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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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

Call to Order at 7:00 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At 6:10 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; (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; (7) to review and approve Executive Session Minutes: 8/21/2023.***

Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 18, 2023: 24-12B Payroll \$139,507.84; 24-11A Withholdings \$38,022.20; 24-11 Warrant \$370793.71. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: 8/21/2023 Executive Minutes
The August 21, 2023 Executive Minutes were approved during Executive Session.

Announcements:

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, September 25, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

Action Item (7): Public Hearing Notice RE: Order of Taking for Francelina Way, Veader Farm Road and Layla's Way, Per MGL Ch. 79: Ch. 82, Sec 24; Ch. 83, Sec 4

L. Mills- motion to postpone Public Hearing until next week Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve the Highway Union Contract (2022-2025)

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the Highway Union Contract as submitted by the Union, effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Accept the Land Donation by Viall Farm, LLC to the Conservation Commission, Per MGL 40, Sec 8C

G. Solas- I hereby move that the Board of Selectmen accept the donation by Viall Farm LLC, to the Conservation Commission, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Sec. 8C the property and buildings thereon known as 44 Wheaton Ave. Rehoboth, MA to be held under the care, custody, and control of the Conservation Commission. The land is shown as "Parcel A" on a plan entitled: "Definitive Subdivision of Viall Farm in Rehoboth, Massachusetts," dated January 30, 2004 and prepared by E. Otis Dyer, R.P.L. 368 Fairview Avenue Rehoboth, MA 02769 which plan is recorded at the Bristol North County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 435, Page 9. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman L. Mills abstained.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the Listing of Surplus IT Equipment with an Estimated Total Value of \$13,043.42, MGL 30B

G. Solas- motion to approve the submitted listing of IT equipment for surplus with an estimated value of \$13,043.42. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Requests for Asphalt Shimming and Line Painting

L. Mills- motion to approve the Chapter 90 projects for asphalt shimming and line painting, as submitted by the Highway Dept. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers: Vincent Teixeira, Edward Donahue, and Victoria Snuffer

Request received from the COA for the Board to approve volunteers Vincent Teixeira to help with Meals on Wheels, Edward Donahue to help in the kitchen and Victoria Snuffer to help in the COA and with SHINE

G. Solas- motion to approve COA Volunteers: Vincent Teixeira, Edward Donahue, and Victoria Snuffer. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve 2 Part-time Seasonal Workers for the Facilities Maintenance Dept-Alec Main and Koby Rotondo

L. Mills- motion to approve 2 Part-time Seasonal Workers, for the Facilities Maintenance Dept: Alec Main and Koby Rotondo, start date is pending results from the physicals. Both employees will work through pending budget for position. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Reminder to all that the Ambulance Company is a private entity and not a Town Dept. If anyone receives a bill, you need to pay them.

Working with the Health & Human Services (HHS) Dept on how the Town will respond in case of a natural disaster.

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

Johnson: September 30th, at 3:00 PM there will be a dedication of the Pickle Ball Court for Dylan Quinn, a young man who passed last year.

Mills: The Facility Maintenance and Highway Dept continue working on various projects. The rain is making it difficult to complete or continue some projects. Thank you to the Forestry Dept staff for their help.

Please continue calling the Highway Dept with any issues that you may see out on our roads.

Other Business:

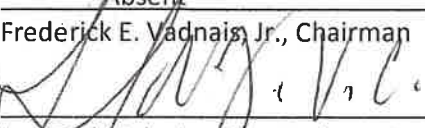
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman G. Solas- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:14 PM. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Absent


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Michael P. Deignan, Member


Robert Johnson II, Member

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Approve: 9-25-2023