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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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 Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Absent: Selectman Michael P. Deignan

Call to Order at 7:00 PM: The meeting opened with the Board and the public participating in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At 6:16 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ***MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 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 (4) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation. (7) To review and approve Executive Session Minutes: 9/18/2023***

Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of October 30, 2023: 24-18B Payroll \$165,919.31; 24-17A Withholdings \$47,125.76; 24-17 Warrant \$111,885.59. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 10/10/2023 and 10/16/2023

On a motion made by Selectman G. Solas and seconded by Selectman L. Mills; the minutes for October 10th and October 16th, 2023 were approved. Vote 4-0.

Executive Minutes for September, 18, 2023 were approved & released during Executive Session.

Announcements:

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, November 6, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder that Rehoboth Police Department continues to accept new, unwrapped toys until December 18, 2023. Thank you.

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6 PM, in the Museum Building, there will be a Public Hearing regarding the Renewal of the Comcast Cable TV License. This notice was advertised in the Taunton Gazette on Friday, October 27, 2023 and will be advertised again Monday, November 6, 2023.

Two bids have been awarded. The one for the COA fitness equipment is now waiting for ARPA approval and the other for Town Hall sign. The vendors have been contacted and, Mike Viveiros will be working with them to get the order(s) processed.

Cultural Counsel Chair June Cruz, reached out to the Town Administrator regarding a notice she received having to do with a young gentleman, an 8th grader from Wheeler School asking if the Town would support Dyslexia awareness month by placing a red light at one of its facilities - Ms. Cruz was present to thank Deb Arruda and Jake Kramer for working so quickly to get a red light at the Redway Plain gazebo, for 2 weeks during the month of October.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve New Hire for the Police Department Dispatchers Unit-Joseph Reis

Selectman Mills invited Deputy Ramos to introduce the new dispatcher, Mr. Josephy Reis.

Deputy Ramos brought Joseph Reis in front of the Board for hiring consideration and, reviewed Mr. Reis' experience and, also stating that Mr. Reis will have to reinstate his credits as a dispatcher.

L. Mills- motion to approve Joseph Reis as a full-time Dispatcher for the Police Department, effective 10/30/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Deputy Ramos announced Officer Brent Warish's resignation and will work as Traffic Control Unit.

Also, new decals have been added to traffic control cars for safety; not only for visibility, but to make sure the traffic unit in those vehicles are not mistaken as Police.

Action Item (2): Vote to Appoint Brent Warish to the Traffic Control Unit; Kimberly Abbott to the Rehoboth Town Events Committee and Personnel Board

L. Mills- motion to appoint Brent Warish to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 10/30/2023 to 6/30/2024. R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Kimberly Abbott to the Rehoboth Town Events Committee. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Richard Panofsky introduced Ms. Kim Abbott, who the Personnel Board voted unanimously to recommend the BOS to appoint as new member.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Kimberly Abbott to the Personnel Board, effective 10/30/2023-6/30/2024. R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Chairman Vadnais requested Selectmen reports due to available time before the 7:30 PM Public Hearing begins.

Selectmen's Reports:

Johnson: There are a couple of committees that can use the public's help. The Town Events and the Recreation Committees could use help. Anyone interested please fill out a talent bank form.

Thank you to Kimberly Abbott for joining the Town Events Committee.

Solas: 80-90 people showed up to the Halloween Luncheon for the Seniors, which was held earlier today. The Senior Center is a place for the Seniors and those close to.

The Media Center is starting to film events in town; Selectmen and other meetings are being posted without delay; Now being shown on Channel 98 are, not only meetings, but also other events. Those without Comcast, these meetings broadcasts can be viewed online.

Requested the Boards response to the letter regarding the senior dinner being put on by the Rehoboth Lions Club.

Mills: Thanks to the departments for being community oriented, ie. Police Department at Camp Ramsbottom & High School trunk or treat, the Highway Department, Maintenance Department, Zoning/ZBA. Thanks to Dave in the ZBA for projects being worked on.

Deignan: Absent.

Vadnais: Most being worked on is not for public discussion, but to give the public an idea of some of the things being worked right now- a lot of time has been spent, along with Selectman Mills, on Ambulance contract negotiations to continue services to the Town, emergency services; spending a lot of time on opioid prevention programs because there's opioid money coming in and working on a plan to educate the youth; also, a lot of time on discussing deployment of security personnel.

7:30 PM Chairman Vadnais requested a motion to open Public Hearing

Action Item (3): 7:30PM Public Hearing-Per MGL Chapter 140 Sec 183A 7-Day Entertainment License for Upcycle Edibles, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth Baking Co at 7 Park Street, Unit 2

G. Solas- motion to open public hearing per MGL Chapter 140 Sec 183A 7-Day Entertainment License for Upcycle Edibles, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth Baking Co at 7 Park Street, Unit 2. Second by L. Mills. **Roll call:** Mills, aye; Solas, aye; Johnson, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 4-0.

The Chair invited Mr. Paul Booras, the applicant/owner, to come forth.

The Chair invited anyone present that would like to speak to the Board, pursuant to the application. The Chair submitted letter received by the Board, from Kristin Estes and Eric Gobin, of 15 Park Street the BOS, thru email, expressing some concerns and request that the same radio & TV only and no bands be allowed, the same as Park St Asian restaurant.

Mr. Booras provided the Town Administrator with the abutters list and certification of mailings and the application payment.

Per Selectman Vadnais, TV & internet music is not a problem; however, bands present a problem; closing time is reasonable.

Selectman Mills recommended removing "bands" from the selection and just keeping the musicians.

The Board agreed "non-amplified acoustic"

The Chair, again, invited any abutter with an opinion to come forth.

G. Solas- motion to close the public hearing. Second by L. Mills. **Roll call:** Mills, aye; Solas, aye; Johnson, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 4-0.

R. Johnson- motion to grant an Entertainment License to Paul Booras, for Upcycle Edibles, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth Baking Co., at 7 Park Street, Unit 2 for the following entertainment use: TVs, Internet Music and Instrumental Musicians, No Percussion, Non-amplified for 7 days from noon to 9pm on Sunday, 8pm to 10pm on Thursday, 8pm to 10pm on Friday and noon to 10pm on Saturday. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

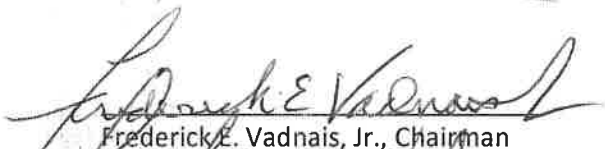
Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT:

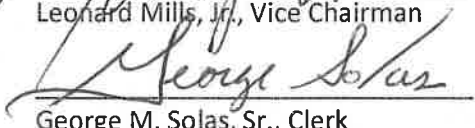
Selectman G. Solas- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:50 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

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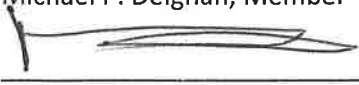

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Absent

Michael P. Deignan, Member


Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approve: 11/27/2023