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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

At 5:33 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. (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.

Topics: Director of IT & Media Employment Contract and On-going Litigations

Call to Order at 7:28 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for June 27, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 27, 2022: 22-53B Payroll \$157,819.78; 22-52A Withholdings \$143,887.97; 22-52 Warrant \$431,843.40; 22-52V Veterans \$7,646.77. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 3/21/22 and 3/28/22

G. Solas motion to table Regular Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve regular Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm-Francis Hall Building.

BOS would like to wish everyone a safe 4th of July holiday. Town offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

BOS- Our office received a request from Ocean State Multi Sports. They run road races throughout the year through our town. They are requesting the use of Francis Farm for their "Chocolate Marshmallow Road Race" in December. They said many years ago it used to be held at Francis Farm, currently it is being done through the Seekonk YMCA. After the race they serve hot chocolate to the runners, they could have about 200 runners. They raise money through this event and would love to donate some of their proceeds to the Senior Center. – G. Solas will work with Ocean State Multi Sports.

REMINDER:

The K-8 Withdrawal Study Committee will be holding another informational session here at Francis Hall on July 21, 2022.

A Walk-Thru at 340 Anawan St. for the Portico is scheduled for 6/28/22 at 10 am.

Today, 6/27/22, the Highway Department opened up bids for materials.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Jennifer LeComte, on behalf of the Town Events Committee, announced they will be hosting an English Tea Party and Floral Arrangement class on 7/17/22 from 9am-11:30am. Registration is limited to 30 people. The event will be hosted at Designs by Sheila at 249 Anawan St.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (8): Revote of the Debt Exclusion Question voted on 6/21/22

The Town Clerk was notified by the State that the BOS should revise their vote from last week and request that the State place our Debt Exclusion ballot question on the Commonwealth's November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial Election ballot, instead of asking the Town Clerk to print them.

QUESTION:

"Shall the Town of Rehoboth be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical School District building project?"

Yes

No

M. Deignan motion to request the State place Rehoboth's Bristol Plymouth Debt Exclusion ballot question on the Commonwealth's November 8, 2022 Gubernatorial Election Ballot. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (1): Discussion with Town Events Chair-First Annual Clambake at Francis Farm, with possible action

R. Johnson liked that the event brings the Town together.

G. Solas said the Board has not put a standard format together for people to request the use of Francis Farm.

S. Vadnais asked if there will be any kitchen needs. Dave LeComte replied that only the pit will be needed, and residents will eat at South Pavilion and clean up.

S. Vadnais asked how the food will be kept cold. Dave LeComte will work with the Board of Health. Selectman Vadnais enjoys the idea, but needs execution.

M. Deignan stated the Town Events Committee will need to own whatever liability that comes with the event. Selectman Deignan suggested appointing temporary help for the event.

M. Deignan motion to ask Town Events to proceed with the plan and work with Rob Johnson for trial plans by 7/11/22. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote To Approve Budget Amendment for FY22 Capital Projects

M. Deignan motion to approve the budget amendment for FY22 Capital Projects as submitted in the attached worksheet, and further, to authorize the Town Accountant to make any reductions necessary to the stated amounts to accommodate end of the year processing, and to authorize the Vice Chairman to authorize said reductions on behalf of the Board. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote To Approve Appointments for Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council, Cultural Council, Associate Member to the COA Board

The following are new appointments:

G. Solas motion to approve Stephen Green to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council as Board of Assessors Representative, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve William Costa to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council as the Planning Board Representative, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Brooke Reeves to the Cultural Council, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/25. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Mary Beth Moriarty to the Council on Aging as an Associate Member, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Reappointments

Vote to approve the following reappointments:

Michael Fleming-Finance Committee, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/25.

Colleen Simpson-Finance Committee, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/25.

