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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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 6:05 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.

**Topics:** Litigation-DR Lawsuit with consultant John Petrin

**Call to Order at 7:13 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant for October 25, 2021:**

J. Muri motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 25, 2021: 22-18B Payroll \$112,615.03; 22-17A Withholdings \$132,571.37; 22-17 Warrant \$88,478.31; 22-17V Veterans Warrant \$7,479.33. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: None  
Regular Minutes: None

**Announcements:**

The Next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Monday, November 1st at 7 PM at Town Hall.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Reminder about the One Day Entertainment License that should be requested through the Board of Selectmen's office when holding private/public events. Our office has received some calls regarding events that have been taken place in town, which include live music, DJ services, dance floors, amplifiers, etc. The license and approval from the Board is required prior to the event date. Our office will need at least 2 weeks' notice to prepare the paperwork necessary and receive appropriate approval from the BOS. If anyone has any questions, please call our office and we will help you.

Customer Notification Letters were mailed on 10/15 to approximately 260 new accounts in Rehoboth from Constellation. This is in regards to the Rehoboth Community Electricity Aggregation Program. Residents are automatically enrolled, but may opt out of the program at any time. This program does not guarantee

savings, but locks in a portion of your electric bill at a fixed rate. Your bill will continue to come from National Grid.

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

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:**

Laura Schwall announced the passing of Edwin Ballard at 93 years old on 10/24/2021.

J. Muri asked Gerry Schwall to give an update for COVID vaccines: G. Schwall announced the CDC has approved a booster/3<sup>rd</sup> shot. The J & J vaccine is only for 18+ and a booster can be received 2 months after the first vaccine.

G. Schwall thanked Maureen Whittemore and Charlotte Castro for their help with the clinic. G Schwall also thanked Laura Schwall for going in on Saturday to return calls.

G. Schwall asked the Board of Selectmen to reach out to the Public Health Nurse about administering vaccines/boosters to homebound residence.

G. Schwall thanked the Lions Club for their help at 340 Anawan St with the use of their tent and set-up.

M. Deignan thanked the ladies who worked at the Craft Market for their help.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **Action Item (1): Discussion Re: Scenic Roads in Town and bylaw-Artie Pierce-Chair of the Historical Commission**

Artie Pierce and Bill McDonough were present to discuss the bylaw in place for Scenic Roads in Town. (Timestamp 19:00) – Bylaws on books for Scenic Roads need to be revised. There are 12 roads in total, but Perryville has been the main topic of discussion.

Three issues were discussed:

1. No one is overseeing the bylaw. Who would oversee this matter?
2. What is the jurisdiction on how far in the road is home owner vs. town line property?
3. Will there be a public hearing for all of the residents?

B. McDonough states the bylaw needs to be looked at and rewritten. B. McDonough also researched other towns and discovered there were fines per each violation after the allowable footage. Recommended that the Planning Board, Historical Society, and Building Dept. work together to come up with a revised by law for the Town Meeting. A. Pierce worked with Mike Costello to order about 24 signs for the current roads.

S. Vadnais states the Town Planner does not feel the Planning Board is responsible for tree removal, but the process begins with the Planning Board. A. Pierce stated the Planning Board had a better understanding at their last meeting.

M. Deignan stated the Highway Superintendent will get the signs quoted. The signs will be the same size as the "Right to Farm" signs around town. The money should come out of the Highway budget.

J. Muri will get comments from the Planning Board and Tree Warden before the Town Meeting, and will set up a Public Meeting in the future to get the input of residents.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity, 43 Broad Street, see details attached**

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity will be holding their annual turkey raffle night on 11/20/21, this is for Wine and Malt only. This event will be held at 43 Broad Street.

J. Muri motion to approve the One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity for 11/20/21 with transportation of liquor to be on 11/19/21 and 11/21/21. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Hawkers Peddlers License-Trinity Solar-Nicholas Frenette, see details attached**

Another representative from Trinity Solar is requesting a Hawkers Peddlers License to reach out to residents about the option of having solar.

J. Muri motion to approve the Hawkers Peddlers License for Nicholas Frenette from Trinity Solar. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Approve and Sign Municipal Project Agreement-State Funded Design between MassDOT and TOR for Reed Street Bridge Project, see details attached**

As part of the Reed Street project MassDOT sent an agreement that the Board needs to review, approve and the Chairman needs to sign it. Both Town Counsel and Superintendent of the Highway Dept have reviewed the documents and passed on their approval.

D. Perry motion to approve the Municipal Project Agreement-State Funded Design between MassDOT and TOR for the Reed Street Bridge Project and allow the Chairman to sign the documents. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Accept Report from Town Hall Building Committee**

Dave Perry spoke to this subject. This was regarding the architectural services from Rowse Architects.

D. Perry motion to accept the report that was presented for the architectural services from Rowse Architects. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

D. Perry explained the process in which they chose Ted Rowse's input. Three quotes were not necessary because the process would cost less than \$10,000.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Dissolve Town Hall Building Committee**

Dave Perry spoke to this. Members included Ryan DuVally, Dave Perry, and Bill McDonough.

D. Perry motion to approve dissolving of the Town Hall Building Committee. Second by J. Muri. Vote 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Continuance of Public Hearing-Class II Application for Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars.**

This is a continuation of last week's Public Hearing. Mr. Bixby will be supplying the Board with a parking lot plan to show where customers, employees, and vehicles for sale will be located. Any other questions that the Board may need answered will be dealt with as well.

J. Muri motion to continue the public hearing for the Class II Auto License application until November 1, 2021. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: Stated the Recreation Committee has to get a meeting together.

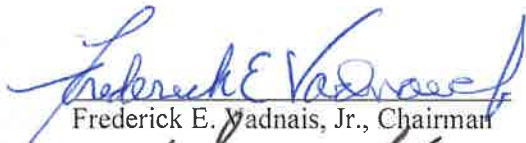
Deignan: no report

Perry: no report

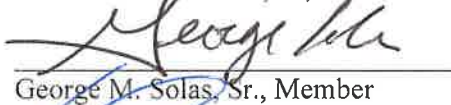
Muri: no report

Solas: Updated the public on the Bristol-Plymouth project. Met with the Committee and will have info shortly for everyone. \$518,165 per year for capital assessment, but this may be adjusted based on the number of students.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:16PM. Second by J. Muri.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Member



Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Logan Shaker

**Approved: 5/23/2022**