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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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

Call to Order at 7:19 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for April 25, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 25, 2022: 22-44B Payroll \$126,812.51; 22-43A Withholdings \$137,196.85; 22-43 Warrant \$56,321.57. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, May 2nd, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder-BOS has been invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new campus at Bristol Aggie on Friday, May 6th at 10am. Need to RSVP-who will be attending? – George Solas and Skip Vadnais will be attending.

On Friday, April 22nd, a call was received from Donna Evans with questions on the Bristol Plymouth project. Ms. Evans was wondering if the Selectmen planned on pulling out of Bristol Plymouth all together since she heard Dighton was thinking of doing so. Also, has the board considered an audit of the total votes that were taken since there was only a 306-vote difference? The Board commented on these questions from Ms. Evans.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Rob Johnson, Tree Warden, stated National Grid has replaced the trees they've taken down over the years. Mr. Johnson will be receiving two Red Sunset Maple trees and requested to plant them in front of the new Town Hall. M. Deignan and G. Solas agreed to work on this project with Rob Johnson.

Linda McHugh, Rehoboth Garden Club, presented a letter thanking the BOS for allowing the Club to host the plant sale at Francis Farm on May 7th. Ms. McHugh formally invited the BOS to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 8:45AM on 5/7/22 before the plant sale begins. George Solas and Skip Vadnais will attend.

Jennifer LeComte, Keep Rehoboth Beautiful, thanked the residents for participating in the Annual Clean-up. There were 168 people who signed up to help, many groups, and 231 bags retrieved holding more than 4955.7lbs of trash (almost 2 tons). Mrs. LeComte thanked the Highway Department and Transfer Station for their help as well.

Geri Hamel, Town Nurse, presented updated statistics on present positivity. There is an up swing in cases recently. There will be a Wellness Clinic on May 26th from 9am-11am.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion with Housing Authority Regarding Land Swap, with possible action

Paul Jacques spoke to the residents regarding the land swap of Housing Authority Property and Anawan School. Both BOS and Housing Authority have voted to place an article on the 5/14/22 Warrant for final approval. Paul had a rendering and a possible design.

Action Item (2): Discussion Re: K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee's Webpage, with possible action

K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee would like to have a link on BOS website to get updates to the residents.

M. Deignan recommended K-8 should have a direct link to their page not under the BOS.

G. Solas motion to approve K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee to create a webpage under the Board of Selectmen's website to keep residents informed of updates. Second by M. Deignan.

Mike McBride mentioned any uploads to the website will go through the BOS for approval of the content.

M. Deignan had an issue reviewing/editing any uploads. S. Vadnais clarifies this would be to check to make sure no violations are happening. M. Deignan feels that the committee should have its own page.

G. Solas amended the vote to remove "Board of Selectmen's website," second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0

Action Item (3): Discussion Re: Social Media Policy with Personnel Board Chairman, with possible action

S. Vadnais stated the IT Committee has not had a chance to review, and needs to review the policy first.

M. Deignan motion to Table the Social Media Policy as presented by the Chairman of the Personnel Board. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Discussion Re: Part-Time Assistant Public Nurse's Job Description, with possible action

M. Deignan motion to accept the Part-Time Assistant Public Nurse as submitted and written by the Personnel Board. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Proposal from Green Energy Committee for Heating Pump at the Highway Dept.-proposal submitted by Energy Source

Carolyn Panofsky from the Green Energy was present to explain the proposal and need for the unit submitted by Energy Source on the heating pump for the Highway Dept. This is part of the Town's Green Energy Grant that we have been working with. Projected savings from this project would be approximately \$200 per year.

M. Deignan motion to Approve the proposal submitted by Green Energy Committee on behalf of Energy Source for the heating pump at the Highway Dept. The net cost to the town will be through a grant received a few years ago. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Use of Francis Farm Grounds for the Lions Club BBQ

This would be for the use of nine workers, and would only include the BBQ pit area at Francis Farm. The food would be transported to the American Legion for consumption.

M. Deignan was concerned that an outside private group would be using Francis Farm without a written policy from Town Counsel. The Board has not voted on a policy as of yet. There is a person on social media asking who to contact to hold a private event.

S. Vadnais disagreed stating the Lions Club is a group that benefits the Community and “gives back” to the community. Private groups have to show proof of liability/general insurance. These groups will clean up after themselves.

M. Deignan was not comfortable with groups using the Town’s Own equipment and asked what happens if someone gets hurt, a fire begins, etc.

S. Vadnais argued that the people/members of the Lions Club hold other positions in town and have been holding this BBQ for over 30 years.

M. Deignan asked Chairman Vadnais to have the Fire Department come by to make sure all is handled properly.

S. Vadnais motion to Approve the use of Francis Farm BBQ pit area for the Lions Club BBQ to be held on June 5th from 6am to 12 (noon). Second by M. Deignan. Vote 2-0. Selectman George Solas abstained.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve and Submit MBTA Community Information Form-Zoning Changes

This approval from the Board is the submission of the MBTA Community Information Form that we are obligated to submit by the deadline of May 2nd. This is part of the Zoning Changes to the communities that are part of the MBTA. Daniel Roach has filled out the form for your approval. Along with the information from our office will submit a letter showing the date the Board approved such form. (Timestamp 1:30:19)

M. Deignan motion to table until 5/2/22 need to review paperwork with Town Planner. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Road Races Submitted by Ocean State Multisport Race Director

The BOS office received 2 requests from the Chairman of the Ocean State Multisport asking permission to hold 2 events, one on May 15th -Cranky Crab Running Festival and August 7-Funky Monkey Running Festival. We have received approval/comments from the Police Dept, Highway Dept and Fire Dept. A letter from our office will be sent specifying the approval and conditions that need to be followed during each race. Both races will begin at 8am.

M. Deignan motion to Approve the Ocean State Multisport Road Races for May 15th and August 7th, following the guidance per the highway and police department. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve May 14, 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Submission of the May 14th, 2022 Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

M. Deignan motion to Table the Warrant for the May 14th, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Appoint John Krasnianski & Stephen Green to Traffic Control Unit

M. Deignan motion to appoint John Krasnianski and Stephen Green to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 4/25/22 – 6/30/23. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

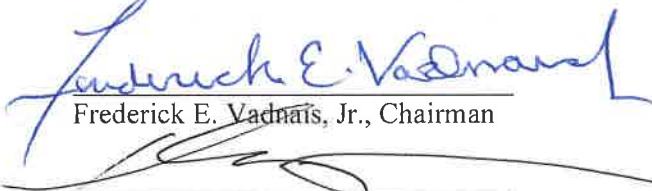
Vadnais:

1. Phil Call donated the Gert's Café sign and asked the BOS to send a thank you letter.
2. On 5/2 there will be an executive session to review with the Police Chief the Deputy Chief position and candidates.
3. Anna Deignan was appointed as Chair to the IT Committee.

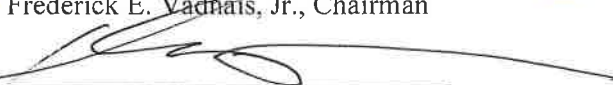
Deignan: no report

Solas: no report


ADJOURNMENT: G. Solas motion to adjourn the regular session at 9:12PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman



George Solas, Sr., Clerk

Robert Johnson, II, Member

Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 7/11/2022