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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 24, 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., Selectman Michael P. Deignan, Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

At 6:10 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section §21 (a) (4) to discuss the deployment of or strategy regarding security personnel or devices, e.g., a sting operation; (7) to review and approve Executive Session Minutes: 6/26/23.**

Call to Order at 7:35 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of July 17, 2023: 24-03B Payroll \$143,114.13; 24-02A Withholdings \$53,908.71; 24-02 Warrant \$180,269.62; Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of July 24, 2023: 24-04B Payroll \$143,717.35; 24-03A Withholdings \$154,313.76; 24-03 Warrant \$321,206.42. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 6/26/2023

The Executive Minutes for June 26, 2023 were approved and held in Executive Session.

Regular Minutes: 7/10/2023

G. Solas- motion to approve the July 10, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on **Monday, August 7, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Auction of 13 parcels, provided by Treasurer's office, will be held on August 16th at 11:00 AM at the Town Hall - parcels ranging from 0.7 acres to 5.9 acres – abutters will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: ARPA Applications, with Possible Action

Sue Pimental was present to update the Board of Selectmen regarding ARPA project applications - there are minor changes to the Phase II Radio project; updated the Board on other projects that the Board recently approved; reviewed potential project for the Ambulance Committee, which needs back up before moving forward.

No action taken.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Media & Communications Manager Ciara Kilkenny

Sue Pimental was present to introduce Ciara Kilkenny to the Board and the residents of the Town.

R. Johnson- motion to approve Ciara Kilkenny as the Media & Communications Manager, starting July 31, 2023. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Agreement between TOR and Atty William Solomon to work on Comcast Renewal Contract

Sue Pimental presented the Board with the Agreement between TOR and Atty William Solomon, for review and signature, stating this is the attorney who worked on the last agreement and who was recommended by Atty Jay Talerman.

Selectman Vadnais stated that Atty Solomon was easy to work with the last time and that he made the process easy.

G. Solas- motion to approve Agreement between TOR and Atty William Solomon to work on Comcast Renewal Contract. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Utility Installation License for Eversource Gas of MA

G. Solas- motion to approve the Utility Installation License for Eversource Gas of MA. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers: Rebecca Mele and Lidia Vilas Boas

COA is asking for the BOS' approval for the following volunteers: Rebecca Mele and Lidia Vilas Boas. CORI's have been processed.

G. Solas- motion to approve Rebecca Mele and Lidia Vilas Boas as COA Volunteers. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Appoint Jeanine Achin to Historical Commission from July 24, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

Per Artie Pierce, Chairman of the Historical Commission, the Commission voted in Jeanine Achin and would like the BOS to appoint Ms. Jeanine Achin.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Jeanine Achin to Historical Commission from July 24, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote Reappointments, see attached for the listing of names and Depts/Board/Committees

G. Solas- motion to reappoint the following carryovers from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Advisory Finance Committee

Colleen	Simpson		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Michael	Fleming		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Mackenzie	Morgenweck		7/1/2022	6/30/2024

Green Energy Committee

Patricia	Abrahamson		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
David	Feeney		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Carolyn	Panofsky		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Jessica	Skyleson		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Lisa	Wentworth		7/1/2022	6/30/2024

Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee

Lorelei	Kellum		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Jennifer	Lecomte		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Nancy	Muri		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Ronald	Whittemore		7/1/2022	6/30/2024

Deborah	Arruda	Local Emergency Planning Board (Town Administrator)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
William	McDonough	Local Emergency Planning Board (Building Dept Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Karl	Drown	Local Emergency Planning Board (BOH Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Linda	Sherman	Local Emergency Planning Board (COA Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Francis T	Barresi	Local Emergency Planning Board (Fire Dept Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
James	Trombetta	Local Emergency Planning Board (Police Dept Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Geraldine M	Hamel	Local Emergency Planning Board (Public Health Nurse Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
John "Jake"	Kramer	Local Emergency Planning Board (Veteran's Rep)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024

Rehoboth Town Events Committee

Sheila	Kramer		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
David L	Lecomte		7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Kelli	Trexler		7/1/2022	6/30/2024

Discussion:

Per Selectman Vadnais, the LeComtes have already submitted their intention to vacate so why not keep them as holdovers and allow them to participate as holdovers and serve until replacements are found?

Selectman Vadnais- modify vote to remove the LeComtes (David LeComte from Town Events Committee and Jennifer LeComte from Keep Rehoboth Beautiful) from the list and have them as "Holdovers". Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint carryover, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, Frederick E Vadnais, Jr, Local Emergency Planning Board (BOS Rep). Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint carryover, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, Robert E Johnson, II, Local Emergency Planning Board (ACO Rep). Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Johnson abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint carryovers, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, Agricultural Commission: Arthur Gareau and Gabrielle Salisbury. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint carryovers Community Preservation Committee- Conservation Representative: David R Evans, and Edward J Bertozzi, Jr. as Community Preservation Committee- Planning Board Representative, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint carryovers, from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025, Personnel Board: Sandra L Marquis and Richard J Panofsky. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Board of Human Services & Community Health: Brittany Bixenman, Kimberly Ciociola, Marie-Juanita DiGioia, Dr. Robert Lambe, Rachel Smith and Bruce Thayer (Dr. Thayer). Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 IT Committee: Reuben Fischman and Timothee J Maynard. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Gia Papa to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Recreation Committee: Rose Amaral, Chip Dietrich, Lisa Halajko and Nancy Muri. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Town Events Committee: Celeste Fournier, Elizabeth Lambert, Jennifer LeComte, Andrew A Prata, Sr., Brenda J Prata, Lydia Tavares, Jacqueline Viveiros and Michael Viveiros. Second by R. Johnson.

