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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

At 6:00 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel and, (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body.

Call to Order at 7:17 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for February 21, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of February 21, 2023: 23-34B Payroll \$130,444.34; 23-33A Withholdings \$36,757.27; 23-33 Warrant \$51,416.27; 23-33R Refund Warrant \$1,068.23; 23-33R1 Refund Warrant \$13,138.79. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 1/30/2023 and 2/6/2023

G. Solas- mentioned Executive minutes for January 30 and February 6, 2023 were approved and held.

Regular Minutes: 1/30/2023 and 2/6/2023

G. Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 30 and February 6, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, February 27, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder that the COA Board is looking for two members to join their Board, due to two recent vacancies. Please send talent bank forms to the Board of Selectmen's office. Thank you to those who have submitted talent bank forms to our office.

On February 27th, we will have a Pole Hearing at 7:15pm for 220 Fairview Avenue.

The roundabout work is scheduled to begin late March, early April.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Amend Motion Made on 11/28/22 for the Anawan School Property Swap Between the TOR and the Rehoboth Housing Authority

On November 28th, the Board voted to acquire property from the Rehoboth Housing Authority in exchange for the Anawan School. The motion made needs to include more detail in order to process the paperwork for the Deed. The Town Counsel has provided the motion that needs to be made and it will need to be signed by the BOS.

G. Solas- I hereby move that the Board of Selectmen acquire, from the Rehoboth Housing Authority the land off Anawan Street, shown as parcel 46-5 on the Rehoboth Town Assessor Maps, including 6.08 acres more or less, as authorized pursuant to Article 10 of the May 14, 2022 Rehoboth Annual Town Meeting and further to authorize the Chair, Frederick Vadnais, Jr., to execute and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the acquisition of said property;

And I hereby move that the Board of Selectmen convey, to the Rehoboth Housing Authority the land with the buildings thereon located at 51/55 Bay State Road consisting of approximately 5.41 acres, more or less, as shown as parcel 39-97 on the Rehoboth Town Assessor Maps as authorized pursuant to Article 10 of the May 14, 2022 Rehoboth Annual Town Meeting and further to authorize the Chair, Frederick Vadnais, Jr., to execute and enter into any and all documents necessary to effectuate the conveyance of said property.

Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Fire Department Software Update Proposal and Allow the Fire Chief to Sign Proposal

The Fire Chief needs the approval of the Board to enter into an agreement with Locality Media, Inc, dba First Due. The current vendor's cost is going to be \$16,000.00 for FY24. The chief researched other vendors and would like to procure Locality for FY24 for \$8,550.00, with a one-time set up fee of \$1,000.00, for a total of \$9,550.00.

G. Solas- motion to approve software update with Locality Media, Inc. dba First Due for a total of \$9550 for FY24 and to allow the Fire Chief to sign agreement. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Request for a Reserve Fund Transfer for the Health and Human Services Department for a Total of \$305.00

Richard Panofsky is requesting that the Board approve a transfer of funds from the Reserve Fund Transfer account to 2 newly created lines in the HHS budget as follows:

\$142-Expense In-State Mileage (051770)

\$163-Expense-Meals (055850)

Total \$305

G. Solas- motion to approve \$305.00 to be transferred from the RFT line into the appropriate accounts under the Health & Human Services budget. Second by R. Johnson. No vote.

M. Deignan- it's premature to make this change if a decision has not been made on how we are going to fund. Table until known.

M. Deignan- motion to table discussion until we know what direction we are going in, perhaps late April. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Budget Amendment for \$7988.00 from COA PT Salary Line to Health and Human Services FT Salary

Richard Panofsky is requesting a budget amendment from the COA PT Salary Line (051140) to the FT Salary line (051110) in the Health & Human Health Service for a future hire.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Budget Amendment of \$7,988.00 from the COA PT salary line into the FT salary line, in the Health & Human Service budget. Second by M. Deignan. No vote.

Per Selectman Deignan, a budget amendment is not necessary because the budget is voted on (as a whole) at Town Meeting.

M. Deignan- motion to table for the purpose of defeat. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between TOR and Rehoboth Ambulance Committee, Inc.

L. Mills- motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Rehoboth and the Rehoboth Ambulance Committee, Inc., effective February 22, 2023, to March 1, 2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers Jennifer Shallcross and Kaaren Silverman

G. Solas- motion to Approve COA Volunteers Jennifer Shallcross and Kaaren Silverman. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Steven Thomas as Mechanic for the Highway Dept.-Internal Posting

Steven Thomas has filled in when necessary and is a perfect fit with his vast knowledge and experience. He has been highly recommended by Kevin Chace.

L. Mills- motion to approve the promotion of Steven Thomas to the Mechanic's position in the Highway Department, effective immediately. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Mills stated that this is not a new position it was Mike Viveiro's position – in-house posting which Steven applied for and is very qualified.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Road Races for Ocean State Multisport May 7, 2023, and August 6, 2023

Two upcoming road races which will be coming through Rehoboth. All the appropriate departments have been notified and have no issues with the races.

G. Solas- motion to approve road races for Ocean State Multisport on May 7, 2023 and August 6, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve ABCC 2022 Annual Report

This is an annual approval from the Board to the ABCC of all the liquor licenses that was approved in 2022. The total amount that was collected for various liquor licenses in 2022 was \$20,710.00.

G. Solas- motion to approve the 2022 ABCC Annual Report for the amount of \$20,710.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: The Board of Selectmen decided in Executive Session to terminate their agreement with Gerry Schwall as Finance Director for the Town.

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

Johnson: Worked with Land Trust in clearing some land and they were very happy. Thank you to Kevin & Team for the help.

Recreation Committee-Ad Hoc, add to Article for May Town Meeting to make an official committee.

Mills: Advertising for two openings in Highway Department; applicants need CDL.

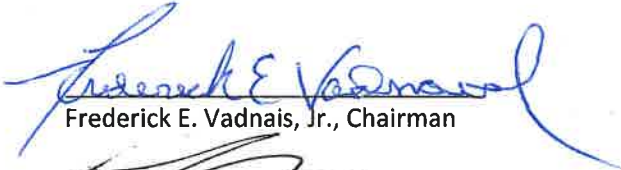
- Project at Francis Farm is moving along.
- Have been putting items in Town dumpsters to make sure pick up are happening.
- Had extra load of concrete and donated it for a Town project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:40 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

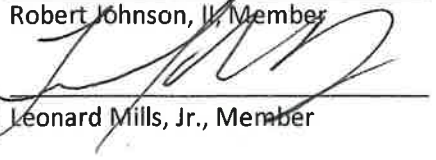

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson, II, Member


Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved: 3/7/2023