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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

At 5:02 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (3)). (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 and the chair so declares. (4) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation.

Topics: Litigation and Security of Town Buildings

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for March 21, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of March 21, 2022: 22-39B Payroll \$120,851.89; 22-38A Withholdings \$41,690.97; 22-38 Warrant \$326,047.58. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 8/16/21 and 9/13/21, approved and released.
Regular Minutes: 2/22/22 and 2/28/22

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Last week I received a notification from the MMA and they mentioned that the bill to allow outdoor seating for restaurants serving alcohol was extended again to April 1, 2023. It was due to expire April 1, 2022. Is the Board willing to allow the few restaurants that applied for this license to extend them to April 2023? The Board approved.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Joan Caouette of 110 Perryville Road asked about facilities at the COA. Joan stated the exercise room/area was too small.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (11): Vote to Temporarily Assign Selectman Solas as Clerk for the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Vadnais is asking to temporarily assign Selectman Solas as Clerk for the Board of Selectmen.

M. Deignan motion to appoint George Solas as the Clerk for the Board of Selectmen. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (1): Vote to Appoint Alora J. Clemens as Patrol Officer

Deputy Rossi was present with the candidate to introduce her to the Board.

Deputy Rossi explained the needs of the department and that they have found a perfect candidate to fill the vacancy, Ms. Alora Clemens. Deputy Rossi spoke about Ms. Clemens experience and education. Then Deputy Rossi asked the Board for the approval to appoint Ms. Clemens as Patrol Officer.

All members of the Board welcomed Alora to the Town.

M. Deignan motion to appoint Alora J. Clemens as Patrol Officer to the Rehoboth Police Department effective March 21, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve the Warrant for the April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election

The Town Clerk is asking for the Boards approval and signature on the Warrant for the April 5, 2022 Annual Town Election. The warrant needs to be posted by March 28th.

G. Solas motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the April 5th, 2022 Annual Town Election. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Artwork for the Scenic Road Signs from the Historical Commission

Artie Pierce was present and spoke to the artwork. G. Solas did not have the design, but explained what it looked like. There would be 24 signs on 12 roads.

M. Deignan asked Artie to speak to the Town Clerk to see if the Town Seal can be used.

M. Deignan motion to Approve the Artwork presented by the Historical Commission for the Scenic Road Signs. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Nomination of Inspector of Animals to Robert E. Johnson II and Brian McKearney

Annually the Board needs to nominate the Inspector of Animals for the Town per the Dept of Agricultural Resources. The nominees are Robert E. Johnson II and Brian McKearney. The term is May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023.

G. Solas motion to Approve Robert E. Johnson II and Brian McKearney as Nominees for the Inspector of Animals, effective dates of May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote Right of First Refusal on Chapter 61 A-Salisbury St-Assessor's Map 37, Lot 96- 2.630 acres and Lot 97-2.212 acres

The Board of Selectmen's office received notification from a representative at Century 21-David Smith Real Estate on behalf of his client, asking to release their property on Salisbury Street from Chapter 61-A. The property is Assessor's Map 37 Lot 96 with 2.630 acres and Lot 97 with 2.212 acres, approximately. The owners are selling each lot for \$182,000. All appropriate Boards/Committees have voted NOT to exercise their right of first refusal. The only committee that did not reply was AgCom.

G. Solas motion to not exercise their right of first refusal on the property at Salisbury St-Assessor's Map 37 Lot 96 and Lot 97. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Tish will check the records on AgCom vote.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Appointments for Kathleen Conti as Board of Registrars and Geraldine Hamel -Public Health Nurse as Records Access Officer and Public Information Officer

The Town Clerk has reached out to the BOS office requesting the reappointment of Kathleen Conti as Board of Registrar. Kathleen's term was ending March 31, 2022, this is a 3 year term.

G. Solas motion to re-appoint Kathleen J. Conti as Board of Registrar, effective 4/1/2022 – 3/31/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

The Town Clerk has also asked that Geraldine Hamel-Public Health Nurse be appointment to Records Access Officer and Public Information Officer. These positions were held by the previous nurse.

