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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 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 6:05 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (4) To discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation.

Topics: Discussion Re: Security of Town Buildings

Call to Order at 7:53 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for March 28, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of March 28, 2022: 22-40B Payroll \$124,410.73; 22-39A Withholdings \$137,953.61; 22-39 Warrant \$1,105,960.75; 22-39R Refund Warrant 4,401.52; 22-39R1 Refund Warrant 755.41; 22-39V Veterans Warrant 8,266.50. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 9/20/22 approved and released, 9/27/22 approved and held.
Regular Minutes: 1/31/22, 2/7/22, and 2/14/22

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, April 4th, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building. This meeting is the day before the Town Election.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Nurse Geri Hamel gave updates on COVID in Massachusetts, and COVID numbers in Rehoboth. As of 3/24/22 the Town's numbers went up by 5% in the past 3 weeks.

Tish Vadnais asked if the buildings were still being sprayed/sanitized after meetings. The Board stated the buildings were not.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (7): 7:30PM Notice of Public Ways Layout Hearing- Eastwood Estates-Phase I- Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive

Ryan DuVally of Moonlight Realty, LLC is requesting that the Board vote to approve the layout of the roadway for both Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive from the Eastwood Estates-Phase I development. We have received approval from the Fire Chief and last July we received approval from the Highway Superintendent. The Planning Board met last May and voted to recommend the roadway layout as well. However, it has come to our attention (BOS office) recently that the engineer Foss & O'Neil had some concerns on the roadway and have not submitted their final review. They are scheduled to go back out and review the layout in mid April. The Roadway acceptance will have to be placed on a Town Meeting Warrant for final approval. By waiting for the engineer's final report, this will not make it on the May Warrant. The acceptance of this Roadway means the town takes on the responsibility of all road clean up and maintenance.

When this becomes an Article, prior to Town Meeting the Highway Dept will have to clean the road as well.

M. Deignan motion to table the approval of the layout of the roadway for both Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: Renaming Clam Shack and 2 Other Storage Buildings at Francis Farm with Historical Commission Chair Person, with possible action

M. Deignan asked to confirm there are three buildings.

G. Solas motion to approve Rehoboth Farm Heritage Museum as the new name. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Home Commercial & Security Proposal of Security Plan for Francis Farm

M. Deignan motion to approve the submitted proposal from Home Commercial & Security for the Security Monitoring and Fire Alarm at the Human Health Service Building and the Security Monitoring System for Miller Hall, Arcade Museum and COA buildings with the Building Permit fees to be waived. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Request to use Francis Farm Pavilion for Rehoboth Garden Club

George will speak to this action. Rehoboth Garden Club is requesting the approval from the BOS to use the Francis Farm COA Pavilion to hold their annual Plant Sale on May 7th from 9am-1pm. They will need to set up on May 6th as well.

Linda McHugh was present and G. Solas introduced her. Ms. McHugh spoke about why they needed to find a new location for their plant sale.

M. Deignan clarified that the facility is open for half a day on 5/6/22 and closed on 5/7/22, and asked how the bathrooms will be of use. G. Solas offered to be at the facility to open the building for the use of the restrooms. S. Vadnais is apposed to allowing the building to be opened.

M. Deignan stated that a past Selectman and D. Arruda were working with Town Counsel on a policy. That past Selectman is no longer here. The Board does not have a contract with the Garden Club, so M. Deignan is concerned in allowing the use of Francis Farm without Town Counsel's approval. Selectman Deignan also stated that what the Board does for one, we need to do for all. The Garden Club is not a town organization.

G. Solas spoke to M. Deignan's comment and stated that Linda has been waiting patiently for the Boards approval. G. Solas went to Town In's to ask what coverage is necessary. Certificate of Ins states proper coverage, but George did not check with Town Counsel because he feels it should not be complicated.

Linda McHugh mentioned that their event is making residents excited.

Tish Vadnais asked if Ms. McHugh went through the Agricultural Committee, would that make the situation easier? S. Vadnais answered "yes."

G. Solas motion to approve the use of the Francis Farm Pavilion on May 7, 2022 for the Rehoboth Garden Club's annual plant sale and set up on May 5th and 6th with Town Counsel review. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Survey Engineer for Francis Farm Conservation Restriction

We have reached out to 3 land surveyors to quote us on an updated plan for Francis Farm Complex to establish an area totaling 34.9 acres. The plan would need to include all current buildings, improvements, including septic systems, wells, parking areas, recreational facilities and extent of existing fields as necessary to determine the outer limits of the developed area and field area. The surveyor will work with the Town to establish an area totaling 34.9 acres, which will be broken into separate restricted area for Conservation & Recreation restrictions.

E. Otis Dyer,
P.O. Box 5
Rehoboth, MA
Quote: \$3950

Insite Professional Complex
Suite 1
1539 Fall River Avenue
Seekonk, MA
Quote: \$5000 (cannot start right away)

CEC, Inc. (previously Sitec)
No response

G. Solas motion to approve E. Otis Dyer at the quoted price of \$3,950 as surveyor for the Francis Farm Conservation Restriction and to prepare a plan establishing 34.9 acres to be broken into separate restricted area for Conservation and Recreation restrictions. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Outdoor Seating License Renewals for Rehoboth American Legion Post 302, Kalimay, LLC dba iAlive Restaurant and KP Grille, LLC dba KP Grille

At last week's meeting it was discussed that the state had extended the outdoor seating and serving of alcohol to April 1, 2023. We have 3 establishments that were previously approved for outdoor seating and it was due to expire April 1, 2022. The BOS agreed to extend their temporary license until April 1, 2023.

