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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM  
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

**Call to Order at 7:27 p.m.:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

Chairman Vadnais was not in the room at the time of the vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (7): Vote to Hire a FT-Dispatcher for Police Dept.- Michael Perry**

Chief Trombetta asked that the Board vote to approve Michael Perry as a full-time Dispatcher. Chief Trombetta introduced Mr. Perry and stated he would be the 6<sup>th</sup> dispatcher for the department, filling the final vacancy. Chief Trombetta thanked the current dispatchers for their hard work and dedication.

G. Solas motion to approve Michael Perry as a FT Dispatcher for the Police Dept., Effective Date to be determined. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Warrant for October 17, 2022:**

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 17, 2022: 23-16B Payroll \$134,518.05; 23-15A Withholdings \$37,637.96; 23-15 Warrant \$87,178.19. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0

**Minutes:** None

**Announcements:**

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Reminder: Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 7pm at the Francis Hall Building.

At next week's meeting Nancy Goulart and Lenny Hull (Town of Dighton) will be present to thank Rehoboth for all of the help we provided during Covid.

**Action Item (1): Discussion with Town Clerk and Moderator RE: Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Mr. Bill Cute and Laura Schwall were present to discuss the warrant and the Special Town Meeting.

1. Bill Cute will entertain a motion for those present at the Special Town Meeting to approve Kathleen Conti as the temporary Town Clerk for the Special Town Meeting.
2. All votes will be taken as verbal votes.
3. A quorum of 60 registered voters is needed.
4. Early In-Person Voting for the Gubernatorial Election starts 10/22/22 for the next 2 weeks.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Approve and Sign the Warrant for the 11/8/2022 Gubernatorial Election**

Laura Schwall requested the approval and signature of the Board on the Warrant for the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial Election.

G. Solas motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial Election. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

Geri Hamel, Town Nurse, gave a brief health update:

1. In Rehoboth there were 17 positive COVID cases out of more than 200 tests.
2. Stated the Nurse's Wellness Clinic hours to the public.
3. Gave an update on the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Health Fair that was held. Mrs. Hammel thanked everyone who came and those who helped.

**Action Item (3): Review, Consider and Vote on Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint Against BOS dated 10/3/22; Filed by Patrick Higgins on File with the Town Clerk.**

Ryan Clemens from the office of Mead, Talerman and Costa has prepared a response for the most recent complaint sent in from Patrick Higgins. He is asking for the Board's approval so he can respond accordingly.

G. Solas motion to table. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Appoint Cheryl Gouveia as Interim Town Accountant**

Per the Board's discussions in Executive Session and the approval of the Contract between Cheryl and the Town, Selectman Deignan is requesting the Board's vote for Cheryl's appointment. M. Deignan gave an update on the situation, and the Board requested to send a thank you letter to Roberta for her years of service.

G. Solas motion to appoint Cheryl Gouveia as Interim Town Accountant, effective 10/29/22 and until the Town Accountant Position is fulfilled. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Interim Town Accountant Contract**

Per discussions in Executive Session, the Board should be ready to approve this contract as submitted.

G. Solas motion to approve and sign the Interim Town Accountant Contract between Cheryl Gouveia and the Town of Rehoboth, effective 10/18/22 pending the review from Town Counsel. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (6): Discussion RE: Search Committee for Town Accountant Replacement, with possible action**

Selectman Deignan would like to create a search committee to help with finding and interviewing a Town Accountant. The Committee will consist of:

1. Cheryl Gouveia
2. A representative from Finance Committee

3. A representative from Personnel Board

G. Solas motion to approve the development of a Search Committee to find the new Town Accountant. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: not present

Deignan: Received a lot of questions regarding the ballot questions on the Bristol Plymouth High School Project. M. Deignan went into detail on what a Yes vs. No vote means.

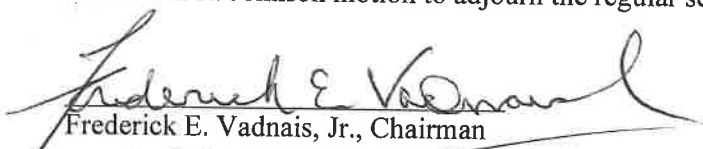
Solas: no report

Johnson: no report

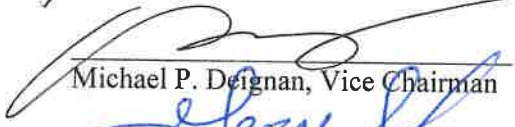
Mills: The Highway Department will re-do work that shows excess of oil and not enough stone on Providence Street.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Selectman R. Johnson motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:13pm. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



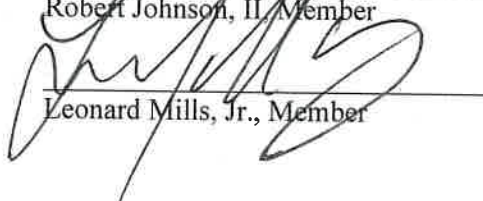
Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk



Robert Johnson, II, Member



Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Logan Shaker

**Approved: 1/30/2023**