G. Solas motion to appoint the Public Health Nurse Geraldine Hamel as Records Access Officer and Public Information Officer. Effective 3/21/22-indefinite. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Robert Insley and Barbara Insley as Volunteers for Meal on Wheels and Kitchen Help at the COA

The COA is asking for the Board's approval for volunteers to help with Meals on Wheels and in the kitchen. A CORI check has been done on both Robert Insley and Barbara Insley, and was satisfactory.

G. Solas motion to approve Robert Insley and Barbara Insley as volunteers for Meals on Wheels and to help in the kitchen at the COA. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 State Aid Reimbursement for Project 22-01 Pleasant St, Old Providence St and Wheaton Avenue for \$262,084.09 and Project 22-02 Providence St, Allen Lane, Miller St, and Wheeler St. for \$309,654.94

Stacy Vilao-Administrative Assistant at the Highway Dept has submitted 2 projects for Chapter 90 Reimbursements. Project 22-01 for \$262,084.09 is for street completion on Pleasant St, Old Providence St and Wheaton Avenue. Project 22-02 for \$309,654.94 is for street completion for Providence St, Allen Lane, Miller St and Wheeler St.

G. Solas motion to approve the Chapter 90 State Aid Reimbursements for Project 22-01 for \$262,084.09 and for Project 22-02 for \$309,654.94. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (9): Discussion Re: Disposal of Miscellaneous Scrap, with possible action

This discussion is regarding disposal of scrap metal that needs to be disposed of properly from town property

S. Vadnais spoke about the assorted scrap items found behind Public Safety Building. Suggested to have an onsite company review the items and divide them. This included a 40-year-old fire truck. The review would also include face value of the items.

M. Deignan asked under M.G.L what was supposed to be done to remove the scrap items correctly? Regulations will have to be followed before moving forward.

G. Solas motion to dispose of all scrap items and work with the appropriate company to help divide the items. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Ratify Purchase of Dish Machine for the COA

Last week Gerry approached the Board in regards to quotes he had received from vendors on purchasing a Dish Machine. A ratification of the vote needs to be taken.

M. Deignan requested to amend the vote as a "ratify vote." The current machine will be moved out of the way, but not removed right now.

G. Solas motion to approve the purchase of a dish machine for the COA, as described last week. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

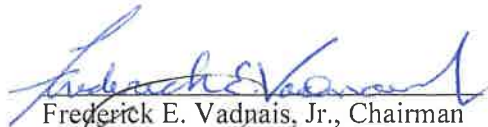
Vadnais: Reminded residents that on 3/23/22 at 7pm there will be a meeting with the COA.

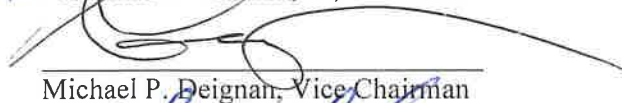
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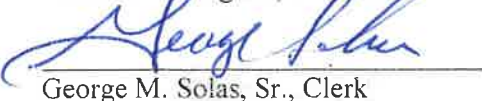
1. There will be a Public Hearing for the Dighton Rehoboth budget on 3/22/22. A budget workbook was submitted last week and has a meeting with Colleen from the Finance Committee to work some items out. Some items are missing some information from schools and other areas.
2. Warrant articles need to be worked on with Deborah Arruda. There is one month to do so before the warrant is submitted to the printer.
3. Budget review with BOS: Most departments are level funding. Suggested to meet with the Boards and Committees if there are issues with them, but instead let FinCom do their jobs.
4. M. Deignan asked S. Vadnais where the Board stands with the Recreation Committee budget. M. Deignan will work with the Finance Committee and perhaps put money in the reserve fund.

Solas: Reminded residents that on 3/22/22 at 6:00pm there is a meet the candidate's night at the COA. The event will be recorded.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 7:56PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Robert E. Johnson II, Member

Leonard Mills, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 7/11/2022