G. Solas motion to approve the extension of Outdoor Seating and serving of alcohol to April 1 2023 for the American Legion Post 302; Kalimay, LLC dba iAlive Restaurant and KP Grille, LLC dba KP Grille. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Appointments for Geraldine Hamel-Local Emergency Planning Board (Public Health Nurse Rep) and Infectious Disease Coordinator; Andria Medeiros-Town Events Committee and Heather Feid-Town Events Committee

Geraldine Hamel as Public Health Nurse is being appointed to the positions that the previous nurse was appointed to:

G. Solas motion to appoint Geraldine Hamel to the Local Emergency Planning Board (Public Health Rep) and as the Infectious Disease Coordinator (Public Health Nurse), effective 3/28/22 – 6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Town Events Committee is requesting the Board's approval to appoint 2 individuals to their committee:

G. Solas motion to appoint Andria Medeiros and Heather Feid to the Town Events Committee, effective 3/28/22 – 6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6A): Vote to Correct Geraldine Hamel's Appointment Term Date as Public Information Officer (Public Health Nurse)

Last week the BOS appointed Geraldine as the Public Information Officer. However, the term listed was 3/21/22 to indefinite. This position should have had an end date of 6/30/22.

G. Solas motion to correct the ending term date from indefinite to 6/30/22 for Geraldine Hamel as the Public Information Officer (Public Health Nurse). Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (8): Vote Acknowledgement of Form M from the Planning Board for 201 & 205 Winthrop Street

The Planning Board has submitted the Form M for 201 and 205 Winthrop St for the Board's review and to decide if a gravel meeting is necessary.

G. Solas motion to acknowledge the receipt of the Form M from the Planning Board for 201 and 205 Winthrop Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Work Extension for Temporary Seasonal Worker-Robert Rutko

George and D. Arruda have had a discussion with Mike Viveiros regarding the Temporary worker in his department. Mike is requesting that he be allowed to extend employment to Bob Rutko for an additional 6 months (September) to help through the spring and summer needs in his department. Also, to increase his hours from 20 hours per week to 24 hours per week.

G. Solas motion to approve a six-month extension to September 2022 for Robert Rutko as seasonal help for the spring and summer season and to increase his hours to 24 hours per week, effective immediately. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Fire Truck as Surplus and Approve to Dispose of Surplus & Scrap Material

Per a discussion of last week, a vote must be taken.

The Fire chief has conducted due diligence in the research of the value of the retire fire truck. The Allied offer is a "bottom line" figure, which includes pickup in Rehoboth and all fees for removal and disposal of hazardous materials such as fluids, tires, etc. Other municipalities have used Allied and found the transaction to be very fair since towing and fees more than offset a slightly higher offer. The check received for the scrap value of the truck will be deposited into the general fund.

M. Deignan motion to declare retired Rehoboth Fire Department Ladder Truck surplus and furthermore move to sell truck for the scrap value of 6,000 to Allied Recycling Center, INC., 1901 Main Street, Walpole, MA. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

The scrap will be separated by type and loaded into highway trucks which will transport to the recycling company offering the highest per pound price on the day the metal is to be transported. The interim superintendent, director of finance, or interim town administrator will accompany the trucks to the recycling center. A check will be issued to the Town for the value of the loads and will be deposited into the general fund.

M. Deignan motion to declare metal scrap location behind the public safety building on the highway department grounds and located on Francis Farm in addition to the old dishwasher at the COA as surplus and furthermore move to dispose of the scrap metal by selling it to a recycling company determined by the per pound offer on the day of transport. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

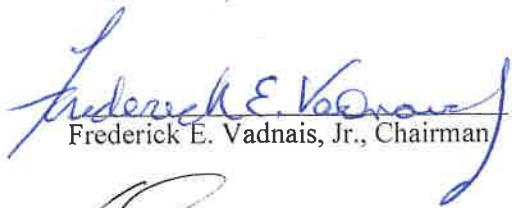
Deignan:

1. At the end of the election for Town of Rehoboth and Dighton Rehoboth he would like to schedule a meeting with DR for the BOS to discuss the Bristol Plymouth project.
2. On social media there was a reported census issue on Rehoboth Talk. Moderator is a Town Employee and resident, but has nothing to do with the Town. Explained that because you are an employee, you do not give up your 1st amendment rights, but the Town of Rehoboth has nothing to do with it and are not responsible to remove things from the site.

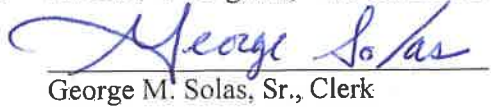
Solas:

1. Mentioned that there is a new superintendent for DR, Bill Rooney. G. Solas is excited to hear from him when he speaks to the BOS in the near future.
2. Announced that the Memorial Day Parade is back.

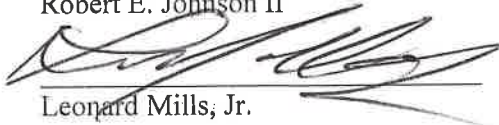
ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:58PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice-Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Robert E. Johnson II


Leonard Mills, Jr.

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 6/27/2022