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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD***

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

At 6:34 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ***MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (7)*** ***To review and approve Executive Session 6/1/2020, 5/22/2023 and 5/30/2023; (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.***

Call to Order at 7:06 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectman Johnson asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ms. Jane Foster, former Rehoboth Animal Control Officer.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for June 5, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 5, 2023: 23-49B Payroll \$144,735.85; 23-48A Withholdings \$37,726.64; 23-48 Warrant \$2,585,065.30; 23-48S Warrant \$9,253.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 6/1/2020, 5/22/2023 and 5/30/2023
Executive Meeting Minutes which were approved and release during Executive Session.

Regular Minutes: 5/22/2023 and 5/30/2023

G. Solas- motion to approve the May 22 and 30, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

Our next scheduled meeting will be on **Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Our office has completed the backlog of minutes. I would like to thank Odete for all of her hard work and dedication to this project. With her continued dedication and drive, we will be able to move ahead with all

current minutes. With this project behind her Odete can move forward with other duties in our office and continue with the cross-training process.

I would also like to thank Marisa, Carol and Elizabeth for all they have done to keep our office running smoothly during this process.

The second means of egress work has begun at the Town Hall, with great progress, today.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Appoint Hanna Polidoro to the Agricultural Commission and Kim Ciociola to the Council on Aging Board

G. Solas- motion to appoint Hanna Polidoro to the Agricultural Commission, 6/5/2023 to 6/30/2024 and Kim Ciociola to the Council on Aging Board, 6/5/2023 to 6/30/2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve the Junk Dealers Renewal License for Mr. & Mrs. Valentim Mendes - Mendes Antiques of 52 Blanding Road

G. Solas- motion to approve the Junk Dealers Renewal License for Mr. & Mrs. Valentim Mendes from Mendes Antiques, 52 Blanding Road, effective, 5/1/2023 to 4/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Grant Agreement for the Public Library Services between TOR and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for FY24-\$304,080.00

This is an annual agreement with the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society-Public Library Services. The Antiquarian Society expresses appreciation for the financial support of the Rehoboth Taxpayers and look forward to serving the community this year.

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the FY24 Grant Agreement between the TOR and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the public library services in the amount of \$304,080. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Deignan's wife is a Trustee and therefore, abstained.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve the Employment Contract Renewal with William McDonough-Building Commissioner

Contract approved discussed and approved in Executive Session.

L. Mills- motion to approve and sign the 3-year employment contract agreement between the TOR and William McDonough as the Building Commissioner, effective 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item: (5): Discussion Re: Organizational Chart

M. Deignan- motion to accept the organizational chart as presented. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

Mr. Richard Panofsky and Sue Pimental joined the meeting.

S. Vadnais announced that Sue Pimental, Deb Arruda and Richard Panofsky worked together to put the organizational chart together -once the Board agrees and approves the chart, there will be a department head meeting.

M. Deignan -suggested that perhaps the Procurement Officer function should be under the Finance Director's responsibility.

S. Vadnais- stated it was discussed amongst the group.

Deb Arruda mentioned that without the approval of Sue Pimental and the available funds a bid will not be processed; Deb Arruda and Sue Pimental will work together moving forward on all projects.

G. Solas- appreciates what goes on when it comes to approving projects/bids/funds.

L. Mills- thank you to the Board for working together to better help organize the town business in a better way.

R. Johnson- appreciate this information as a liaison, and department head.

Moving forward Richard Panofsky, Sue Pimental, Deb Arruda, Lenny Mills and Skip Vadnais will work together on what Town projects.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: Attended Jane Foster's wake, along with Rob Johnson – Sends Board of Selectmen condolences.

Solas: Attended the Bristol Plymouth graduation this weekend. It was greatly attended by surrounding towns.

Museum update: when the room is divided, we will be able to hold 2 consecutive meetings. The media equipment that is being updated will allow us to broadcast two meetings at the same time. We are interviewing for the position of Media Manager, currently.

Johnson: Thank you to the Animal Shelter volunteers. They help a lot each day and it is greatly appreciated.

Mills: Update on Bill McDonough's duties and expression of appreciation for all that Bill McDonough does. Zoning is a big part of his responsibilities.

Planning Board update: Tim Dorrance was elected as new member of the Planning Board; Patrick Landry, Chair; Stacy Haskell, Vice Chair and Lynne Ferreira, member.

Update on the continued work at the Fire Department construction project.

Highway Department update: Road work, cleanup and safety on the road ways are ongoing.

Town Hall update- second means of egress has begun; basement windows have been replaced; landscape in the front has been completed: Dave Perry from LISCO Irrigation has donated the service to the Town Hall - Thank you, Dave and Pat Perry for the donation! Drainage work is ongoing, as well. Once everything is done, we will pave the parking lot.

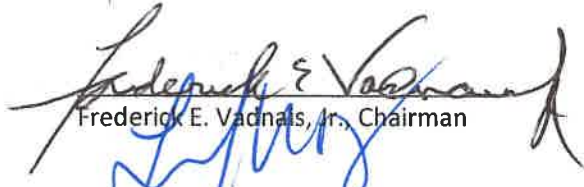
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:38 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

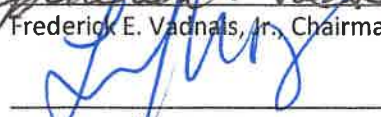
Respectfully Submitted,



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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

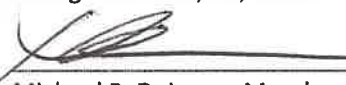


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

Absent



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk



Michael P. Deignan, Member



Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approved: 6/12/2023