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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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

Call to Order at 7:05 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for September 12, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 12, 2022: 23-11B Payroll \$137,189.50; 23-10A Withholdings \$54,675.91; 23-10 Warrant \$182,690.39. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2022 7:00pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

We have confirmed with the representatives from Lagoa on their visit to Town Hall on September 29th at 11:00am.

Reminder: FinCom continues to seek volunteers for their committee. Please send in a Talent Bank Form to the BOS office if you are interested. Thank you.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Geri Hammel, Town Nurse, (Timestamp 2:45):

1. Gave the Board a COVID report.
2. There will be a Flu Clinic at Anawan Pharmacy on Sept. 13, 2022.
3. Dr. Kelley McLaughlin, podiatrist, will be visiting the public health nurse office on 9/15/22.
4. Suicide Prevention Month, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or 988 for help.
5. Child obesity is rising, and the CDC wants to bring awareness to the community.
6. There will be a Wellness Fair in October with many activities planned.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion with Superintendent William Runey

Bill Runey asked to be present today to introduce to the Board a few of his staff members and possibly update the Board with any new information.

Bill Runey thanked the Board for the opportunity to be at the meeting. Also thanked S. Vadnais and M. Deignan for coming to the event hosted at the 5 Bridge Inn. Mr. Runey thanked the Police Department and Chief Trombetta for the presents at school openings.

Mr. Runey went on to introducing individuals in the school systems: Mrs. DeCecco, DRRHS Principal; Mrs. Kefor, Palmer River Principal; and Dr. Steve Donovan, Beckwith Principal.

Bill Runey stated he is committed to getting back relations between schools and the Town. He would like to get middle school and high school students to volunteer at the COA with any events.

S. Vadnais asked if Mr. Runey is still trying to bring in a group that was discussed at the barbeque. Mr. Runey envisions a group of 8 individuals: 2 Selectmen from Rehoboth, 2 Selectmen from Dighton, 2 from the School Committee, Mr. Runey's business manager, and Mr. Runey himself.

M. Deignan asked if Mr. Runey has looked at the School Regional Agreement. Mr. Runey replied that he has not looked at the agreement in depth. M. Deignan said there are areas that need to be focused on that have been neglected. Getting these committees going would help grow trust between the Board of Selectmen and the Schools.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve and Sign the Quitclaim Deed for Kaylee Drive and Skyla Way

The Planning Board and Ryan DuVally are requesting the Boards approval and signature on the Deed for Kaylee Drive and Skyla Way-Eastwood Estates. This is in reference to the road acceptances that were approved at the May town meeting. Once these streets are registered at the Registry of Deeds, the process is complete.

L. Mills motion to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed for the Eastwood Estates-Kaylee Drive and Skyla Way, road acceptances. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Discussion RE: Intermunicipal Agreement for Emergency Motor Vehicles Technician Services Between TOR & Town of Easton, with possible action

S. Vadnais spoke to the discussion with Chief Barresi about the Intermunicipal Agreement for Emergency Motor Vehicles Technician Services. This needs to be signed by the Chairman, and needs the Boards recommendation.

Chief Barresi spoke to the action and why this agreement is needed. The agreement will cut down the cost of repairs of vehicles, and the turn around time is quicker.

M. Deignan motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for Emergency Motor Vehicles Technician Services Between the Town of Rehoboth and Town of Easton, as submitted. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Discussion RE: New Full Time Assistant Accountant Position, with possible action

M. Deignan has been working to restructure the Accounting Office due to the backlog of bills and processing. There's a final draft of the job description ready.

M. Deignan motion to approve the job description as submitted for an Assistant Town Accountant, pending final review and approval by the Personnel Board. Further, to approve the hiring of a full time Assistant

Town Accountant for the Accounting Department and move forward with posting and interviewing for the position, upon review and negotiation with Town Counsel and Union Representatives. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Discussion RE: New Part-Time Board of Selectmen Assistant Position, with possible action

S. Vadnais spoke to the workload in the BOS office increasing. The Board finds the need to bring on a PT assistant to work on the executive and regular minutes, work on the minor licenses (one days/hawker peddlers), help with the appointment slips and other clerical business that needs attention.

