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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
Virtual Meeting VIA ZOOM**

Present: Selectman Frederick “Skip” Vadnais, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman James Muri, Selectmen Michael Costello and Deborah Arruda, Interim Town Administrator

Absent: Selectman Gerry Schwall

At 6:30 PM it was 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;(4.) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting.

Roll Call Vote: Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 5-0

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for October 26, 2020: D. Perry read the weekly Warrants; 21-17B Payroll, \$111,634.57; 21-16A Withholdings, \$141,481.37; 21-17 Warrant, \$79,336.04; 21-17V Veterans Warrant, \$9,088.90. D. Perry motioned to approve the weekly Warrants as read. Second by J. Muri.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 10/22/2018
Executive Session Minutes: none

J. Muri motion to table the Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, October 22, 2018. Second by M. Costello.
Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Announcements:

The next Selectmen’s meeting will be held Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM at 148 Peck Street.

Town Administrator’s Report:

- Last week it seems we had a little bit of technical difficulties during our Regular Session, so I will re-announce the winners of the First Porch Decorating Contest-put on by the Town Events Committee
1st Place-Mark & Stacy Haskell of 101 Pond Street-Extremely Original & Creative
2nd Place-Greg and Britta Miliote of 32 Francis St-Creative with tons of detail
3rd Place-Sheila Kearns of 30 School Street-Originality and creativity “real Rehoboth”

- In Person early voting will continue this week until Friday, October 30th at Noon. All voters that would like to vote during this time can visit the Town Hall and come through the back entrance. There will be greeters at the door to help everyone navigate through the process. The hours are as follows:

Tuesday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday-8am-12pm

- Steve Silva from the COA Board reached out to our office and asked if we could put together a few proclamations for upcoming 90th Birthday Celebrations. Due to Covid-19, things will have to be done differently. They will be having a “Drive-By” on November 7th from Palmer River School. They would like to have at least one Selectman to join Steve Howitt in a police cruiser. They will begin to gather at 10 am and leave by 10:30 am. Which Selectman would like to join Rep Howitt? Dave Perry stepped forward for this.
- Town Nurse updated us that Rehoboth is in the “yellow” at 6.8 (average daily rate over 100K). Anything over 8 and we will become “red”, as several surrounding towns are. We have to be vigilant, keep masked up and no large gatherings.
- I have reached out to Jared from Full Scope to set up a meeting at the PSB
- Sent out scope of work for asphalt to Town Counsel to get the RFP going
- Sent out form for facility use to DRRHS for Town meeting today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote Town Meeting Date

After many discussions with Town officials and in order to set the Tax Rate for the town we have to hold a Town Meeting.

M. Costello motioned to set the FY21 Annual Town Meeting for December 1, 2020. Second by J. Muri.
Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Discussion:

J. Muri asked if Jay Talerman spoke to the State regarding the timing.

D. Arruda answered yes, he has, as long as we hold it by December 1st, they will work with us.

Action Item #2: Vote to Accept Candidate for Assessor’s Office

As mentioned before there were 7 candidates that applied for the Administrative Aide position, all 7 were interviewed, three were brought in for a 2nd interview and to work with Linda. We have provided you with the 3 candidates that were brought in and all of their information. The Board of Assessor’s along with Linda Greaves would like to offer the position to Marisa Medeiros. It was not an easy decision, all 3 candidates qualified for the job.

J. Muri motion to accept Marisa Medeiros as the chosen candidate for the Administrative Aide for the Assessor’s Office. This approval is pending her acceptance of the position and her passing the physical. Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve K-9 Grant “First Dog Program” Application

The Police Department is seeking approval for a K-9 Grant application.

D. Perry motion to approve the application for the K-9 Unit “First Dog Program” grant. Second by J. Muri.
Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

J. Muri – This grant along with money already in the kitty will be able to start up this program, and would also pay for three years of operation, so this is tax neutral.

S. Vadnais- This is the application only. If granted, will bring to BOS for acceptance.

Action Item #4: Vote Appointments, as Submitted- Ratify Election Workers Vote

Last week we appointed the following Election Workers, but due to some technical difficulties, viewers could not hear the votes.

