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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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 6:30 PM the Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (2) (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.***

***Discussions: DRRHS Litigation and FMLA***

**Call to Order at 7:00 PM:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant for March 6, 2023:**

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of March 6, 2023: 23-36B Payroll \$161,166.82; 23-35A Withholdings \$52,690.39; 23-35 Warrant \$113,230.03. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes for 2/21/2023 Approved and Held in Executive Session.

Regular Minutes for 2/21/2023: G. Solas motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Announcements:**

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, March 13, 2023**, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Action Item (1) Discussion Re: MA Environmental Police Off Highway Vehicles Safety Course, with possible action**

BOS office received an email from Officer Michael Randall of the MA Environmental Police Dept, requesting to use one of our "meeting" locations for an Off Highway Vehicles Safety training course. Children under 18 must take this course if they intend to use these types of vehicles. He is looking to run 2 courses this spring with approximately 12 students for 2 to 2 ½ hours in the evening.

L. Mill- motion to allow the MA Environment Police Dept to hold a course on Off Road Highway Vehicle Safety at Francis Farm Arcade Building in Spring 2023. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item (2): Discussion Re: Town Events Easter Egg Hunt on April 1, 2023, with possible action**

**Present:** David LeComte

David LeComte- requesting that the Board allow the Town Events Committee to host a free Easter event with 2,000 filled eggs- requiring registration to see how many residents attend. Working with the COA for refreshments. Event to have face painting, Buckle the Rabbit and Girls Scouts will assist.

R. Johnson- motion to allow the Town Events Committee to hold Annual Easter egg hunt event on April 1, 2023, with a rain date of April 2, 2023. Second y L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

### **Action Item (3): Discussion Re: Garden Club Spring Plant Sale, with possible action**

**Present:** Tish Vadnais, Chairman of AGCom and Linda McHugh from the Garden Club.

AGCom is supporting the event. It was a great event last year, raised a lot of money. Event covered under AGCom insurance.

Need 2 days to set up: May 4 and 5, 2023. 1 day for the event: May 6th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Ms. McHugh- 2022 event was great. The Garden Club partnered with Bristol Aggie at a discount cost and did not have to return plants.

Dates to be confirmed with Mike Viveiros to make sure there are no overlaps.

Per Linda McHugh, the Garden Club meetings are open to the public and all are welcome.

Per Tish Vadnais, AGCom is also working on the kitchen garden with the Garden Club.

Selectman Vadnais approved flyers being handed out during the Election, as long as those handing out flyers stand on the outside border.

R. Johnson- motion to allow the Garden Club to hold their Spring Sales on May 6 from 9 to 1 PM with set up on May 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Solas stated that the Museum building is not being used for the event in response to Selectman Deignan's concern about the timing of the event and Town Meeting being on May 9 and AV being set up.

### **Action Item (4): Discussion Re: General Bylaw Article 4.0 Use Regulations-Helicopter Landings in Town**

A Cease & Desist from the Zoning Officer was sent regarding current events in Town. The Board of Selectmen's office has also sent a letter to the helicopter company late last year.

R. Johnson- motion to endorse the Bylaw being put together by Counsel regarding the helicopter landings in Town and to put together an Article for Town Meeting. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Discussion: Selectman Deignan inquired why the need for another Bylaw if the Town already has one and a Cease & Desist has been sent out. Per Selectman Vadnais, the Bylaw needs to be more specific in nature to protect animals, horseback riders and residents.

Tish Vadnais- the events that took place are dangerous and women, children and horses are in danger. The companies that may have to come into Town should come before the Board for permission and to give enough notice to all residents.

After the motion was taken and voted, Selectman Vadnais spoke about another problem of drones being used in Town. Town Counsel is looking into that, as well, and with the Board's approval.

**Action Item (5): Vote to approve William LaPlante as Volunteer for Health & Human Services-SHINE Program**

Mr. LaPlante will be helping Brad with tax prep for our seniors. A CORI has been processed.

G. Solas- motion to approve William LaPlante as a volunteer in the Health & Human Services-SHINE program. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Amend Common Vic License for IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza, Manager on Record Name Change-Victor Ruiz, New Manager**

G. Solas- Vote to amend the Common Vic License for IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza and change the Manager on record to Victor Ruiz. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (7): Vote to Appoint Gia Papa to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee**

L. Mills- motion to appoint Gia Papa as a member of Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, effective 3/6/23-6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Mills- Gia is a freshman at DR and it is great to see students involved with the Town.

**Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Task Order Authorization Form for PFAS Project from Wilcox & Barton**

Wilcox & Barton has submitted a Task Order for approval for ongoing reporting and assessments associated to the release of PFAS at the Fire Dept on Anawan St. The information provides future costs of the different tasks that will be completed and reporting that will be completed, as well.

L. Mills- motion to approve Task Order #4 from Wilcox & Barton and authorize them to move forward with the tasks listed, and authorize the Chair to sign the form. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0

Discussion: Selectman Vadnais, to the Town Administrator, make sure items go to Sue Pimental. Sue needs to be copied on all things dealing with Wilcox & Barton.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: None.

Johnson: There was an incident on Barney Avenue over the weekend and, after viewing the site, there are arborvitaes that need to be cut down. Spoke with the property owner and will work with the owners hoping it'll help.

The BOS spoke about the MassDOT road safety research that was done in the past years on Barney Avenue and Route 6.

March 11, 1023 Rabies Clinic 9:00 AM to Noon and both Seekonk and Rehoboth Clerk's Office are coming together at the Seekonk Public Library (Rt44). \$15 (cash only) for the vaccination. Rehoboth Town Clerk will be accepting dog license renewals as well.

Mills: We have been accepting applications for the Truck Driver/Laborer. All have CDL's. That is great news! We will finish interviews this week and Kevin will present to the Board of Selectman soon.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

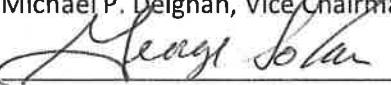
Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:26 PM. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

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: 3/20/2023**