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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

At 5:03 PM the Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, §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. (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.

Call to Order at 7:20 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 10, 2023: 23-41B Payroll \$134,270.38; 23-40A Withholdings \$38,328.02; 23-40 Warrant \$499,298.87. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of April 3, 2023: 23-40B Payroll \$123,916.00; 23-39A Withholdings \$38,331.65; 23-39 Warrant 141,844.62. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes for 3/20/2023. Approved and Held in Executive Session.

Regular Minutes: L. Mills motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2023. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, April 17th in observance of Patriot's Day.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

All Board members have a copy of the May 9th Warrant, with all the Articles. Next week at the meeting the final draft should be ready for approval and signature.

All Board members received a copy of the youth baseball/softball opening day celebration information in the correspondence section of tonight's meeting packet; it will be held on May 13, 2023. If participating in the events (parade) please contact the President or, let our office know and we will forward the message.

The Police Dept will be collecting unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, April 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM. For more information, please check out the Town Website.

Public Hearing, at next week's meeting on Tuesday 4/18th for HHCC, Inc. for Liquor License at 7:30 PM.

Tentative date for the Town Hall to open to the public is Monday, 4/24/2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1) Vote to Reorganize the Board of Selectmen

S. Vadnais- first order of business will be a vote to reorganize the Board of Selectman. Nominations open for Chairman. Selectman Robert Johnson motion to appointment Skip Vadnais as Chairman. Second by Selectman George Solas. Hearing no other nominations- Selectman Michael Deignan motioned to close nominations. Second by L. Mills. All in favor, aye.

Chairman Vadnais opened for Vice Chair nominations. Selectman Robert Johnson motion to appointment Lenny Mills as Vice Chairman. Second by Selectman George Solas. Hearing no other nominations- Selectman Robert Johnson motioned to close nominations. Second by G. Solas. All in favor, aye.

Chairman Vadnais opened for Clerk nominations. Selectman Robert Johnson motion to appointment George Solas as Clerk. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Hearing no other nominations- Selectman Robert Johnson motioned to close nominations. Second by M. Deignan. All in favor, aye.

Action Item (2): Discussion with Sue Pimental and William Runey-Superintendent of DRRHS-Warrant Article

Present: Sue Pimental and Superintendent Bill Runey

Sue Pimental took the lead by stating that Superintendent reached out about one of the Capital items voted on at Town Meeting for this Fiscal Year- Article 19. There are two parts to the Article, both for Beckwith: asbestos tile abatement and air handling replacement electrical services, \$125K.

Superintendent Runey explained to the Board the \$125K Capital item appropriation that was voted on at 5/14/22 Town Meeting was not used and is asking the Board and the Town of Rehoboth if those funds could be reallocated for use at Beckwith & Palmer next year for security cameras and electronic door locks to make the buildings safer.

Sue Pimental- reached out to Town Counsel and the Town can simply put an article in the warrant to repurposed that Article. Funds are already allocated in the current year and it would be repurposing the Article for the purposes of school security.

S. Vadnais – warrant needs to be opened to allow use of funds for security cameras and electronic locks.

L. Mills- motion to allow the Article to be placed in the warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

L. Mills- motion to open the warrant for insertion of the Article. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0

M. Deignan motion to close the warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Sue Pimental will defer to Town Counsel for proper verbiage.

Open Forum allowed:

Mr. Bill Cute requested use of the Francis Farm BBQ pit and submitted a written request for June 6, 2023 from 6-12:30 PM – will take responsibility and will monitor the event; respectfully requests permission to use the pit. Per the Chairman, coordination needs to be with L. Mills.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity Application for One Day Game License

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity is requesting the Board's approval for a One Day Game License for a Bingo event on 6-6-2023.

G. Solas- motion to approve the application for a One Day Game license for June 6, 2023 for the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity 2023 Parade Permit

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity is requesting the Board's approval for their August 19th and August 20th procession. They must provide MassDOT with approval from the Town to use its roads. Fire and Police have given their approval.

G. Solas- motion to approve Holy Ghost Brotherhtood of Charity the use of Town Roads for their processions on August 19h and 20th and to forward the application to MassDOT. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Appoint David Silva and David Viera to the Traffic Control Unit

G. Solas- motion to appoint David Silva and David Viera to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 4/10/2023 to 6/30/2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

L. Mills stated that the reason for these appointments in anticipation of work to start for the roundabout.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers Jane Williams, Carol McDole and Marie Massoud

G. Solas- motion to approve Jane Williams, Carol McDole and Marie Massoud as volunteers to the COA. Second by L. Mills.

M. Deignan- motion to amend, if necessary, grant Carol McDole special dispensation from being out of town. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve and Sign the ACO Employment Contract for Robert Johnson II

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the ACO Employment Contract between the TOR and Robert Johnson II. Effective 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2026. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0. Selectman Johnson abstained.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve and Sign the Public Water System Affidavits for the Senior Center and Town Hall

Mass DEP is requesting the Boards approval on the affidavits for the Senior Center and Town Hall Public Water Systems install. This will be filed with the Registry of Deeds.

L. Mills- motion to approve and allow the Chairman to sign the Public Water System Affidavits for the Town Hall and Senior Center. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

L. Mills explained the requirement from DEP to get things processed and moved to the next step.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Reminder to the Selectmen to submit brief overview of their responsibilities to be included in the Warrant.

Reminder to all residents that any questions or concerns should be directed to the Selectmen's office with a brief account of the situation, their name and contact information in lieu of Open Forum during the Selectmen meetings and this is the best way to contact and bring concerns to the Board.

Deignan: None.

Solas: Individual working in the Board of Selectmen's office, Carol Chencus will be celebrating 40 Years with the Town on Wednesday. Thank you for your service.

I will be attending the baseball opening day. R. Johnson will be attending, as well.

Johnson: Work continues with the upgrade of the shelter, fiber, drop ceiling, AC/Heat, etc. – reached out to Home Depot and they will donate time and materials to help with the painting of the building. ACO report- plenty of kittens and puppies at the shelter.

Town Events Committee & residents had an "Eggs-cellent" time at the Easter Egg Hunt. Many came to the event and it was a great time had by all.

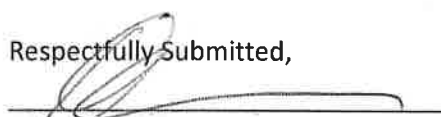
Roadside clean-up will begin Saturday 4/15th thru 4/22/2023.

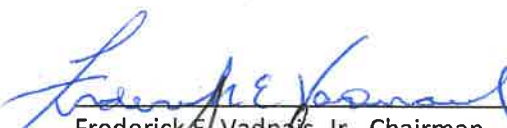
Mills: The Pavilion enclosure at Francis Farm will be done by the end of the month - work is continuing on the clean-up in Town - working with Sue Pimental, Town Hall and Stacy Vilao on laying out all of the costs for the Town Buildings upkeep - working on unclogging drains in town-culverts. If any resident sees an issue, please call highway to report.

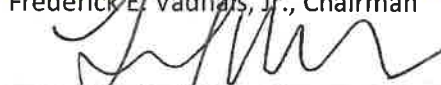
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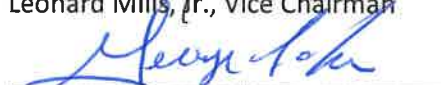
Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:55 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills.
Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson II, Member


Michael P. Deignan, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved: 5/1/2023