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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD***

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

At 6:05 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ***MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (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; (10) To discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier.***

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

Chairman Vadnais stepped away.

Warrant for May 1 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of May 1, 2023: 23-44B Payroll \$127,975.62; 23-43A Withholdings \$38,483.24; 23-43 Warrant \$58,604.72. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Meeting Minutes for 4/10/2023 Approved and Held in Executive Session.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023**, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder that Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 9th, at 7 PM, at Francis Farm Museum Building; doors open at 6PM.

Walk MA Challenge Program at the Senior Center on Wednesday, May 3rd at 10 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1) Discussion Re: May 9, 2023 Warrant and Town Meeting with Town Moderator, Bill Cute and Town Clerk, Laura Schwall

Mr. Bill Cute opened the meeting mentioning that he met with the Town Clerk, Town Administrator, Sue Pimental, Colleen Simpson, FinCom Chair, last week to go over the warrant and motions; all went well; thank you to the Town Administrator for all the hard work on the warrant.

Recommended everyone study the warrant – necessary/appropriate; look at comments. This helps to understand the article.

3-minute rule for those that would like to speak at the Town Meeting.

Water Commission did not supply a report for the Annual Town Meeting, but could present at the Special Town Meeting, if they would like.

Mr. Cute went through the warrant with the Board - Article 2 will be removed from Consent and dealt with after the approval of the consent agenda; FinCom will make recommendations at the meeting.

Mr. Cute continued going through each article and the appropriate vote needed by the Town.

Action Item (2): 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week-Proclamation

April 30th through May 6, 2023 is considered to be Professional Municipal Clerks Week. Where we extend our appreciation to the Clerk's office for all they do to support the Town

PROCLAMATION was read.

Action Item (3): 7:30pm Public Hearing for Upcycle Edibles, LLC, dba Rehoboth Baking Co, Wines and Malt Liquor License

L. Mills – motion to open the Public Hearing for Upcycle Edibles, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth Baking Co, 7 Park Street, Unit 2 for sale of wine and malt Liquor License, for on premise use. Seconded by R. Johnson. **Roll Call:** Mills, aye; Vadnais, aye; Solas, aye; Johnson, aye; Deignan, aye. Vote 5-0.

An abutter was present but chose not to speak.

L. Mills- motion to close the public hearing. Second by G. Solas. **Roll Call:** Mills, aye; Vadnais, aye; Solas, aye; Johnson, aye; Deignan, aye. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Liquor License application for the sale of wines and malt for Upcycle Edibles, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth Baking, Company, at 7 Park Street, Unit 2, pending occupancy approval from the Building Department. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan- amend motion *pending occupancy approval and sufficient insurance paperwork. Seconded by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Brigitta Hart as the Office Administrator for the Health & Human Services

Mr. Richard Panofsky is requesting the approval from the Board on the hire of Brigitta Hart as the Office Administrator for the Health and Human Services Dept. with a start date of 5/8/2023. Physical and CORI have been conducted.

G. Solas- motion to approve the hiring of Brigitta Hart as Office Administrator for the Health and Human Services Dept with a start date of May 8, 2023. Seconded by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Panofsky explained the interviewing process and how they chose the candidate.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve and Sign Fiber Project Agreement for the Roundabout with Comm-Tract

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign Fiber Project Agreement with Comm-Tract for the upcoming Roundabout work. Seconded by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

George explained the work that needs to be done for this project and the need for the agreement.

Discussion:

M. Deignan- It will cost the Town \$83,000 to complete this project. Is there a written agreement with MassDOT that they will reimburse the Town - concerned that the agreement states Comm-tract will expect payment when the job is complete. How will MassDOT pay the Town?

S. Vadnais- working with Finance Director, who is working with MassDOT, regarding how the funds will be received and how quickly, so we can pay Comm-tract.

L. Mills- explained to the public the project that is at hand and who is working on this project internally trying to get things done.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Robert Lockhart of-Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club to be Held at So. Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed St.

Robert Lockhart from the Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club is requesting the Board's approval on a one-day liquor license for May 6th from 3pm to 8 pm at the So. Seekonk Gun Club.

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License for Robert Lockhart of-Rumford Hunting & Fishing Club to be held at the So. Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed St. on May 6th from 3 pm to 8 pm. Firing range will be closed. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Rehoboth Antiquarian Society State Aid to Public Libraries of \$12,585.60

This is the 2nd installment for the FY's State Aid to the Public Libraries.

G. Solas- motion to approve Rehoboth Antiquarian Society State Aid to Public Libraries of \$12,585.60 and authorize the Treasurer to deposit the funds in the appropriate account when received. Seconded by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve the Hawkers & Peddlers License for David Dias-The Shiny Griddle, LLC at 375 Anawan Street

Hawkers & Peddlers License for Mr. David Dias for food truck business. Mr. Dias has received all the approvals and permits from the BOH and has a business certificate filed with the Town.

G. Solas- motion to approve a Hawkers & Peddlers License for David Dias of The Shiny Griddle, LLC on 375 Anawan Street, effective May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Seconded by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve MEMA-EMPG Reimbursement of \$3,100

Mark Haskell is requesting the Board's approval on the EMPG reimbursement of \$3,100.00 used to purchase a light tower, which recently helped them through a situation with a lost person in a conservation area.

G. Solas- motion to approve and accept the reimbursement from MEMA-EMPG of \$3,100.00. Seconded by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Asked Richard Panofsky to announce the job posting for the Accounting Assistant. Work with Town Administrator to post externally this week.

Moving forward, any citizen having a concern, should contact the Board of Selectmen's office and the Chair will direct the information to the appropriate liaison.

Deignan: The BOS should be prepared to discuss Article 20- Pond Street PILOT agreement at Town Meeting

Article 27 Helicopter Article- BOS did not vote to recommend the article, just to have it placed on the Warrant by the AgCom. Just want to make a note to the public that the Board did not approve and/or recommend.

Solas: The Un-Masquerade Ball is June 13th at 4 PM; open to all and will be held at the COA.

Johnson: no report

Mills: Friday, April 28th, we were able to shim the road areas that were not done properly earlier in the year. Superintendent Kevin Chace worked with the contractor. Thank you to the public for your patience during this time.


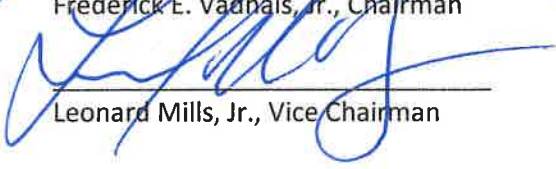
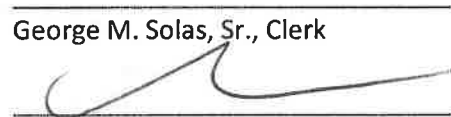
Highway Dept. is wrapping up the Town clean up and picking up the bags. If anyone sees any bags, please call the Highway Department.

Facility Building Department pavilion enclosure, at Francis Farm, was completed today.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:15 PM. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman
Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman
George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk
Michael P. Deignan, Member
Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approved: 5/22/2023