of the Liquor License for Four Season Events dba Francis Farm.

Carol Williams- Structural Engineer scheduled for 7/19 to review Anawan School. Need BOS permission to be on-site and inside. Time is to be determined. I have reached out to Fire Dept. and Building Inspector as well.

Would Board like to reestablish the practice of hosting Open Forum during their meetings now that we are open to the Public? Yes, Board agrees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Discussion Re: Dog Day Cares in Rehoboth with Building Inspector and ACO

Background: Last week Mike Deignan received an inquiry about a dog day care in town and if they were licensed. This one question brought on a discussion that Bill McDonough would like to discuss with the Board. Dog Day Cares and/or Commercial Kennels requires a special permit through ZBA, this may not be happening in town. ACO should also be visiting/inspecting these sites, but may not know they exist.

Bill McDonough, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Rob Johnson, Animal Control Officer, were both present.

B. McDonough reviewed the MGL on all Dog Kennels/Day Cares -issued by special permit through Zoning Board of Appeals.

Current business established in 2017- in 2015 when law was placed ZBA should be involved. Past Building Inspector did not feel special permit was necessary, no boarding. ACO has been inspecting no complaints to date. "Sweet Berry's" is grandfathered per past building inspectors' decision. Going forward they would need to go through ZBA.

D. Perry motion that Sweet Berry Dog Day Care is grandfathered from Special Permitting. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2: Vote Ratification of June 7, 2021 approval of Reserve Fund Transfer for payment of \$6730 to Lewis Tree Service for tree pruning near fiber lines.

Per Town Counsel it has been recommended that the vote that was taken on 6/7/21, be ratified since the agenda action did not supply enough information.

Previous Background: Rob Johnson is requesting a transfer from the Reserve Fund to pay for services rendered by Lewis Tree Service when they cleaned up the trees along the fiber lines. This work was approved back in March. He is requesting \$6730.00 be transferred into the Purchased Service line to pay the vendor. Additional invoicing will be sent for the detail officers that worked at a later time.

J. Muri motion to approve and sign the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$6730 to the Purchased Service line 012943-53850. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0 S. Vadnais was not in the room at time of vote.

Action Item #3: Vote To allow Town Counsel to respond to Open Meeting Law Complaint filed on 6/23/21 against the Board of Selectmen by Mr. Patrick Higgins

Town Counsel has reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaint against the BOS on a few past agenda postings from Mr. Higgins. She needs the Board's approval on her responses so she can meet the 7/14 deadline. She will respond to both Mr. Higgins and the AG office.

J. Muri motion to approve the recommended responses from Town Counsel regarding the OML complaint filed by Mr. Patrick Higgins on 6/23/21 referencing alleged violation on agendas dated: 5/24/21, 6/1/21, 6/7/21, 6/14/21 and 6/21/21. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. S. Vadnais was not in the room at time of vote.

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept the resignation of David Scanlon from the Personnel Board

David's appointed term ended on 6/30/21 and he sent a letter of resignation to the Town Clerk's office and the BOS.

J. Muri motion to accept the resignation of David Scanlon from the Personnel Board, effective 7/1/21. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. (Chairman Vadnais stepped out of the room).

Action Item #5: Vote Re-Appointments for Finance Committee, Conservation Commission, IT Committee, and Harvest Block Party Committee

We are beginning the process of re-appointments to our Boards/Committees/Commissions. We would like to re-appoint at this time the following individuals:

J. Muri motion to re-appoint the following individuals with the following effective dates:
Conservation Commission:

David Evans, 7/12/2021-6/30/2024
Matthew Habershaw, 7/12/2021-3/30/2024
Matthew Kershaw, 7/12/2021-6/30/2023
Robert Materne, 7/12/2021-6/30/2024
Thomas B. Nicholson, 7/12/2021-6/30/2023

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to re-appoint the following individuals with the following effective dates:
Harvest Block Party Committee:

Cathy Edington, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021
Cornelius V. Harrington, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021
Suzanne Laverdiere, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021
Mary Beth Moriarty, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021
Raymond M. Olivier, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021
Charles Procopio, 7/12/2021-12/31/2021

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. S. Vadnais abstained.

J. Muri motion to re-appoint the following individuals with the following effective dates:
Finance Committee:

Colleen Simpson 7/12/21-6/30/22
Susan McBride 7/12/21-6/30/22

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

J. Muri motion to re-appoint the following individuals with the following effective dates:
IT Committee:

Anna Deignan, 7/12/2021-6/30/2022

Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0. Selectman Deignan abstained

Action Item #6: Vote to Appoint George Solas as Chair to the IT Committee

Chairman Vadnais reviewed the re-appointments for IT Committee and recommends George Solas as Chair and he will work with the other members of the group to move forward with projects.

