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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

At 6:00 PM it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21(a)**
(1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; (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.

Call to Order at 7:45 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for January 4, 2021:

D. Perry motioned to ratify the warrant for December 28, 2020: 21-26B Payroll, \$97,823.83; 21-25A Withholdings, \$44,110.64; 21-26 Warrant, \$247,332.84. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall abstained.

D. Perry motioned to approve this week's Warrant: 21-27B Payroll \$100,634.88; 21-26A Withholdings \$134,557.95; 21-27 Warrant \$66,710.34. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0. G. Schwall abstained.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: none
Executive Minutes: none

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Administrator's Report:

This week we will be posting internally and on the website for 2 Part Time Monitors for the Transfer Station.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Approval of Renewal Contract with Meals on Wheels

Linna Sherman, Director of the Senior Center is asking the Board to review the renewal contract with Meals on Wheels, and to approve and sign the contract.

J. Muri motion to approve the renewal contract with Meals on Wheels and to approve Board of Selectmen to sign the contract. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve "Side Letter of Agreement" for Travel Policy for the Police Department

G. Schwall motioned to reject side letter. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

We will be making changes to the Travel Policy next week, which would affect this agreement, so it doesn't make sense to approve.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Vehicle Donation for Police Department

Chief Trombetta is asking for the Board's acceptance of a donated vehicle that will be used daily by detectives from an anonymous donor.

J. Muri motioned to accept the donated vehicle to be used by the detectives at the Rehoboth Police Department. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Approve Quotes for the Aluminum Decking for the Modular Building

Mike Costello has received 3 quotes for the decking (ramps and stairways) at the Police Department. There was also one quote for using pressure treated wood. However, he feels that using aluminum decking it will be more durable and last longer.

Lifeway Mobility- 21 East Main Street, Westboro, MA Total \$45,593.00

2 Entrance Commercial Modular Step, 1 back ramp at door, 1 front ramp at door, includes all hardware, handrail loops, grab rails, grab rail brackets, angle support brackets, aluminum elbows, transition and bridge plates.

Tri-State Ramps-4768 South Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108 Total \$56,264.47

1 Front Door Ramp and Stairway, 1 Back Door Ramp and Stairway, Stairs at rear door, stairs at side door, and labor

Amramp- 202 West First Street, South Boston, MA 02127 Total \$64,770

Front entrance stairs and ramp
Back entrance stairs and ramp
Rear/side door stairs

D. Perry motion to approve Lifeway Mobility to construct the aluminum decking for the entrance ramps for the Modular Police Building for \$45,593.00 Second by J. Muri. 5-0.

Discussion:

J. Muri asked if it would be slip resistant. M. Costello answered yes.

J. Muri asked if the money was in the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve Auto License Renewal for 2021, as submitted

Reed's Junkyard, Inc. has worked out a payment plan with the Tax Collector's office to pay back taxes. All other paperwork has been submitted to our office. The Board may vote to renew their 2021 Class III License.

D. Perry motion to renew the Class III Auto License for Reed's Junkyard, Inc. at 199 Plain Street, effective 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve First Amendment Agreement with Industrial Communications & Electronics, Inc.

J. Muri motion to table this till next BOS meeting after discussion with Town Counsel. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Muri: no report

Costello: no report

Perry: no report

Schwall:

- Dighton Selectmen Nancy Goulart lost her husband to COVID. Our condolences go out to her.
- Family in Rehoboth, Procopio's, son in auto accident, keep him in our thoughts and prayers.
- DRHS Band were on Channel 12 "Rhode Show" on Christmas day. Great job!

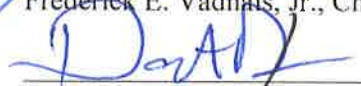
Vadnais:

Sprague Road issue, discussion with Daniel. Land owners came together to put chain up to keep vehicles out. People can still walk there. All have a key, except Town, who is largest land owner there. Does Board agree?

- M. Costello was approached by land owner that tried to hunt, he was told "no". There are "no trespassing" signs now, at the location.
- G. Schwall-file on Sprague Road, Town has spent money in that area. Town Counsel was looking into area, was abandoned correctly? Town Meeting article that appropriated money and should be some left over.
- J. Muri -recommend putting up signs that vehicles are not allowed.
- ITA will get more information to Chairman Vadnais for 1/11 meeting.

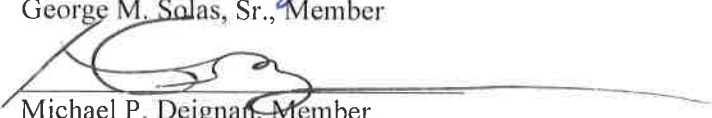
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:09 PM., Second by Selectmen Schwall. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Costello-aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. McDonough', is written over a horizontal line.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator **Approved: 6/21/2021**