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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 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

Absent: Leonard Mills, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:15 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for November 7, 2022:

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week October 31, 2022: 23-18B Payroll \$140,94.25; 23-17A Withholdings \$42,981.50; 23-17 Warrant \$365,621.88. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0
Selectman Vadnais gave ITA permission to use signature stamp for warrant.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of November 7, 2022: 23-19B Payroll \$148,355.87; 23-18A Withholdings \$38,591.94; 23-18 Warrant \$115,492.26. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 3/14/2022

G. Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for Monday, March 14, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022, 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

The Town Office Buildings will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 to observe Veteran's Day.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There will be a Pole Hearing on November 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm for Peck Street, Anawan Street & Tremont Street.

Please view our Town website under Employment Opportunities for an updated listing of job openings.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Jennifer LeComte: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee- Regarding banding nips.

Skip thinks a circulated petition should be the first step, then it could move to Town Meeting. There are 10 signatures required for this petition and, once warrant is open then petition should be submitted.

Gerri Hamel: Provided a COVID and Flu Season update. She encourages vaccination (Flu & COVID vaccinations), she will also be doing in home vaccinations when requested.

Green Energy Committee: Caroline Panofsky discussed grant. Thanked Bill Pray, Mike Viveiros & Deb Arruda. Carolyn presented a cardboard check for \$148,380.00, plaque and 4 green community signs (metal signs) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Tabled- Skip wants to speak with Counsel.

Action Item (3): Discussion RE: IT Committee's Charter, with possible action

G. Solas- motion to approve IT Committee's Charter. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Anna Deignan presented a draft with counsel's changes- some functions are security, advisories, etc.

Action Item (11): Vote to Appoint: Deputy Tree Warden-Brian McKearney; Board of Human Services & Community Health-Dr. Robert Lambe, Dr. Bruce Thayer, Rachel Smith, Brittany Bixerman, Dr. Richard Panofsky, & Dr. Marie-Juanita DiGioia

G. Solas- motion to appoint the following new appointments, effective 11/7/2022-6/30/2023: Board of Human Services & Community Health- Dr. Robert Lambe, Dr. Bruce Thayer, Rachel Smith, Brittany Bixerman, Dr. Richard Panofsky. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Discussion: None

Vote to appoint Brian McKearney, Deputy Tree Warden, effective 11/7/2022-6/30/2023 N/A- no appointment necessary.

Action Item (2): Discussion RE: Purchase of a Reception Counter for Francis Hall, with possible action

COA is asking for approval to purchase a reception counter for a total cost of \$3,093.00. This is a replacement item from the fire.

G. Solas- motion to approve the purchase of a reception counter for Francis Hall & to allocate insurance proceeds. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Mr. Panofsky provided description of design, placement and proposal for this reception counter. M. Deignan concerned about taking floor space. Per Mr. Panofsky and F. Vadnais, reception counter is on wheels.

Action Item (4):--Discussion RE: Use of Francis Farm Facilities for 2023 Old-Tyme Summer Clambake, with possible action

R. Johnson- motion to use Francis Farm for Clambake on 8/12/2023.

Motion Amended to allow Events Committee to use Clambake Pavilion and structure for Annual Clambake on 8/12/2023. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Ratify Approval of Transfer Station Per-Diem Hire-Robert Brown

BOH has approved on 10/18/2022, and hired Robert Brown as a Transfer Station employee Per-Diem. The BOS needs to ratify the hire.

R. Johnson- motion to ratify the approval of Transfer Station Per-Diem hire Robert Brown. Second G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity 43 Broad Street

Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity requesting approval for a One Day Liquor License on 11/19/2022 from 6pm to 12am at 43 Broad Street for an Annual Turkey Raffle.

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity on 11/19/2022 from 6pm to 12am. Second R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Junk Dealer's License for New Too You 164 Winthrop Street

G. Solas- motion to approve the renewal of a Junk Dealer's license for New Too You at 164 Winthrop Street expiring April 2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Hawkers & Peddlers License for Eman Abu-Auda-Renewal by Anderson

G. Solas- motion to approve the Hawkers & Peddlers License for Eman Abu-Auda from Renewal by Anderson, effective 11/7/2022-12/31/2022. Second M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Utility Installation License for MJD Excavating, Inc.

G. Solas- motion to approve Utility Installation License for MJD Excavating, Inc., effective 11/7/2022-11/7/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve COA Volunteer-Anne Lise Lindquist-Slocum

G. Solas- motion to approve COA Volunteer, Anne Lise Lindquist-Slocum to help in the kitchen. Second R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Reappoint: Conservation Commission (Associate Member)-William Morgan; Field Driver-Brian McKearney; Field Driver- Robert E. Johnson, II; Fence Viewer-William McDonough; Fence Viewer-Michael Deignan; E-911 Municipal Liaison-Laura Schwall; Forest Fire Warden-Francis T. Barresi; Fish Warden-William E. Dalpe; & Harbormaster-William E. Dalpe

G. Solas- motion to appoint the following reappointments, effective 7/1/2022-6/30-2023: Conservation Commission (Associate Member), William Morgan; Fence Viewer, William McDonough; E-911 Municipal Liaison, Laura Schwall; Forest Fire Warden, Francis T. Baressi; Fish Warden, William E. Dalpe and Harbormaster, William E. Dalpe. Second by Michael Deignan. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint the following, effective 7/1/2022-6/30/23: Field Driver, Brian McKearney and Field Driver, Robert E. Johnson, II. Second M. Deignan. Vote 3-0. Rob Johnson abstains.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Fence Viewer, Michael Deignan, effective 7/1/2022-6/30/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0 Michael Deignan abstains.

Action Item (13): 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.

Table per Town Counsel.

Action Item (14): Vote to Approve the Estimated Supplemental PFAS Source Area Investigation Form for the Fire Station from Wilcox & Barton

G. Solas- motion to approve the supplemental PFAS Source Area Authorization form as submitted by Wilcox and Barton. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0

OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais:

- Schedule discussion regarding Interim Town Administrator position. Wants formal discussion with a full Board.
- Received Todd Creel's email and invites Mr. Creel to come to a BOS Meeting because we don't govern by email

Deignan:

- Fill Advisory Finance Committee spot- submit talent bank form.
- Need Finance Committee Member – submit talent bank form.
- D-R Regional Committee- Advisory Committee for Elementary Education (3 Rehoboth residents)- Talent bank form needs to be submitted.
- Hire for P.T. BOS position- make decision for Interim Town Administrator's job. Wants to advertise for temporary hire in BOS Office for Clerk position.

Solas: No report.

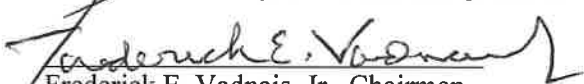
Johnson:

- DEP waiting for Russel Pray to write a letter for administrative consent (46 Almeida St.) – Rob Johnson gave an update.
He would like Conservation Commission representative to be there.

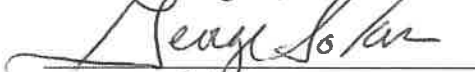
Mills: Absent.

ADJOURNMENT:


Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:53 PM. 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,
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Approved: 12/19/2022