M. Deignan motion to appoint George Solas as Chair to the IT Committee, effective 7/12/2021 until June 30, 2022. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #7: Vote Reorganization of the Finance Committee

This will be addressed next week as their presence was not posted in enough time to conform to open meeting laws.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for Michael Malafronte-Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, Inc. and Dean Botelho- Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity

We received two requests for a one-day liquor license from Michael Malafronte for the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club at 165 Providence St, Rehoboth. Event dates of 7/31/21 and 9/15/21. Transportation of alcohol will be 7/30 and 8/1 and 9/14 and 9/16. The times for both events will be 12 (noon) to 8 PM

J. Muri motion to approve the one-day liquor licenses for Michael Malafronte at the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club, on 7/31/21 and 9/15/21. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Amended to include the restriction that the gun range will be closed while alcohol is being served.

We received a request from Dean Botelho from Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, for an event being held on 7/17/21 at 43 Broad Street, Rehoboth from 6pm-11pm. Transportation of alcohol will be 7/16/21 and 7/18/21.

J. Muri motion to approve the one-day liquor license for Dean Botelho for 7/17/21 at the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Rescind vote taken on May 24, 2021 to change Town Hall office hours to M-W 8 am-4pm, Thursday 8 am – 8pm and closed on Fridays

On May 24th the Board voted to change the hours of operation at the Town hall once we were opened to the public. After the responses from the survey that were put out to the residents, the need to be open late was not there. We will continue with the current hours of operation. The vote does have to be rescinded.

D. Perry motion to rescind the previous vote taken on May 24, 2021 to change the hours of operation at town hall. Town hall will continue with its regularly scheduled hours of M-TH 8 am – 4pm and Friday 8 am- Noon. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve first FY22 disbursement of \$129,155 for the Blanding Library

As per our grant agreement with the Antiquarian Society we have received the request for the 1st disbursement of FY22 towards the Blanding Library. 1st installment is 50% of the total due \$258,310.00. This payment will be \$129,155.

J. Muri motion to approve the disbursement of \$129,155 to the Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library and to allow the Treasurer to forward the payment. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (11): Vote to Approve Job Description for Payroll/Office Clerk-temporary position

Previous discussions regarding the office of the Treasurer/Collector, there is a vacancy with Lisa moving into Cheryl's position. We will be seeking a temporary clerk to help with payroll entries and other duties.

M. Deignan motion to approve the job description for the Temporary Payroll/Office Clerk position in the Treasurer's office. Second by J. Nuri. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Discussion with Possible Action on Four Seasons Event dba Francis Farm Liquor License

Chairman Vadnais would like to keep the Public Hearing scheduled on July 19th for the transfer.

Action Item (13): Discussion with Possible Action on Francis Farm – COA proposed renovations

Chairman Vadnais discussed the need to address two of the abandoned buildings that were on the property and other needs.

J. Muri motion to authorize the chairman to seek whatever permits and quotes necessary to demolish the two decrepit building on the Francis Farm property and follow through accordingly. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (14): Vote to authorize retention of special counsel re: 90 Pond Street

This item was not addressed.

Selectmen's Reports:

Perry: no report

Deignan: pointed out that the appointment slip for Matthew Habershaw is correct and that the action item must have been a typo. The board voted to amend the previous action to the correct his term end date to 6/30/2024.

M. Deignan motion to amend the term end date for Matthew Habershaw on the Conservation Commission to 6/30/2024. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

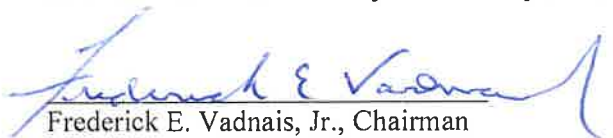
Solas: cable project at farm- waiting on quotes from suppliers

Muri: no report

Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Deignan made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:25 PM and enter back into Executive Session. Second by J. Muri.

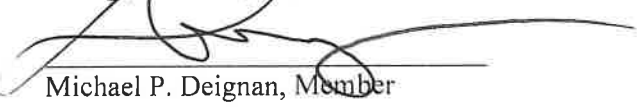
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Perry -aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (5-0)


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,
Cindy McDonough
Approved: 2/14/2022