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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
MEETING MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL**

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

Absent: Selectmen Michael Costello

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

Warrants for March 8, 2021:

D. Perry motion to approve this week's Warrant: 21-36B Payroll \$106,350.74; 21-35A Withholdings \$30,400.17; 21-36 Warrant \$78,220.89; 21-36R Refund Warrant \$2,775.92; 21-36R1 Refund Warrant \$455.38. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 3-0.

Selectman Muri arrived at 7:05 PM.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 9/14/2020, 10/13/2020, and 11/2/2020

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 3-0. G. Schwall abstained.

D. Perry motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2020. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7 PM at Town Hall.

Town Administrator's Report:

As a follow up to the Route 6 and Barney Ave. intersection, the District has placed advanced warning signs on Route 6 to show the upcoming intersection with the appropriate street names on either side of Route 6 (Barney Ave. and Old Providence Rd.) This concludes their Road Safety Audit. The District will continue to monitor the intersection and if we have further concerns, as other businesses in the area open up, we can contact them again.

Deborah Arruda updated the Board with the latest COVID-19 numbers from Town Nurse Jaime Conlon.

- 350 residences in quarantine/isolation in the last 3 months
- 47 confirmed cases with in the last month
- 27 probable cases within the last month.

There has been a request for a Candidate Debate to be held via Zoom for the upcoming election.

Keep Rehoboth Beautiful will be holding their annual clean up on April 18 through April 25. It will be socially distanced and COVID protocol will be followed.

Chairman Vadnais addressed an article in The Rehoboth Reporter written by Professor Thomas Kearns in the Rehoboth Reporter regarding the proposed solar farm on 90 Pond Street and his disappointment with the Board's response. Chairman Vadnais defended the actions of his Board.

UPDATE ON COVID VACCINATION CLINIC:

G. Schwall updated the Board on how the COVID-19 vaccination Clinic is going, and explained the website scheduling and how to get on the cancellation list. He presented the plan for the Town Nurse Jaime Conlon to vaccinate the homebound.

G. Schwall motion ask that the Board allow Town Nurse Jaime Conlon to respond to a survey from the Massachusetts Department of Health that Rehoboth has decide to take on vaccinating the Homebound on our own. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall motion to direct phone number of our Health Department for all communications for Homebound Vaccinations from COA, internal office, state, etc. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Chairman Vadnais assigned G. Schwall the duty of working with Health Department on the Homebound Program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Approve and Sign Snow Removal Deficit Invoices for Payment

The Town Accountant has notified the Board of Selectmen that the Snow Removal Budget appropriation has been exhausted (as of the warrant approval today it leaves only \$11.63). She has also received an additional \$16,132.17 in snow removal invoices, which are also in this week's warrant. Per the Superintendent of Highway, he is asking that the invoices are approved and prepared for payment this week. After these invoices are paid, the Snow Removal Line will be in a deficit of \$16,120.54. The Accountant is asking for the Boards approval and disposition.

D. Perry motion to approve payment of the invoices for snow removal, totaling \$16,120.54. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry spoke to the "snow removal" letters that went out and explained that snow is not to be left in the road from when plowing your driveway as it hinders traffic and is against the Town Bylaws.

Action Item #2: Vote to Approve Contractor for Roof Work at the Dorrance Building

Bill Pray has been working on getting the roof repaired at the Dorrance building. There is a section of the roof that has been leaking. The following contractors have quoted the job.

- Ferreira Company Roofing System
\$14,777.00 Labor and Materials
- B&R Fournier
\$15,400.00 labor and Materials

- Quality Siding & Home Improvement
\$16,329.71 Labor and Materials

J. Muri motion to award the roofing contract to Ferreira Co. for the amount of \$14,7770.00 for the work to be completed on the Dorrance Building, and to allow the Chairman to sign the contact. Second by D. Perry. Vote 4-0.

D. Perry spoke to the extra \$1,358.00 for the wall stucco which can be added at a later date if decided.

Action Item #3: Vote to Approve Chairman to Sign Rebates for LED Lighting Projects- Green Energy Committee Grant

This is a continuation of the work being done in the town through our Green Energy Grant. Before the work can be started, the rebate forms have to be approved. These are for LED lighting at the Town Hall and Library work.

G. Schwall motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the rebate forms for the LED lighting project. Second by J. Muri. Vote 4-0.

Action Item #4: Vote to Accept Resignation- Cultural Council

On March 1, 2021 the Town Clerk's office received a signed resignation letter from Desire Palmer-Cardono from the Cultural Council. Desire's term would expire on December 28, 2021. The Board would like to take this time to thank Desire for her dedication to the Town as well as the Cultural Council.

D. Perry motion to accept the resignation of Desire Palmer-Cardono from the Cultural Council, effective immediately. Second by G. Schwall. Vote 4-0.

G. Schwall offered his appreciation and condolences on the loss of her husband George Cardono.

Action Item #5: Appointments, as submitted

This action item was not addressed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Vote to Accept and Sign Conservation Committee Restriction-28 Smith Street-Blue Heron Estates

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

Daniel is working with Planning Board and the developers' attorney on the wording, removing public access on 'potential' private property.

Selectmen's Reports:

Schwall: Speed limit on Peck Street- reduced/posted. Bringing to Board for review/ further discussion.

Board decided to direct the Highway Superintendent and the Police Chief to determine safe speed, find the means for reducing the speed limit on this street and work towards implementing it.

Costello: absent

Perry: no report

Muri: no report

Vadnais: no report

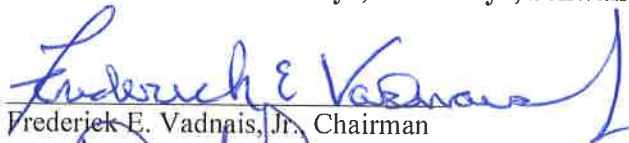
Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 8:10 PM and enter into Executive Session. Second by Selectmen Schwall.

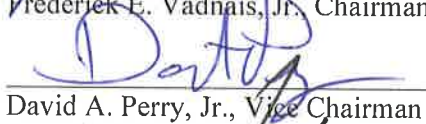
At 8:10pm it was voted to enter into executive session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §21 (6) To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Schwall-aye, Perry -aye.

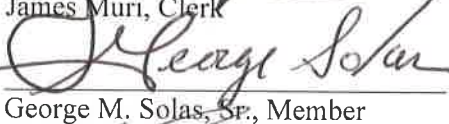
ADJOURNMENT: Selectmen Perry made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 8:30 PM. Second by J. Muri.

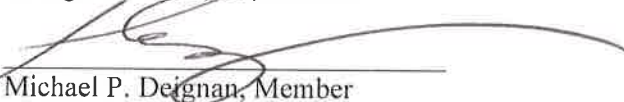
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Muri – aye, Schwall-aye, Perry -aye.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


David A. Perry, Jr., Vice Chairman


James Muri, Clerk


George M. Solas, Sr., Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member


Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy McDonough
Assistant to the Town Administrator

Approved: 9/20/2021