M. Deignan motion to approve the job description of a Part Time Board of Selectmen Assistant, pending final review and modification from the Personnel Board. Further, to approve the hiring of a Part Time Board of Selectmen Assistant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Discussion RE: Forestry Dept New Location at 148 Peck Street, with possible action

L. Mills discussed moving the Forestry Dept away from the Highway Dept. The Highway Dept needs more room to hold power tools and other equipment, to work on vehicles, and storing plows. The Highway Dept can use the space where the Forestry Dept is now and keep everything in one location. Moving the Forestry Dept would also eliminate storage container purchases.

R. Johnson stated the Forestry Dept needs more space and a dry area to put hand tools. 148 Peck Street would be a great area. Offices aren't needed for personnel; they would meet in the morning to get the work load for the day. The Forestry Dept would utilize the Old Veteran's office, Board of Health office, and the Board of Selectmen meeting room.

M. Deignan objects to any office space at 148 Peck Street.

G. Solas asked if we could use one of the offices if there are new windows and good air quality.

M. Deignan will withdraw the motion if that is the case. The BOS will not change the motion.

M. Deignan motion to authorize Forestry to use the mentioned areas at 148 Peck Street for dry storage only and files. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained from voting.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Appointment to the Town Events Committee

Town Events is asking the Board to please appoint Celeste Fournier to their committee.

G. Solas motion to appoint Celeste Fournier to the Town Events Committee, effective 9/12/22-6/30/2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Reappointments: Matron to the Police Dept; Bristol County Advisory Board; Town Accountant, Assistant Tax Collector; Board of Registrars, Census Liaison, Alternate Procurement Officer and Chief Procurement Officer

The following reappointments need to be voted on.

G. Solas motion to reappointment the following individuals effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Sandra Phillips-Matron-Rehoboth Police Dept
Roberta Oliveira-Town Accountant
Debra Giles-Assistant Tax Collector

Laura Schwall-Board of Registrars and Census Liaison
Marisa Medeiros-Alternate Procurement Officer
Deborah Arruda-Chief Procurement Officer

G. Solas motion to reappointment Frederick E. Vadnais-Bristol County Advisory Board member effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman S. Vadnais abstained from voting.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for The Lunch Ladies, LLC dba Pickled Deli

We received a request from Pickled Deli for a One-Day Liquor License for 10/23/2022 for a wedding to be held at Terrydiddle Farms-78 Moulton Street.

G. Solas motion to approve the One-Day Liquor License for The Lunch Ladies, LLC dba Pickled Deli for 10/23/22 from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote Interim HHS Director

M. Deignan motion to appoint Richard Panofsky as Interim Director of Health and Human Services, and to sign the Consultancy Agreement Contract with Mr. Panofsky pending review by Town Counsel with any modifications incorporated. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Deignan: none

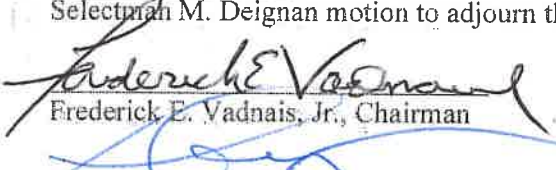
Solas: none


Johnson: none

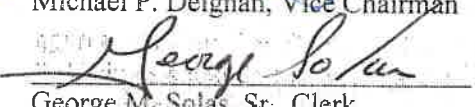
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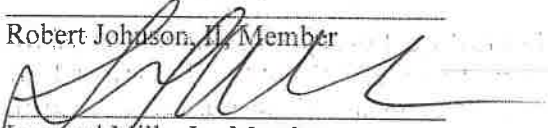
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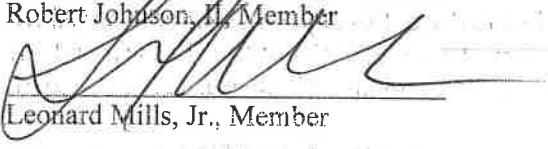
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:20PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.


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: 11/28/2022