

Office of  
SELECTMEN  
340 Anawan Street  
Rehoboth, MA 02769



Tel.: (508) 252-3758  
Fax: (508) 252-5342

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL  
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

**Absent:** Selectman George Solas, Sr.

At 6:35 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.***

**Call to Order at 7:08 PM:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant for May 30, 2023:**

S. Vadnais- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of May 30, 2023: 23-48B Payroll \$143,852.55; 23-47A Withholdings \$44,144.64; 23-47 Warrant \$105,881.89; 23-47R Refund Warrant \$35,623.79; 23-47R1 Refund Warrant \$6799.16; 23-47V Veterans Warrant \$7,287.41. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: 5/15/2023, 2/3/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/18/2020, 2/24/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/16/2020, 3/23/2020, 5/26/2020, 7/13/2020, 7/27/2020, 8/3/2020, 8/10/2020, 9/21/2020, 9/28/2020, 10/5/2020, 10/13/2020, 10/19/2020, and 11/16/2020

Selectman R. Johnson read list of Executive Meeting Minutes which were approved and held and/or released during Executive Session.

**Announcements:**

Our next scheduled meeting will be on **Monday, June 5, 2023** at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

DRRHS Graduation is on June 10th at 4 PM. D-R is looking for RSVP from the Board.  
Bristol Aggie needs RSVP from the Board- who will be attending the Graduation ceremony?

Need to decide on Summer Schedule- Selectman Vadnais asked the BOS to review their project list and then a decision will be made on a schedule.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Vote to Approve New Dispatcher Hire-Alisha Boulay**

**Present:** Deputy Chief Ramos requesting approval of the hiring of Alisha Boulay.

R. Johnson- motion to approve the hiring of Alisha Boulay as a dispatcher for the Police Dept. Effective 5/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (2): Discussion Re: Utilization of Francis Farm Complex, with possible action**

R. Johnson- motion to approve the primary use of the Francis Farm Complex will be for COA services to our seniors, community health and human services, recreation, and town meetings facilities. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

R. Johnson- motion to approve all other activities at Francis Farm Complex will need approval from the BOS. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (3): Vote Acknowledgment of Receipt of Form M for 469 Winthrop Street**

The Planning Board is requesting the Boards acknowledgement of the Form M for 469 Winthrop Street and to decide if a Gravel Meeting is necessary.

R. Johnson- motion acknowledgment of the receipt of the Form-M for 469 Winthrop Street from the Planning Board. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Mills asked if vote can wait.

Per Deb Arruda, the Planning Board is only looking for the Board to acknowledge receipt of the paperwork. The Board reviewed the plans and determined a gravel meeting is not necessary.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: Organizational chart will be discussed at the 6/5/2023 meeting. A lot of work has gone into it. We are working hard to work with the Town's people on any issues/concerns that arise. Any concerns should be sent to the BOS' office and I will review and assign the appropriate member of the BOS.

Deignan: RE: Playground conversation- Facebook had many comments about people not knowing about the land swap. It was on the Warrant which was mailed to all households; however, did not know the history of the playground and was not brought up during discussions. The next playground can be dedicated again.

...Drove in the parade with daughters and threw loads of candy. Fun for all. Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial was done very well.

Solas: Absent.

Johnson: RE: Playground at the Anawan School property- the property is under the purview of the Rehoboth Housing Authority. The playground was going to be moved, but it is not in a condition where that can happen. Future plan is to have a playground area built at Francis Farm. Call with any question.

Recreation Committee is working on upcoming projects.

Town Events is not moving forward with the 2022 Country Fair. Need to set up a committee that can help with planning a future fair. Fair may be held at Red Way Plain because it's a better location. The Committee will reach out through social media for volunteers.

Attended the Memorial Day Parade. It was a great day and great showing of residents.

Mills: Thank you to Kevin Chace for painting the red/white/blue on the road - may be a tradition. The Fire Department has been painted and we are cleaning up the grounds in the back.

Cleaning up of Francis Farm.

Working on improvements of the buildings.

ACO building is coming along, per Rob.

Rented a catch basin machine, which saves the Town money. We have about 536 catch basins so far in Town that need to be cleaned, not including developments. Highway has been working hard cleaning the basins.

Working with Forestry to do cut backs.

Asking travelers to slow down on our roads. Speed sign that is up on Perryville Road monitors the speed of travelers. Road is 40 mph, but have tracked travelers going over 50 mph at a bad curve! The Police

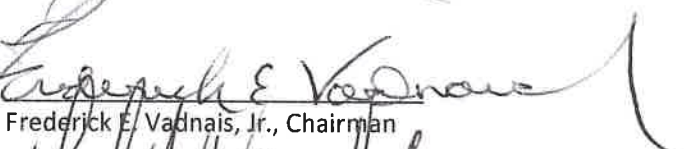
Department is busy monitoring the streets, writing reports of the travelers, etc. a lot of work behind the scenes. These roads are not meant for those speeds.

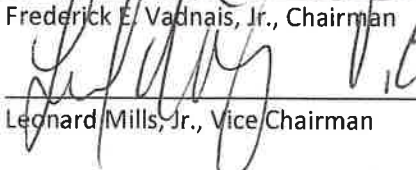
#### ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:45 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Odete Lacourse

  
Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael P. Deignan, Member

  
Robert Johnson II, Member

#### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Approve: 6/5/2023**