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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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 7:00 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for November 28, 2022:

G. Solas motion to ratify the Warrant for November 21, 2022: 23-21B Payroll \$119,452.77; 23-20A Withholdings \$38,491.90; 23-20 Warrant \$89,660.50; 23-20R1 Refund Warrant \$24,626.97; 23-20R Refund Warrant \$2316.67. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for November 28, 2022: 23-21B Payroll \$119,335.32; 23-21A Withholdings \$142,837.31; 23-21 Warrant \$103,323.06; 23-20V Veterans Warrant \$5,988.03. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 5/2/22, 5/9/22, 5/23/22, 9/12/22 and 9/19/22.

George Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/2/2022. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

George Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/9/2022. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

George Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 5/23/2022. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

George Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 9/12/2022. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

George Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for 9/19/2022. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022, 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Would like to “thank” the businesses that have returned their application renewals.
- Employment Opportunity page on the town website for various job openings
- As a reminder the Town is part of the Electric Aggregate program with Constellations. If any resident has opted-out in the past and would like to opt back into the program, please check out the BOS webpage for details on how to do so. With utility costs rising, this program may be able to help. Our current contract is active until December 2023.
- We have begun to receive a few applications for the Town Accountant's position and those have been shared with the Search Committee. Hoping to set up interviews beginning in December. We also have received a couple of applications for the Assistant Treasurer's Position. Hoping to set up interviews next week as well.
- Public Hearing for Class II Barry Bixby – European Auto

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Jake Kramer- Veteran's Day was very successful. Thanked “Rehoboth People Have a Heart” and “Rehoboth Congregational Church”. Second Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on 12/10/22.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Amended Host Community Agreement and Donation Agreement Between CommCan and Town of Rehoboth

Michael Deignan- motion to approve the amended Host Community Agreement between TOR and CommCan, and approve the Donation Agreement and allow the Chairman to sign the documents. Second by George Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Memorandum of Purchase and Sale of Real Estate Between the Housing Authority and Town of Rehoboth-Anawan School & 0 Anawan Street (6.08 acres)

Michael Deignan- motion to approve and sign the Memorandum of Purchase and Sale of Real Estate Between the Housing Authority and the Town, for the property swapping of the Anawan School and the parcel of land at 0 Anawan Street (6.08 acres). Second George Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (1): 7:15pm Public Hearing-Classification of Land for Taxation

George Solas- motion to open Public Hearing. Second by Michael Deignan. Roll call: Deignan, aye; Vadnais, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye; Johnson, aye. Vote 5-0.

Susan from Assessor's office explained the “Single Rate” for 2023.

Michael Deignan- motion to close Public Hearing. Second by George Solas. Roll call: Deignan, aye; Vadnais, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye; Johnson, aye. Vote 5-0.

Michael Deignan- motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Assessor's for a single tax rate for 2023. Second by Lenny Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Accept the Voting Equipment Change per MGL Chapter 54, Section 34

George Solas- motion as per MGL Chapter 54, Section 34, The Rehoboth Board of Selectmen to accept the LHS ImageCast Precinct – Version 2 Tabulators for use in all future Local, State and Federal primaries and elections held in the Town of Rehoboth, and to discontinue the use of the current AccuVote Optical Scan tabulators for use in elections in the Town of Rehoboth. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Bid Award to Full Scope Contracting, Inc. for the Pavilion Enclosure at Francis Farm

Lenny Mills- motion to award the bid for the Pavilion Enclosure at Francis Farm at the amount of \$129,249.00 and allow the Board to sign a contract when provided. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Appoint Colleen Simpson and Michael Fleming to the DR Regional Advisory Finance Committee as the Finance Committee Representatives

Michael Deignan- motion: Vote to appoint Colleen Simpson and Michael Fleming as representatives from FinCom to the DR Regional Advisory Finance Committee, as stipulated in the agreement. Second by George Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve FEMA-4651-DR-MA-April 18, 2022-January 29th Snowstorm Grant for \$102,319.69

George Solas- motion to Approve and accept the FEMA-4651-DR-MA-April 18, 2022-January 29th Snowstorm Grant of \$102,319.69. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Volunteers for the COA-Linda Coolidge and Beatrice Lima

George Solas- motion to approve Linda Coolidge and Beatrice Lima as volunteers for the COA. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Discussion Re: Town Administrators Position, with possible action

Discussion brought up at the 11/14 meeting by Mike and, Skip asked to have it placed on an agenda when the full Board was present.

Lenny Mills- motion to make appoint Deborah Arruda as Town Administrator. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Department Head Timesheet Policy

Present: Mr. Panofsky and Lisa Dias-Cabral, Town Treasurer to answer questions by the Board.
George Solas- motion to approve Department Head Timesheet Policy. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 5-0.

This discussion was tabled on 9/6 for further review between Mr. Panofsky, Town Treasurer and ITA. The review took place and the policy was shared with Mike Deignan for his review and possible implementation approval. Policy will go into effect in 2023

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Rob Johnson will be monitoring wetlands at 46 Almeida Rd. Wetlands need to be reconstructed. Joint effort between Conservation & Board of Selectman. Will be scheduling gravel removal hearing due to the magnitude of the situation.

Deignan: Wants to know who's paying for the work at 46 Almeida Rd- it's the owners not the Town of Rehoboth. If landowner claims bankruptcy who pays?

Solas: Mentioned COA and Flu Shots available.

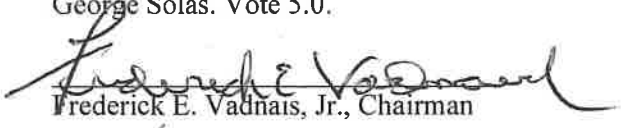
Johnson: 46 Almeida Rd- All dirt has been removed and it's returning back to normal. Lenny Mills & Bob Materne walked property on Saturday and it's backfilled at this point. About 400 truck loads of dirt have been removed.

Mills: Discussed CDL drivers and standard contract signed with paving <<<< Francis Street needs to be repaired after winter and they agreed to fix >>>>

Highway Dept is ready for winter and in good shape. Salt is ready. Building Dept (Facilities Maintenance) working on Radon, PFAS, with BOH Agent, Karl Drown and a multitude of other things. They are short staffed but not looking to hire anyone at this time- this department is also ready for snow storms.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman Michael Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:12 PM. Second by Selectman George Solas. Vote 5.0.


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