Discussion:

Selectman Vadnais asked if the Prata's resigned. Per Selectman Johnson, Andrew Prata resigned via email. S. Vadnais stated that due to the indication of resignation, the Pratas should be remove and they can later reapply.

The Board voted unanimously to remove Andrew A Prata and Brenda J Prata from the list, and that Jennifer LeComte sits as a holdover. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Town Events Committee: Celeste Fournier, Elizabeth Lambert, Lydia Tavares, Jacqueline Viveiros and Michael Viveiros. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Zoning Board of Appeals- Associate Members: Raymond Olivier and Stephen Silva, Sr., from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, IT Committee: Anna Deignan. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0. Selectman Deignan abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint the following from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

Laura L	Schwall	Board Of Registrars	4/1/2023	3/31/2026
Matthew	Kershaw	Conservation Commission	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Ronald	Whittemore	Council On Aging Board	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Susan	Ohsberg	Finance Committee- Member	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Katie	Eyer	Board Of Health	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Rachel	Smith	Board Of Health	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Jason K	Landry	Historical Commission	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Mason	Turcotte	Historical Commission	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Craig R	Chapman	Personnel Board	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Rebecca	Smith	Community Preservation Committee- Selectmen Rep	7/1/2023	6/30/2026
Stephen	Silva	Community Preservaton Committee- Housing Authority Rep	7/1/2023	6/30/2026

S. Vadnais- motion to reconsider the vote on Laura Schwall, Board of Registrar. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Laura L Schwall, Board of Registrars, from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint the following from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026:

Matthew Kershaw, Conservation Commission; Ronald Whittemore, Council on Aging Board; Susan Ohsberg, Finance Committee- Member; Katie Eyer, Board of Health; Rachel Smith, Board of Health; Jason K Landry, Historical Commission; Mason Turcotte, Historical Commission; Craig R Chapman, Personnel Board; Rebecca Smith, Community Preservation Committee- Selectmen Representative; Stephen Silva, Community Preservation Committee- Housing Authority Representative. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, Agricultural Commission: Patricia Vadnais. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Cornelius "Neil" Harrington, Council on Aging Board, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Frederick E Vadnais, Jr., Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council- BOS Representative, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

R. Johnson- motion to reappoint Mary F Solas, Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council- Parks Commission Representative, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0. Selectman Solas abstained.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint Antonio Oliveira, Zoning Board of Appeals, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Wilcox & Barton Task Order #5 for the Drywell Projects

Sue Pimental spoke to the Board regarding a task order from Wilcox & Barton for the Drywell projects- stating that they are looking to begin the project on July 26th, but the Chair's signature is needed.

G. Solas- motion to authorize the Chairman to sign Task Order #5 from Wilcox & Barton for the Drywell Project. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Designate Robert Johnson II as ACO and Brian McKearney as Assistant ACO, per MGL Ch 140, Sec. 151

G. Solas- motion to designate Robert Johnson II as Animal Control Officer and Brian McKearney as Assistant ACO and to authorize the Chair to sign the approval document from MDAR. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Residents may continue to send concerns to the BOS' office. I review them and assign them to the appropriate selectmen to carry it through.

Charging M. Deignan with the re-organization of FinCom.

Deignan: None.

Solas: Attended the Red Way Plain Sunday concert and it was wonderful; it brings the community together.

Johnson: Update on a resident's dumpster concern: dumpster too close to the road and the haulers are blocking traffic. Spoke to the BOH Chair and, together, will be working with the companies and providing them with the rules.

Mills: Highway department- update on the stone that was blocking view. It will be used for the completion of the shimming of the roads - due to the weather, it was delayed; project will begin August 1st.

Some residents have been asking about line painting- that will be happening.

Working on water drain project.

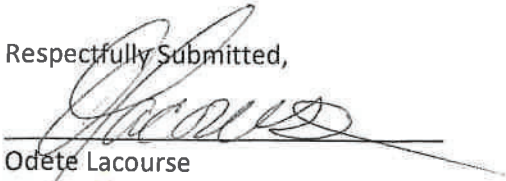
Facility Maintenance Department continues to work on the buildings, PFAS, second means of egress, paving, etc.; we are placing an order to get a new mailbox for 340 Anawan Street so the employees no longer have to cross the street to retrieve the mail - we need to keep our employees safe; we will be posting for seasonal help and FT help within the next week or so.

Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:18 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

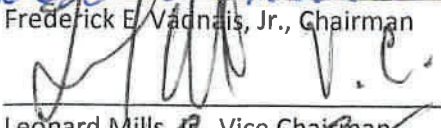
Respectfully Submitted,



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Frederick E. Vachon, Jr., Chairman



Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Absent

Michael P. Deignan, Member



Robert Johnson II, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approve: 8/7/2023

Amendments Approved: 8/21/2023