G. Solas motion to approve Michael Fleming and Colleen Simpson to the Finance Committee, Effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/25. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Vote to approve the following reappointments for the Police Department Reserve Officers, effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Joseph Baker

Gregory P. DeCastro

Michael R. Jones

Stephen McKenna

James Toler

Brent Warish

G. Solas motion to approve the following reappointments: Joseph Baker, Gregory P. DeCastro, Michael R. Jones, Stephen McKenna, James Toler, and Brent Warish for the Police Department Reserve Officers, effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve 2022 Junk Dealers' Licenses

These are yearly renewals from Junk Dealer's (Antiques) in town. We are still awaiting other renewals but have not received them.

G. Solas motion to Approve the 2022 Junk Dealers License to Mr. & Mrs. Valentim Mendes-Mendes Antiques and Gary S. Jennings-Anawan Antiques. Effective May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve and Sign Letter for the Annual Rehoboth Call Firefighters Association Ball

L. Mills motion to approve and sign the letter for the Annual Rehoboth Call Firefighters Association Ball. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0. Selectman Johnson abstained from voting.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer of \$1600 to Municipal Lights Account

The Board of Selectmen's office Municipal Lights account has only \$172.78 left to finish of the FY. We are awaiting the remaining invoices from National Grid and Bluewave for this account and anticipate it being approximately \$1600. The Interim Town Administrator has worked with Roberta on this request.

M. Deignan motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$1600 to account # 014243-52110-Municipal Lights and to forward the request to FinCom for their action. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Appoint Kevin Chace and Mike Viveiros as Interim Highway Superintendent and Supervisor of Buildings.

L. Mills gave background on the situation. In result of executive session that was held, there is a need for an Interim Highway Superintendent and Supervisor of Buildings. The new position, Supervisor of Buildings, is responsible for maintaining all the Town Buildings. Kevin Chace will fill the Interim Highway Supervisor position, and Mike Viveiros will fill the Supervisor of Buildings position. Selectman Mills acknowledged that Kevin Chace has been with the Town for 18 years, and spoke to both of their hardworking, honorable, respectful, and knowledgeable work. The Board is excited to see what the new leadership positions bring to the Town.

L. Mills motion to appoint Kevin Chace and Mike Viveiros as Interim Highway Superintendent and Supervisor of Buildings. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Director of IT & Media Employment Contract

Tabled

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Deignan: no report

Solas: Any seniors that may have questions about the COA, please call Linda Sherman and she will answer any questions.

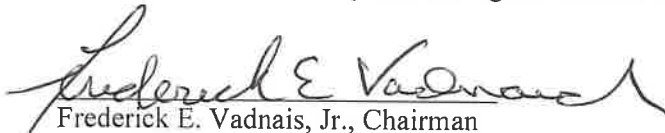
Johnson: Continued to speak with Boards and Committees to hear their ideas and plans. The Park Commission has Concerts starting on 7/11/22. Asked the Board if they have a rainy day, can the Pavilion at Francis Farm be used? – The Board confirmed this is okay.

Mills:

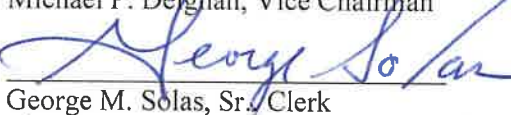
1. Highway Department and Building Maintenance Dept are going to be a great addition. Extended a thank you to both Kevin Chace and Mike Viveiros for all their hard work. Thanked Mike for the 7 months he put in to help both of the positions. Mike's #1 task is building safety, and he will review all the buildings.
2. An additional exit to the Town Hall will be added to make a One-way and bring the mailbox closer to the building so staff does not have to cross the street (RT-118). This will also allow cars to not have to exit with emergency vehicles from next door.

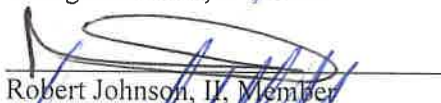
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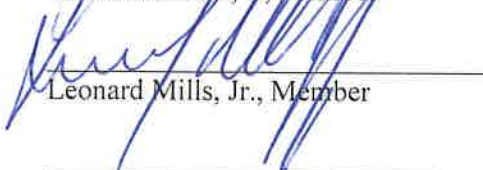
M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:36 PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson, II, Member


Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 8/29/2022