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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

Absent: None.

Call to Order at 7:03 PM.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for January 23, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of January 23, 2023: 23-30B Payroll \$120,644.62; 23-29A Withholdings \$150,743.48; 23-29 Warrant \$58,450.74. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: None.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ashley Pires, our new Town Accountant started today & is doing well. Welcome!

Will be working on postings for Highway Dept vacant positions.

Will begin working on Personal Kennel Licenses Renewals.

Finishing up 2023 License Renewals for Common Vic-waiting on necessary paperwork from businesses.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve the Hiring of Jennifer Hose as the Administrative Aide in the Town Clerk's Office

G. Solas- motion to approve Jennifer Hose as the Administrative Aide for the Town Clerk's office, based on the recommendations of the Town Clerk, and pending CORI check and pre-employment physical. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Discussion with the Town Clerk, with possible action

G. Solas- motion to approve Kerrie L. Perkins as Assistant Town Clerk per recommendation of the Town Clerk. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Per Laura Schwall, in response to Selectman Deignan's question, funds coming from former assistant Lynn Shaker's budget.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve and Sign the Contract Between TOR and Ashley Pires-Town Accountant

Based on the meeting between Ashley Pires, Mike Deignan, Skip Vadnais and Richard Panofsky, a contract has been prepared for review and signature. Due to the timing, this will be a 2 ½ year contract (1/23/2023-6/30/2025); Normally this would be a 3-year term.

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the contract between TOR and Ashley Pires as the Town Accountant, term 1/23/2023 to 6/30/2025. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

No vote heard from Selectman M. Deignan.

Action Item (4): Vote Appointments: Ashley Pires-Town Accountant; Kevin Chase-Highway Superintendent; and Michael Viveiros Building Maintenance Superintendent

R. Johnson- motion to appoint Ashley Pires as Town Accountant, effective 1/23/2023 to 6/30/2025. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

No vote heard from Selectman M. Deignan.

L. Mills- motion to appoint Kevin Chase as Highway Superintendent and Michael Viveiros as Building Maintenance Superintendent, effective 1/9/2023 to 6/30/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve the Third Disbursement Payment to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for Blanding Library Services - \$72,400

Per our contract with the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, this is the 3rd disbursement for \$72,400.

G. Solas- motion to approve the disbursement of \$72,400 to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society per the contract agreement for the Blanding Library Services. And to allow the Treasurer to make such payment.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Quote for Public Water Supply System for PFAS

These quotes are for 4 well systems at Town Buildings that require these services, per MADEP: 3 quotes received

McEnroe Consulting \$17,500

McClure Engineering, Inc. \$28,000

Northeast Water Solutions, Inc. \$62,935

L. Mills- motion to approve the proposal submitted by McEnroe Consulting for \$17,500 for the 4 Water Systems in town-2 at Francis Farm, One at Town Hall-340 Anawan Street and One system at the PSB. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Mills- Thank you to Deb Arruda, Board of Health Department and Gerry Schwall for all the help in getting the quotes.

Action Item (7): Discussion Re: COA Parking Issues, with possible action

Selectman Mills spoke about additional parking areas that are needed at the COA, which can be done in-house.

G. Solas- motion to approve Lenny Mills' concept of additional parking at the COA and to work on plan. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Discussion Re: Signage at 340 Anawan Street, with possible action

Per Selectman Mills, Town Hall needs a sign but BOS approval of a digital sign is needed.

M. Deignan- motion to authorize Lenny Mills to proceed with plans and quote for signage at Town Hall to submit to Bristol County for ARPA funds. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan- Selectman Mills will need to do all the leg work and follow Procurement Law in submitting quotes to Bristol County for ARPA funds, which may cover all or some of the costs.

R. Johnson- sign needs to have Rehoboth "feel".

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcements: None.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Along with Selectman M. Deignan, met with DRRHS regarding agreement (in progress) – will look for support of BOS on 2 Articles at Town Meeting 1) update agreement between Town of Rehoboth and D-R Regional School and 2) change Town Meeting date to second Tuesday in June.

Deignan: On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, send our condolences to Aaron Morse's family for the loss of his mother.

Update needs for volunteers for Advisory Committee for D-R. Need new contract with Palmer River and Mr. Baxter is working on it.

Solas: None.

Johnson: DEP meeting tomorrow with Conservation Committee regarding Almeida Street.

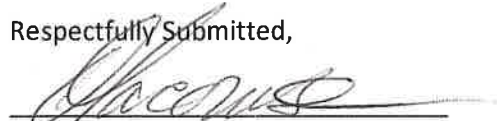
Mills: Continue work on dormers at the Castle and Portico at the COA. Fire Department had signs installed at the Central Station.

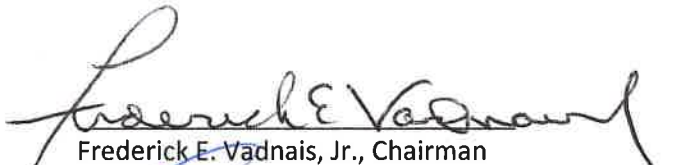
Working on a 'Work Order Form for the Facility Maintenance Department.

ADJOURNMENT:

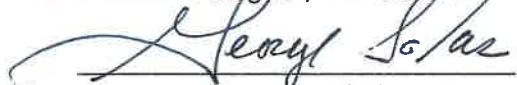
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:08 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills.
Vote 5-0.


Respectfully Submitted,

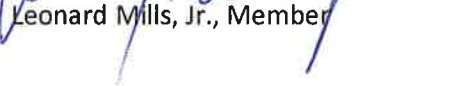

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson, II, Member


Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

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Approved: 2-6-2023