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Republican Election Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 1	Warden	Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli
	Inspector	Linda A. Coolidge
Precinct 2	Inspectors	Lorraine Botts
		Jane E. Daggett
		Victoria Silvia
		George M. Solas, Sr.
Precinct 3	Clerk	Kenneth R. Grant
	Inspector	Adrienne H. Sharp

Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Democrat Election Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 1	Deputy Warden	Raymond M. Olivier
	Inspector	Mackenzie J. Morgenweck
Precinct 2	Warden	Kathryne S. Sullivan
	Inspector	Lee Krasner
Precinct 3	Warden	Beverly J. DeBlois
	Inspector	Nancy L. Swallow

Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Unenrolled Election Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 1	Clerk	Evelyn Viau
	Inspectors	Sheila E. Bouchard
		Patricia A. Dias
		Marilyn F. Martel
		Louise A. Morrish
		Charles M. Pickett
		Robin A. Santos
		Bonnie L. Wolfe
Precinct 2	Clerk	Maureen E. Whittemore
	Deputy Warden	Brenda L. Crandall
	Inspectors	Lucille M. Amaral
		John E. Biello

		Charlotte H. Castro
		Laurianne J. DuQuenoy
		Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick
		Constance B. Grab
		Odete Lacourse
		Nicole L. Morse
		Jeanne D. O'Malley
		Catherine H. Potter
		James H. Roche
		Stephen Silva, Sr.

Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Unenrolled Election Worker effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 2	Inspector	Nancy J. Muri
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Second by M. Costello. J. Muri abstained.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 3-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Unenrolled Election Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 3	Deputy Clerk	Cynthia C. Lee
	Inspectors	Paula F. Fazio
		Gail E. Freitas
		Judith Fuller
		Dianne K. McCaffery
		Sandra Jean Phillips
		David E. Silva

Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of the following Libertarian Election Worker effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021:

Precinct 2	Inspector	Richard J. Kenney
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Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of Logan Shaker as an Election Worker-Inspector for Precincts 1, 2, 3, & CTF effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021. Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of Deborah Arruda, Cindy McDonough, and Stacy Vilao as Emergency Back-Up Election Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021. Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

D. Perry motion to ratify the reappointment of Meghan Hastings as a Student Poll Workers effective 10/19/2020 through 10/31/2021. Second by M. Costello.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

The Clerk's office has received two additional requests for volunteer to help with the Elections.

D. Perry motion to appoint Judy Downey as Inspector; Democrat, Precinct 2 and Sarah Caldwell as a Student Poll Worker effective 10/26/2020- 10/31/2021. Second by J. Muri.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve Hawker & Peddler License

Trinity Solar representative, Jordan Baracchini is requesting a Hawker Peddler License to allow him to go door to door to homes that qualify for solar and present them with a "free" assessment. If the Homeowner would like to proceed, they can make an appointment to have a sales rep come to their home. A CORI check has been done and came back clear; the fee has been paid. We are waiting on the Worker's Comp Affidavit.

M. Costello motion to approve a Hawker Peddlers License for Jordan Baracchini from Trinity Solar, effective 10/26/2020-12/31/2020, and he is to wear an identification badge when working.

Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Perry, aye; Muri, aye; Costello, aye. Vote 4-0

Discussion:

The Board requested that the license specify that he needs to wear visible identification at all times.

D. Arruda stated that it would be added to the license before issuance. Notifying the Police and stopping solicitation ½ hour before sunset are already included as conditions on the license.

Selectmen's Reports:

Muri:

- Working with D. Arruda to fill the Temporary Town Nurse position.
- Working with Green Energy on getting projects going
 - D. Arruda confirmed that Energy Source payment went out last week with signed contract.

Costello:

- Working with D. Arruda and Town Counsel to put together RFP for asphalt around the Police Station
- Vanguard is completely finished, did excellent job.
- Now we move to Phase 2, hope moves as well, waiting for National Grid to get pole in, waiting on document from engineer then can start the process to put the pole in, and we can start doing the electric.
- Will walk through soon with other Town Officials

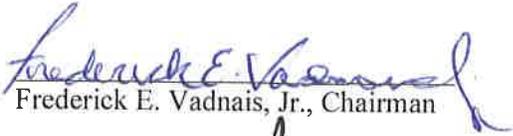
Perry: none

Vadnais: Petitioners- have asked BOS to ensure the postponement of petition until next ATM after State of Emergency is lifted. Will schedule as an Agenda item for 11/2 so that we have a vote on record.

- J. Muri spoke to public explaining why we need to have ATM, to set tax rate. We need to have low attendance so that we can hold it in a venue that we have access to like the school, so the intention here is to make this as non-contentious as possible.

Schwall: absent

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen M. Costello made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 7:28 PM., Second by Selectmen Muri. Perry – aye; Costello – aye; Muri – aye, and Vadnais – aye.

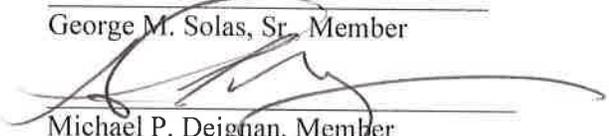

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman



James Muri, Clerk

George M. Solas, Sr. Member



Michael P. Deignan, Member



Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 4/20/2021