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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 MEETING MINUTES FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL 27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD

<u>Present:</u> Selectman Leonard Mills Jr., Selectman George Solas, Sr., Selectmen Michael P. Deignan, Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda.

Absent: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:14 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for April 18, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 18, 2023: 23-42B Payroll \$138,139.67; 23-41A Withholdings \$33,567.36; 23-41 Warrant \$66,600.76; 23-41R Refund Warrant \$5,433.24; 23-41R1 Refund Warrant \$4,840.31. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: G. Solas motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, April 24, 2023**, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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.

The Town Hall will be opened to the public beginning Monday, April 24th. When entering the building, you will be able to proceed passed the white lobby door into the main level of the Town Hall. On the main level you will find the Town Clerk's Office, Assessor's Office, Planning/Conservation and the Treasurer/Collector's office; the Board of Selectmen's Office, as well as the Accounting Office, are on the 2nd level - you will continue to use the keypad found in the lobby to contact these offices. The public will not have access to the second floor. To contact someone in the Treasurer/Collector's Office you will also need to continue to use the keypad and someone will come to the service window to assist you. The Building Department and Board of Health are found at the back of the building, lower level. We do ask

that when visiting the Town Hall that the main hallway remain clear, no congregating, for safety reasons.

I would like to thank the residents for their continued patience and support these last 3 years, while we were closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1) Vote to Approve SRPEDD Green Community Technical Assistance Contract for \$3,000.00 This contract is part of the Green Energy grant that we have in place. Just like the past grant, SRPEDD assigned a representative to help with paperwork and reporting. The \$3,000.00 will be paid back to the Town through the grant.

G. Solas- motion to approve SRPEDD Green Community Technical Assistance Contract for \$3,000.00 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project-Bird Netting Salt Shed for \$24,475.00

G. Solas- motion to approve Chapter 90 Project-Bird Netting Salt Shed for \$24,475.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Proclamation for "Bubbles of Love" Annual Parental Alienation Prevention Week

The week of April 22nd through April 28th, 2023 is Parental Alienation Prevention Week and Parental Alienation Awareness. April 25th is Bubbles of LOVE DAY. Through a Proclamation communities can help bring awareness and help children in need, who may have been abused due to divorces, separations and/or custody arrangements.

- G. Solas- motion to approve and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Proclamation for "Bubbles of Love" Annual Parental Alienation Prevention week and Parental Alienation Awareness for the week of April 22nd through April 28th. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.
- Selectman George Solas explained that he had visited the website and it is an international program. Throughout the world people go out and make & blow bubbles to show support for children in need. Selectman Solas and Mills read portions of the proclamation.

Action Item (4): Vote to Appointment Jennifer LeComte to the Town Events Committee

R. Johnson- motion to appoint Jennifer LeComte to the Town Events Committee, effective 4/18/2023 to 6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

L. Mills- thank you Jen LeComte for all you do!

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve the May 9, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

G. Solas- motion to approve the May 9, 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as submitted by the Town Administrator. Second by R. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): 7:30 pm Public Hearing for HHCC, Inc 30 Pierce Lane Retail Liquor License

This is a public hearing on the application from HHCC, Inc. for a new liquor license for the purpose of serving "All Alcoholic Beverages" at 30 Pierce Lane.

G. Solas- motion to open the Public Hearing for HHCC, Inc. Priscilla J. Clark, manager on record for a new All-Alcohol On-Premise Liquor License. Second by M. Deignan. Roll call: Deignan, aye; Johnson, aye; Solas,

aye; Mills, aye. Vote 4-0.

R. Johnson- motion to close the Public Hearing for HHCC, Inc. Priscilla J. Clark, manager on record for a New All-Alcohol On-Premise Liquor License. Second by M. Deignan. **Roll call**: Deignan, aye; Johnson, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye. Vote 4-0.

Discussions:

Atty Matthew Aspden, representing Priscilla J. Clark, gave a brief background of the history of Hidden Hollows and why the name was changed and why the business is requesting a new license. There have never been any issues with the business or, with Priscilla Clark. The abutters' notices went out on 4/13, but Ms. Clark has not received any green cards (maybe one).

M. Deignan-motion to approve application from Priscilla J Clark, manager of record for hidden hollow county club, Inc. for a new all alcohol on premise liquor license at 30 Pierce Lane. R. Johnson.

M. Deignan amended the motion to reflect the HHCC, Inc. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Atty Matthew Aspden- business certificate has been filed with the Town for a D/B/A.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Absent.

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

Johnson: None.

Mills: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:42 PM. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

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Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Michael P. Deignan, Member

Robert Johnson II, Member

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