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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

Absent: Nome.

Call to Order at 7:09 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for December 19, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of week December 19, 2022: 23-25B Payroll \$152,785.60; 23-24A Withholdings \$34,962.66; 23-24 Warrant -\$118,146.63; 23-24R Refund Warrant \$546.77; 23-24R1 Refund Warrant \$3,281.59. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 12/5/22 and 12/12/22. G. Solas- mentioned that executive minutes were held.

Regular Minutes: 11/7/22, 11/14/22, 11/28/22 and 12/12/22 - G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 7, 14, 28, 2022 and December 12, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023**, 7 pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

The Board of Selectmen would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy Holiday Season!

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Town Accountant Search Committee interviewed 3 candidates last week. We have a candidate chosen and are checking references.

Our office continues working on the remaining license renewals and should have them ready at our next meeting.

On January 9th we will have 2 public hearings: A pole hearing at 7:15 and at 7:30 a continuation of the Class II Auto License for Barry Bixby Autos.

Staff and I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and thank you for all of your support.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve and Sign FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant for \$13,853.71

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant for \$13,853.71. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Chief Barresi briefly discussed background of grant and the purchase of Ballistic Vest/Helmets, Hoses, Nozzles, PBI Hood and Vehicle Stabilization Struts.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve and Sign FY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for \$3500.00-

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign FY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for \$3500.00. Funds can only be used under the terms originally laid out. Second by Rob Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Chief Barresi- grant and light tower with battery will be purchased with grant money.

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Lindsey Sylvia as the Assistant Treasurer

M. Deignan- motion to approve the hiring of Lindsey Sylvia, Assistant Town Treasurer, pending the appropriate CORI check and physical. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Mid-City Scrap processing for various items

L. Mills- motion to approve a total of 7740 lbs (net) of scrap sent to Mid-City Scrap. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

\$846.24 received on 12/19/2022.

Action Item (3): Ratification of Approval and Signatures for 457 Winthrop Street Conservation Restriction-William James Lewis & Linda L Thompson and Rehoboth Land Trust

R. Johnson- motion: ratification of approval and signature of the Conservation Restriction between William James Lewis & Linda L Thompson, Rehoboth Land Trust and the Board of Selectmen. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Discussion with Historical Commission Chair RE: Chestnut Trees, with Possible Action

Discussion tabled.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve New Appointments: Bruce Alexander-Interim Assistant Town Accountant; Town Events-Elizabeth Lambert; Michael Viveiros, and Jacqueline Viveiros; Kimberly Ciociola-Board of Human Services & Community Health; and Chip Dietrich-Recreation Committee

G. Solas- motion to approve the appointment of Bruce Alexander as the Interim Assistant Town Accountant effective 12/19/22 to 6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the appointments to Town Events Committee-Elizabeth Lambert; Michael Viveiros, and Jacqueline Viveiros, effective 12/19/22 to 6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the appointments Kimberly Ciociola to Board of Human Services & Community Health; and Chip Dietrich to the Recreation Committee, effective 12/19/22 to 6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve and Sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$38,156.00

L. Mills- motion to approve and sign Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$38,156.00. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity-43 Broad Street

G. Solas- motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity at 43 Broad Street on 1/21/23 from 6pm to midnight. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (11): Vote to Approve Ocean State Multi Sport March Road Race

All approvals have been received from police, fire and highway.

G. Solas- motion to approve Ocean State Multi Sport March Road Race to be held at Francis Farm on 3/12/23, pending Police Detail (Sgt. Forget) within one week of race- only non-marking paint to be used and remove signs & cones after the race. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Approve and Sign Senior Center's Statement of Loss & Proof of Loss Statement

M. Deignan- motion to approve and sign Senior Center's Statement of Loss & Proof of Loss Statement, estimated to be total \$823,285.21 in additional payment (with amendments proposed by Town Counsel). Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): 7:30 PM Public Hearing Continuation: Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC dba Rehoboth Wine & Spirits

M. Deignan- motion to open the Continued Public Hearing from August 22, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Deignan, aye; Selectman Solas, aye; Selectman Vadnais, aye; Selectman Johnson, aye; Selectman Mills, aye. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to close the Public Hearing. Second by R. Johnson. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Deignan, aye; Selectman Solas, aye; Selectman Vadnais, aye; Selectman Johnson, aye; Selectman Mills, aye. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the application for Jay Mahalaxmi, LLC dba Rehoboth Wine & Spirits for an All-Alcohol Retail liquor license located at 537 Winthrop Street. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: License to be issued 12/19/2022-12/31/2023.

