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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
Monday, May 17, 2021 6:00 PM
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
Town Hall-Board of Selectmen's Office
148 Peck Street

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

At 6:00 PM Chairman Vadnais called the meeting to order in open session, stating the first order of business is Executive Session.

On a motion made by Selectman Muri, seconded by Selectman Perry, it was voted to enter Executive Session at 6:00 PM. pursuant to *MGL Chapter 30A, §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; (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.*

The Chair so declares.

Roll call: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Solas, aye; Deignan, aye; Muri, aye. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: 11/23/2020

On a motion made by Selectman J. Muri, seconded by Selectman D. Perry, it was voted to approve the November 23, 2020 Executive Session Minutes.

Roll call: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Solas, aye; Deignan, aye; Muri, aye. Vote 5-0.

Topic of discussion:
Kane Building Purchase

Present: Gerald Schwall

G. Schwall confirmed with the Selectmen that the purchase of the Kane Building has no issues - \$400,000.00 needed with a July closing date.

G. Schwall and Selectman Vadnais worked with the building inspector to review ADA and overall code issues at the Kane Building and at Francis Farm.

Also discussed:

G. Schwall updated the Board with what's happening with Francis Farm and the bankruptcy court - discussion focused on the need to safeguard equipment and assets during the purchase process. Liquor is on the property and needs to be secure.

G. Schwall would like to start insurance process (COA Insurance coverage) once the Town owns Francis Farm. The Board confirmed.

Topic of discussion:
Treasurer / Collector

Present: Attorney Kate Feodoroff

Town Treasurer Cheryl Gouveia's last day is June 16, 2021. The Board discussed special legislation - possibly to Appoint the Treasurer position in the future.

The Board discussed process to implement the appointment of Lisa Dias-Cabral as Interim Treasurer/Collector. Cheryl Gouveia will stay on as a consultant after her retirement.

Topic of discussion:
Dispatcher Union

Present: Attorney Kate Feodoroff

Kate reviewed discussion points – comparison with other towns, including salary comparisons: dispatchers only have 3 steps; some towns have many steps Multiple salary increase options discussed. Kate supported year 1 at 2%; year 2 at 2.25%; year 3 at 2.50%.

On a motion made by Selectman J. Muri, seconded by Selectman D. Perry, it was voted to amend to add Ratification. **Roll call:** Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Solas, aye; Deignan, aye; Muri, aye. Vote 5-0.

Topic of discussion:
Discussion only
Discussed Kathy Amaral's Union Issues.

Adjournment: On a motion made by Selectman M. Deignan, seconded by Selectman G. Solas, it was voted to adjourn the 5/17/2021 Executive Session at 7:19 PM and reconvene in Regular Session.

Roll call: Perry, aye; Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Solas, aye; Deignan, aye. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Michael P. Deignan, Member


Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approved: 5/22/2023

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