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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

<u>Present:</u> Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman James Muri, Selectman Dave Perry, Selectman Gerry Schwall, and Assistant to the Town Administrator Cindy McDonough

Absent: Selectmen Michael Costello and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda,

At 5:30pm it was voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to <u>M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21 (a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. (3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation 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.</u>

Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants for February 22, 2021:

D. Perry motioned approve this week's Warrant: 21-34B Payroll \$111,934.96; 21-33A Withholdings \$32,652.12; 21-34 Warrant \$72,949.36. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. G. Schwall abstained.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 10/5/2020

D. Perry motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Administrator's Report:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: COVID-19 Vaccination Plan

Selectmen Schwall announced that the Board just voted in Executive Session to enter into a partnership with Anawan Pharmacy to administer the COVID-19 Vaccine to citizens in this area and then presented his plan.

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept the SAFE Grant for the Fire Department

The Rehoboth Fire Department has been awarded \$4692 for the FY21 Students Awareness of Fire Education Grant (SAFE) and \$2480 for the FY21 Senior SAFE Grant by the Commonwealth. Fire Chief Frank Barresi and Lieutenant Randy Larivee were both present. Chief Barresi announced that this was an increase from last year. Lt. Larivee said he hopes to expand the contest for kids, and that the money will go to this program with the schools.

J. Muri motion to accept the SAFE Grant for the Rehoboth Fire Department, for the total amount of \$7,172, and to allow all processing of paperwork that may come to the attention of the Chief. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #2: 7:30 PM Public Hearing Class II Dealership- Jim's Rims, Inc dba Wheels Unlimited of 40 Fall River Avenue.

Our office has received an application for a Class II Dealership from Michael Kandalaft. The location was previously Riverside Auto. The applicant currently leases the space behind this location for Jim's Rims. All necessary paperwork and fees have been received.

At 7:31 D. Perry motioned to open the Public Hearing for a Class II License for Jim's Rims Inc., dba Wheels Unlimited at 40 Fall River Ave. Second by J. Muri.

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

Applicant Michael Kandalaft was present.

The Board asked Mr. Kandalaft how many cars would be for sale on the lot (5-10) and whether repairs would be done on premise (no, he has a contract with Done Right Auto Service outlining this, which has already been submitted). They addressed the need for all unloading of cars to be done on site (not in road) as it is a State Road. Mr. Kandalaft stated the hours of operation would be 8-5 PM on Monday to Friday, and Saturday and Sunday by appointment only.

One unidentified caller (via Zoom) asked about which documents the Board had received.

S. Vadnais answered.

J. Muri motion to close the Public Hearing. Second by G. Schwall. Roll call vote: Vadnais, aye; Muri, aye; Perry, aye; Schwall, aye. 4-0

J. Muri motion to accept and approve the Class II Application for Jim's Rims, Inc. dba Wheels Unlimited at 40 Fall River Avenue, Manager on Record Michael Kandalaft, subject to all of the information in the application, no more than 10 cars for sale on the site at any given time (vehicles associated with the purchase and sale and preparation of), and hours of operation Monday through Friday 8-5 and by appointment only on the weekends. Second by D. Perry. Vote 5-0.

Action Item #3: Discussion Re: Green Energy Committee and Grant Funds

Carolyn Panofsky, Chairman of the Green Energy Committee was present to discuss with the Board the Committee's proposal of what to do with the grant funds that were previously allocated for the Senior Center and the Annex. The Green Energy Committee has come up with some additional plans, along with the idling program for the Police Department vehicles in order to expend those funds. The committee is looking for the approval of the Board.

Documentation: Proposal to BOS from Green Energy Committee

Ms. Panofsky outlined the 3 additional projects with Energy Source that the Committee is proposing: installing LED lights in Town Hall, and the Library, and to weatherize the Library, as well as the project to equip the Police Department Vehicles with anti-idling devices.

Discussion ensued regarding soundness of such projects, and how only projects listed on the initial audit can be included on this grant, eliminating the possibility of including the newly recycled Police Modular Building, this time around. The Board directed the Town Administrator to get the baseline operating cost information, utility bills and MEI data (from Massachusetts Energy Insight System) from the previous building owner, Town of Dartmouth, in order to apply for a new grant in October 2021, which could include this building.

J. Muri motion to direct the Green Energy Chair to pursue these projects that she has outlined on her proposal, including for the LED lighting and weatherization, and for the anti-idling project and associated administrative costs. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #5: Vote to Approve and Sign the Conservation Restriction- 28 Smith Street

The Conservation Commission is asking for the Boards approval and signature on the Conservation Restriction for 28 Smith Street- Blue Herron Estates, LLC. This is defined in Chapter 184 Section 31-33 of the General Laws.

Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to table until Conservation Agent Daniel Roach is present to answer their questions.

G. Schwall motion to table. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #6: Vote to Approve and Sign Retreat Lot Restriction-155 Perryville Road

The Planning Board is asking for the Boards approval and signature on the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Charges, and Liens document. This is also defined in M.G.L. Chapter 184 and also Chapter 41, Section 81-L (Subdivision Control Law), and 81P and X (Registration of Plans). The purpose of this restriction is to prevent from any further subdivision or division of said real estate – 155 Perryville Road, Retreat Lot 2-Rehoboth Country Club. Per our Town Counsel this procedure needs to take place and in past years has not.

J. Muri motion to approve and sign the Retreat Lot Restriction for 155 Perryville Road-Lot 2. Second by D. Perry. J. Muri later rescinds his motion.

Discussion:

- J. Muri shared that Town Counsel said this is a cleaner better way to do it for title searches.
- G. Schwall noticed a typo in Exhibit A of the document, "Rrehoboth" which will need to be fixed.
- G. Schwall motion to table until we can clarify. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #7: April 6, 2020 Annual Town Election

Town Clerk Laura Schwall was present to discuss the need to choose a new date for the Town Election as Tuesday April 6th there will be over 300 students in the school. She suggested a new date of Wednesday April 7th as it is a cleaning day and there are no students in the building, or Saturday April 10th, or she can check with Beckwith Middle School.

Discussion ensued as to whether it was under the purview of the Board to change dates of the election if it is set by the bylaws, without the emergency legislation which is set to expire on March 31st.

G. Schwall motion that the Board approve the moving of Annual Town Election to April 10th with Town Counsel's positive approval. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Schwall: no report

Costello: absent

Perry: no report

Muri: Former Town Nurse Lynn Aienello passed away.

Vadnais: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:40 PM, Second by Selectmen Muri. Muri – aye, Vadnais – aye, Schwall-aye, Perry-aye.

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman

James Muri, Clerk

George M Sotas & Member

Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted, Cindy McDonough

Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 9/20/2021

Proposal to Board of Selectmen from Green Energy Committee

The GEC proposes to reallocate funds from previously approved projects, as follows:

Original Green Community Grant Amount:

\$148,380*

Original amount of budgeted projects: \$143,441

Amount of currently contracted projects:

Reflecting funds no longer to be used
by COA (\$45,457) and Annex (\$18,446)

\$60,604

Proposed re-allocation of remaining funds for <u>Energy Source</u> projects

\$62,100

1. Town Hall: LED Lighting

2. Blanding Library: LED Lighting

3. Blanding Library: Weatherization

Additional re-allocation for Town Vehicles upgrade:

\$20,000

4. Anti-idling equipping of 3 Police Vehicles Estimate based on 2019 costs

Remaining funds based on estimates:

\$5,676

Administrative costs (e.g., Town staff; unplanned costs of project implementation)

^{*} Plus \$25,279 in utility incentives; total \$168,720