Action Item (13): Vote to Approve 2023 Class I, II and III Auto Renewal Licenses: Bay State Truck & Trailer, Inc. Family Auto-513 Winthrop Street; CMI 157 Tremont Street; AutoShow Sales & Services, LLC-4 Falls Street; First Stop Auto Sales, LLC-509 Winthrop Street; Rehoboth Auto Center, Inc-71 Winthrop Street; B&B Equipment Sales, Inc.- 75 Providence Street; Seekonk Auto-244 Providence Street; Gagnon's Garage, Inc. 119 Winthrop Street; Consolidated Truck & Equipment, Inc- 231 Plain Street; Jim's Rims, Inc.-40R Fall River Ave; Manny & Sons Auto Repair & Tire Center-2 Park Street; Fournier Auto and Truck Sales, LLC;-496 Winthrop Street; Big Al's Used Cars-329 Tremont Street; AP Auto Sales-29 Fall River Ave; Reed Junkyard Inc.-199 Plain Street; Jerry's Auto Salvage-47 Summer Street.

2023 Auto License Renewals: all book logs have been inspected by the PD, insurance coverage has been checked and worker's Comp information has been provided.

257 Anawan, LLC is the only business that our PD had an issue. After continuous appointments made to review the books, no one was ever present to allow the officer in the building. Our office, as well as the PD, have received a couple of calls for clients that have been sold vehicles with issues and deposits have not been returned. Some have filed a claim with the courts. As of 12/31/2022 will no longer have a license to sell.

G. Solas- motion to approve 2023 Auto Renewal Licenses for the following establishments: Bay State Truck & Trailer, Inc-527 Winthrop Street; Family Auto-513 Winthrop Street; CMI 157 Tremont Street; AutoShow Sales & Services, LLC-4 Falls Street; First Stop Auto Sales, LLC-509 Winthrop Street; Rehoboth Auto Center, Inc-71 Winthrop Street; B&B Equipment Sales, Inc.- 75 Providence Street; Seekonk Auto-

244 Providence Street; Gagnon's Garage, Inc. 119 Winthrop Street; Consolidated Truck & Equipment, Inc- 231 Plain Street; Jim's Rims, Inc.-40R Fall River Ave; Manny & Sons Auto Repair & Tire Center-2 Park Street; Fournier Auto and Truck Sales, LLC;-496 Winthrop Street; Big Al's Used Cars-329 Tremont Street; AP Auto Sales-29 Fall River Ave; Reed Junkyard Inc.-199 Plain Street; Jerry's Auto Salvage-47 Summer Street. Effective 1/1/2023-12/31/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Per Chairman Vadnais- send letter to 257 Anawan Auto, LLC that licenses will expire 12/31/2022 and no renewal until inspection is completed. May need to notify RMV.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Union negotiations have come to an agreement after many hours put forth by all.

Deignan: Happy Holidays!

Solas: Over 80 Seniors present at today's Christmas luncheon, with Beckwith School students singing carols. Some students and teachers helped serve lunches and made sock puppets (snowman/Santa).
1/9/2023 New Year's luncheon at COA.

Park commission event- 60+ children and families at tree lighting ceremony.

Johnson: Attended Rec Committee meeting and everyone seems to be on the same page – will present plans to BOS soon. Thank you to Chip Dietrich for joining committee.

Mills: Portico project complete- offices are occupied and meeting room is ready.
Basement Radon System is in place with meter reader.

PD- Police Dept fencing completed.

FD- Fire Dept windows completely installed.

FF- Francis Farm Pavilion wood was delivered today.

Salt shed complete.

Highway did well with first snow fall.

Widening roads and fixing drainage for winter.

Hunting going on at Francis Farm. We have checked with Town Counsel and there is no Hunting allowed on Town property. Signs will be placed showing "No Hunting". Need to have safety measures in place.

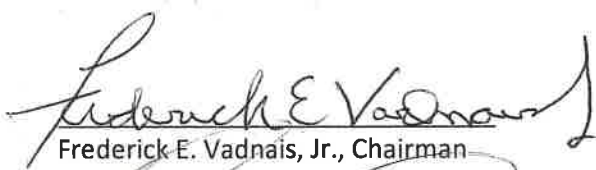
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:04 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

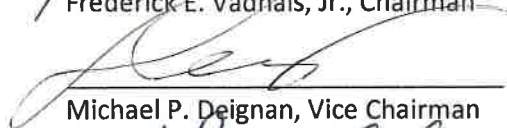
Respectfully Submitted,



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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman




Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk



Robert Johnson, II, Member



Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Approved: 1/17/2023