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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 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, and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Call to Order at 7:20 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for November 14, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of November 14, 2022: 23-20B Payroll \$147,405.95; 23-19A Withholdings \$39,608.20; 23-19 Warrant \$5,190,872.38. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: None.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2022, 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

License renewals are being sent out and we are asking all establishments to please return them as soon as possible.

Mike Deignan was asked if he had an updated Interim Town Accountant Contract for the BOS and Cheryl to sign? Mike responded that the contract was with Town Counsel

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Laura Schwall- Election update. Residents were happy and thanked Election Workers. Reminder to the Board of Town Clerks' workshop this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (7): 7:30 PM Public Notice Hearing for Pole Locations on Peck Street, Anawan Street and Tremont Street

Motion to Open the Public Notice Hearing-ROLL CALL: George Solas, aye; Rob Johnson, aye; Skip Vadnais, aye; Michael Deignan, aye. 4-0.

Motion to Close the Public Notice Hearing-ROLL CALL: Rob Johnson, aye; Michael Deignan, aye; Skip Vadnais, aye; George Solas, aye. 4-0.

George Solas- motion to approve the installation of 10 JO Poles and relocate 11 JO Poles on Peck St, Anawan Street and Tremont Street. Second Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (1): Review, Consider and Vote on Responses to Open Meeting Law Complaints Against BOS both dated 10/24/22; Filed by Patrick Higgins on File with the Town Clerk.

No vote needed; complaint withdrawn because the AG's office saw no reason for the complaint. Agendas were posted accurately on the town website, which is the legal process. Decision came in after the agenda was posted.

George Solas- motion to approve Town Counsel's response to the OML Complaint and Authorize Town Counsel to submit. Second Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (2): Re-vote the Approval on the Estimated Supplemental PFAS Source Area Investigation Form for the Fire Station from Wilcox & Barton

The amended agenda that was put forth last week was not legally posted on our website in time for the BOS meeting. Last item on the agenda that was added and voted on has to be revoted.

George Solas- motion to approve the Supplemental PFAS Source Area Authorization Form, as submitted by Wilcox and Barton. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Appoint: Marie-Juanita DiGioia to the Board of Human Services & Community Health and Lydia Tavares to the Town Events Committee

George Solas- motion to approve Dr. Marie-Juanita DiGioia to the Board of Human Services & Community Health, effective 11/14/22 – 6/30/23. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

George Solas: motion to approve Lydia Tavares to the Town Events Committee, effective 11/14/22 – 6/30/23. Second Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote Correction on the Re-appointment of Dr. Bruce Thayer to the COA Board

George Solas- motion to reappoint Dr. Bruce Thayer to the COA Board, effective 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve 3rd Quarter PEG (Comcast) Franchise Fees Payment of \$57,993.46

George Solas- Motion to approve the 3rd quarter Franchise Fee payment from Comcast-PEG account in the amount of \$57,993.46 and to have the Treasurer deposit the funds in the appropriate account. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Reimbursement Funds Back to the State for the Amount of \$172,652.70-Dump Truck is not available at this time.

George Solas- motion to Approve the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Funds of \$172,652.70 to be returned back to the state. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve and Sign the Purchase of a All Poly 3000 Gallon Tanker Pumper and One Freightliner M2-106 Chassis for the Fire Department- \$388,437.00

George Solas- motion to approve the purchase of an All Poly 3000 Gal. Tanker Pumper and a Freightliner M2-106 Chassis, total of \$388,437; and allow the Chairman to sign the contract. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve the Annual Chilly Willy Road Race for Ocean State Multisport on January 2023

Michael Deignan- motion to approve the Chilly Willy Road Race for January 1, 2023 and to allow the use of the designated roadways as submitted; along with Chief Trombetta's recommendation. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0

Gary Menissian spoke to this road race.

Action Item (10): Discussion RE: Election Results

Michael Deignan discussed Bristol Plymouth capital improvement and the town's vote on the Debt Exclusion. Skip suggested we put the vote out in April again. Funds will have to come from the schools.

Action Item (11): Discussion RE: Employee Memorandum of Agreement between TOR and Derek Rousseau, with possible action

George Solas- motion to allow Chair to sign agreement between Town of Rehoboth and Derek Rousseau. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve FMLA request for Derek Rousseau

Michael Deignan- motion to approve FMLA request for Derek Rousseau beginning 11/30/22. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Spoke about letter from Steve Sammip regarding traffic issues on certain named streets; wants this discussed with Lenny; Rob to give letter Kevin C to review and discuss with Lenny; asked Rob about getting stop signs.

Deignan: Communication with Mr. Creel regarding his email- there's been no other communication regarding Mr. Creel's complaint and he hasn't showed up to a BOS meeting to address his concerns.

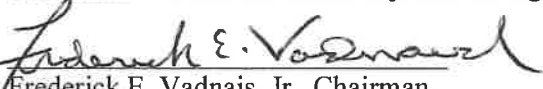
Solas: Discussed COA and how others are recognizing COA. Please come and enjoy the COA.

Johnson: Moving truck loads from 46 Almeida Rd

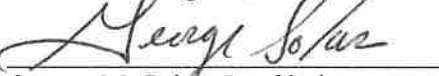
Mills: Absent


ADJOURNMENT:

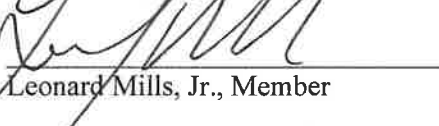
Selectman G. Solas motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:31PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.


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,
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Approved: 12/19/2022