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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES**

FRANCIS FARM - FRANCIS HALL - 27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr., Selectman Leonard Mills, Jr., Selectman George Solas, Sr., Selectman Michael P. Deignan, Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Call to Order at 7:03 PM: Chairman Vadnais announced that this meeting is a joint meeting with the Planning Board, and invited the Chair of the Planning Board, Patrick Landry, to jointly open the meeting.

The meeting opened with both Chairs and the public participating in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consent Agenda

Action Item (1): Joint Meeting with the Planning Board-Vote to Appoint Lynne Ferreira as a Member to the Planning Board to Fill Vacancy

Both Chairs opened the meeting to address the resignation of Jake Kramer as a member of the Planning Board.

Patrick Landry nominated candidate Lynne Ferreira as a member to the Planning Board. Chairman Vadnais accepting Lynne Ferreira's name placed in nomination, and hearing no other nominations accepted a motion to close the meeting. Motion made by Selectman L. Mills to accept nomination and seconded by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0

By the request of Selectman Vadnais, Patrick Landry declared and called a vote to nominate Lynne Ferreira as member of the Planning Board, effective 10/10/2023-4/2/2024. All in favor.

The Board of Selectmen continued with the following:

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of October 2, 2023: 24-14B Payroll \$147,261.07; 24-13A Withholdings \$41,840.24; 24-13 Warrant \$118,966.82. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 10, 2023: 24-15B Payroll \$155,777.37; 24-14A Withholdings \$38,593.67; 24-14 Warrant \$316,214.84. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: 9/25/2023 Regular Minutes

G. Solas- motion to approved the September 25, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A reminder that the Rehoboth Senior Citizens Club Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at Francis Farm, from 9 PM to 3 PM.

Rehoboth Police Department will be accepting new unwrapped toy donations until December 18, 2023. Help them fill a cruiser! Donations will be hand delivered to "The Tomorrow Fund Clinic at Hasbro Children's Hospital.

We are still accepting names for the Museum Building. Please send your ideas to the Board of Selectmen's Office by October 24th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (2): Ratify Approval of New Hire-Paul Costa as the Administrative Aide in the Assessor's Office

G. Solas- motion to ratify the new hire of Paul Costa, effective 10/2/2023 as the Administrative Aide in the Assessor's office. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Accept Grant Easement Agreement Between TOR and Rehoboth Land Trust—Map 40, Lot 8

G. Solas- motion: I hereby move that the Board of Selectmen, as authorized pursuant to Article 31 of the May 9, 2023 Rehoboth Annual Town Meeting, grant an easement to Rehoboth Land Trust, Incorporated, over a portion of a lot off County Road in Rehoboth, known as Rehoboth Assessor's Map 40, Lot 8, and further to authorize the Chair, Frederick Vadnais, Jr., to execute and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the grant of easement over said property. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers for SHINE-Dennis Dubuc and Richard Kelley

G. Solas- motion to approve Dennis Dubuc and Richard Kelley as volunteers for the COA and to help with the SHINE program for the seniors. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Appoint Lee Anne Todd to the Town Events Committee

G. Solas- motion to appoint Lee Anne Todd to the Town Events Committee, effective 10/10/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6) Ratify Approval of One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Chairty

G. Solas- motion to ratify approval of the One Day Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity, all alcohol license on 10/1/2023 from 12pm to 6PM at 43 Broad Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity and Rehoboth People Have a Heart

G. Solas- motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity, on 43 Broad Street, on 10/20/23 from 6 PM to midnight-all alcohol. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth People Have a Heart at 61 Reed Street on 10/20/23 from 6 PM to 10 PM- wine and malt. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approval Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 7, 2023

G. Solas- motion to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant as submitted by the Town Administrator. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Mills: Road work continues because it hasn't rained as much. Continue to do oil and stone, striping, fog lines and center lines. Most of the roads in Town are in real good shape. Kevin Chace & the Highway department have been on top of it. As far as buildings, the fire & police stations are getting their signs up. Thank you, Dave Perry and his wife Pat, for donating three sprinkler systems, includes labor and materials- this is a very generous donation.

Work at Francis Farm is moving along with the parking lot.

Solas: There was an event at the South Fire Station on Saturday, Oct. 8th, which will be shown on Channel 98. This, and other events in Rehoboth, are the type of events which will be filmed and a library created to be shown on Channel 98.

Selectman Solas asked Gary Zimmer, who does videography for the Town, to speak about the Safety Day event that took place at Fire Station #3. Per Gary, Ciara Kilkenny, Media & Communications Manager & he taped all the activities and will broadcast the video on Channel 98. Also, the Fall Festival will be taped, edited and shown on Channel 98.

Selectman Solas will be attending the Bristol-Plymouth Regional School Ground-Breaking ceremony, Saturday, October 14th and will represent the Board of Selectmen and Rehoboth.

Deignan: None.

Johnson: A tree was planted and dedicated to the memory of Dylan Quinn. There were family members and friends in attendance. Representative Howitt attended and, presented a citation which will be posted in the Arcade Building if anyone would like to see it.

Construction of the roundabout is now getting on the way and residents should be made aware- avoid the area if possible.

Also, requesting to make the Fair Committee an Ad-Hoc Committee. There's a good group of people ready to move forward with plans. Chairman Vadnais, asked Deb Arruda to make it an agenda item, discussion

with possible action, for the next meeting; R. Johnson to have names ready for discussion at the next meeting and the following meeting members can be appointed.

Vadnais: The document having to do with PFAS funds being established should be given to Sue Pimental to follow through and report back to the Board.

The correspondence received with concerns that the office has been dealing with will be reviewed, and when the position of the Board is finalized, those people that have questions, one of which is the Veader Estates, the other having to do with line painting on the road; the Board has been looking into these and a finalization letter will go out to those residents who've expressed concern.

Also, complaint was received having to do with odors arising from agriculture. Rob Johnson will be dealing with this situation.

Veader Farm: questions raised by the Town Administrator may deal with covenants which the Town has nothing to do with - the question now is "who enforces covenants". Selectman Mills asked that he be brought into the conversation and cc'd on all correspondence to be able to help, depending on which of his departments it pertains to.

MassCOP Union 209- confirmed the agreement was forwarded to Atty Feodoroff and needs a good starting date from Counsel. D. Arruda should send a response to the Union acknowledging the request letter advising the Union that we are exploring agreeable dates to begin negotiations.

Lastly, Selectman Vadnais asked Rob Johnson regarding his conversation with the Board of Health about dumpsters- "where are we?". Per R. Johnson, the dumpster regulations are not finalized but there is a draft circulating.

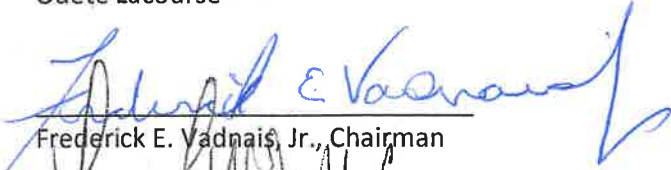
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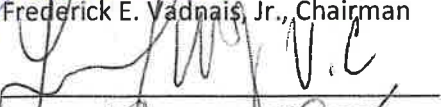
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman G. Solas- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:40 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Absent

Michael P. Deignan, Member



Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approve: 10/30/2023