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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL
148 PECK STREET**

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

Absent: Selectman George Solas

At 5:34 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 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.

Chair so declares

Topics: 5:30 PM Police Superior Officers, with Kate
6:30 PM Grievances with Kate and Sheila Kearns

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 October 18, 2021:

D. Perry motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 18, 2021: 22-17B Payroll \$113,654.16; 22-16A Withholdings \$31,105.44; 22-16 Warrant \$450,485.09. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0. Selectman Jim Muri was not in the room at the time of the vote.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 6/2/2021

D. Perry motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2021 with one correction. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, October 25th at 7 PM at Town Hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Customer Notification Letters will be going out to approximately 260 new accounts in Rehoboth. This letter will be from our partners at Good Energy for the Rehoboth Community Electricity Aggregation Program. Residents may opt out of the program at any time.

Reminder to please check the Town's website for employment opportunities that are available. If there are any questions, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

Reminder that the Personnel Board and the IT Committee are looking for volunteers for their committees. If someone is interested in helping them, please forward your talent bank form to the Selectmen's office.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Tish Vadnais and Joe Nunes voiced their concerns that the Water Commission has not been notified of proposal/changes regarding the Rehoboth Country Club project. The Water Commission should be notified at the beginning of the process. The Planning Board needs to be notified and add the Water Commission to the distribution list.

M. Deignan suggests a routing sheet and add the Water Commission.

J. Muri gives the Town Nurse's update about the West Nile/EEE cases decreasing. There are about 110 COVID-19 cases in town from 9/18/21 - 10/18/21. There were 33 cases in the last two weeks. Anawan Pharmacy has vaccines and boosters available. The 3rd shot of Pfizer and Moderna are still under review. Approval is still pending for 5-11-year old's

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Review, Consider and Vote on Response to Open Meeting Law Complaints regarding 9/27 and 10/4 meetings filed by Patrick Higgins, on file with the Town Clerk.

The BOS office received another 2 complaints from Mr. Higgins. Town Counsel has supplied the Board with their responses to the complaints and is asking that the Board review them and vote to accept the responses so they can forward them.

J. Muri motion to Accept Town Counsel's responses to the Open Meeting Law Complaints on the 9/27/21 and 10/4/21 meetings and to forward the responses to all parties. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry states that we are taking action to rectify the situation.

Action Item (2): Continuance of Public Hearing-Class II Application for Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars.

This is a continuance of the Public Hearing from September for the Class II Application for Mr. Barry Bixby. Mr. Bixby has obtained an LLC and has provided our office with all of the proper paperwork.

J. Muri motion to Continue the Public Hearing for Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars. Second by D. Perry.

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

D. Perry motion to continue the Public Hearing until 10/25/21. Second by J. Muri.

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

Action Item (3): Vote to Ratify Acceptance of Cindy McDonough's Resignation

The Board was notified a couple of weeks ago of the resignation of Cindy McDonough as the Assistant to the Town Administrator. Cindy has been working for our office for approximately 1-1/2 years; she has been a tremendous help to us all. We wish her much success.

J. Muri motion to accept the resignation of Cindy McDonough as Assistant to the Town Administrator, effective 10/15/2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Ratify Job Description for Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

During the Executive Session on October 12th, the Board reviewed the Job Description for the position of Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. This will replace the current one for Assistant to the Town Administrator. The Board approved the new job description.

J. Muri motion to Ratify Job Description for Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Announcement of Employment -Marisa Medeiros- as Assistant to the Board of Selectmen

Marisa Medeiros has accepted the position of Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.

J. Muri motion to accept Marisa Medeiros as the Assistant to the Board of Selectmen. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Second Payment for Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library-\$54,577.50

Per the grant agreement between the Town and the Antiquarian Society for the services at the Blanding Library, they are requesting the 2nd disbursement of \$54,577.50.

J. Muri motion to approve the 2nd disbursement payment to the Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library total amount of \$54,577.50. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Ratify Vaccine Flyer to be Mailed Out to Residents

At last week's BOS meeting Gerry Schwall approached the Board with a request to mail out a flyer to all residents reminding them of the vaccine services available at the Anawan Pharmacy.

J. Muri motion to ratify Gerry's outlined process for the vaccine flyer and to be mailed to all residents. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Ratify Sourcing of Toilet Paper for Helping Hands

Again, at last week's meeting Gerry approached the Board requesting to help the Helping Hands Organization with sourcing of toilet paper.

J. Muri motion to table the approval of allowing the Temporary Director of Finance to source the procurement for toilet paper for Helping Hands. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

The matter has been taken care of per J. Muri.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Appointments for Chapter 32B Insurance Advisory Committee and Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, see details attached

Our office has received new appointments for the Chapter 32B Insurance Advisory Committee and Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee

J. Muri motion to approve the following new appointments. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0:

Cheryl Gouveia to Chapter 32B Insurance Advisory Committee-representing the retirees, effective 10/18/21-6/30/23

Mark Wetherell to Chapter 32B Insurance Advisory Committee-representing the police, effective 10/18/21-6/30/23

Susanne Patrick-MacKinnon to the Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, effective 10/18/21-6/30/22

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

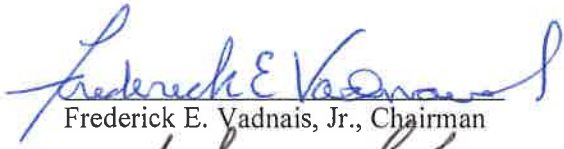
Deignan: no report

Perry: no report

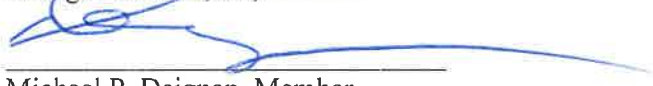
Muri: no report

Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman J. Muri motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:10PM. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 5/23/2022