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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 16, 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 7:03 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for May 16, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of May 16, 2022: 22-47B Payroll \$136,011.65; 22-46A Withholdings \$34,243.63; 22-46 Warrant \$4,995,156.20. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Recreation Committee is looking for any resident that would like to join their committee. Please submit a talent bank form to the BOS office.

The Memorial Day parade is back in town. It will be held on Monday, May 30th. A flyer was included on the back of the Warrant that was sent to all residents. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jake Kramer in the Veteran Services Office.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

The meeting begun with Chief Barresi addressing a draft horse that was found in town over the weekend. He assured residents that the proper steps were taken to save the horse. Chief Barresi also raised his concern about recent chemical issues. Residents have been mixing chemicals, so Chief Barresi advised residents to read the labels and be careful. Recommended residents to google, or visit the site "ChemTrec.com" to see which chemicals can be safely mixed.

Town Nurse, Geri Hamel, gave an update on COVID – cases are increasing by approximately 12%.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Public Hearing Notice-7:15 PM Pole Hearing New Development - Perryville Road

A representative from National Grid & Verizon New England Inc. was present at the meeting for any questions. We received approval from Highway, the Tree Warden and Police. This was for relocating a pole on Perryville Road to make room for a new subdivision entrance.

G. Solas motion to open the Public Hearing Notice.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (3-0)

Residents from 99 Perryville Road stated they were concerned with moving the pole. The resident has two poles on his property and loses power many times. The resident was worried that moving these poles further will make the issues worse.

M. Deignan motion to continue the Public Hearing Notice to June 6, 2022.

Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (3-0)

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License-Rehoboth People Have a Heart-Seekonk Gun Club 61 Reed Street

Rob Johnson is running “Rehoboth People Have a Heart” fundraiser and is requesting approval for a One Day Liquor License for May 22nd.

G. Solas to approve the One Day Liquor License for Rehoboth People Have a Heart at the Seekonk Gun Club, 61 Reed Street on May 22, 2022 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. The gun range will be closed. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Quote from App Geo-Spatial IQ for Map GEO for \$12,780

This is a yearly request from the Assessor’s office for the Map GEO program that is used in their office and within the Town Website. They are asking for the Board’s approval on this quote of \$12,780.00. Per the Assessor’s this was a \$350 increase from FY22, we have not received an increase in a while.

G. Solas explained what Map GEO is and how helpful it is.

G. Solas motion to approve the quote from App Geo of \$12,780.00 for FY23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve IT Surplus Equipment

Derek has provided the Board with a list of IT equipment that he would like to surplus and/or recycle

M. Deignan motion to approve the submitted list of surplus equipment from the IT Director. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Accept PEG-Comcast Quarterly Franchise Fees for \$57,542.60

The town receives quarterly franchise fees from Comcast. These funds are used to help with expenses that directly impact the IT Department and other computer infrastructure.

G. Solas to accept the payment of \$57,542.60 from Comcast for the franchise fees and to allow the Treasurer to deposit the funds into the appropriate account. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6): Discussion Re: Water Commissioner

Tish Vadnais was very concerned that the Committee was not getting notified of events happening in Town. The Committee was not included in multiple issues: the discussion of the Water Protection Program Article at the Town Meeting, a water issue at the South side of Town that highly impacts water supply, and an issue at the Rehoboth Country Club that the Planning Board did not include the Committee in.

S. Vadnais asked the Board how they would like to handle the issue. The Board cannot force the Planning Board to communicate, but the Water Commission can set up a meeting with the Planning Board to discuss. The Board can send an email to the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health requesting that the groups communicate to the Water Commission.

G. Solas would like to work with Tish and the Committee to come up with a proper procedure.

M. Deignan suggested that the Water Commission create a list of liaisons to work with other committees to help with communication of water issues.

Tish will work with Deb Arruda on specific situations so she can communicate to those departments.

G. Solas will work with the Chair and Agent of the Board of Health and Conservation Committee to communicate necessity of water issues. If this goes without notice again, the problem will be an HR issue.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Chairman asked George for updates on the Part-time seasonal worker position. G. Solas responded that interviews were starting.

Deignan:

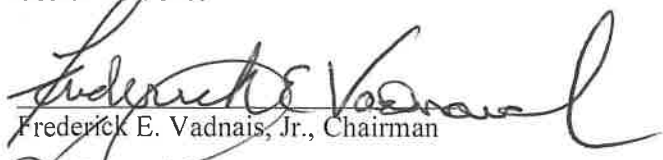
1. The IT Committee now has 3 members that have been sworn in. The members want to come before the board to get organized.
2. Asked G. Solas if he called Herb yet.
3. Addressed Todd Creel regarding the non-profits paying taxes voluntarily. Marissa Medeiros was in contact with him. Selectman Deignan suggested that the Board invite Mr. Creel to speak on this information and possibly form a committee.
4. Spoke on a warrant article about an E & D Stabilization account for education related expensive for schools in the Town of Rehoboth. The turn back would be approximately \$6 million in total. Selectman Deignan wanted to thank everyone who came out to vote at the Town Meeting who made this possible.

Thank you to all who came to vote to approve the article.

Solas:

1. Discussed a press release from Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School about Personnel changes. G. Solas and the Board began discussing the Regional Agreement/Amendment changes.
2. Announced that the Highway Trailer should be delivered soon.
3. G. Solas will speak to Lorraine Botts and Steve Silva about moving the shed from the old COA to Francis Farm.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:45PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 8/22/2022