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***MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023, 7:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD***

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

At 5:32 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.

(7) Executive Session pursuant to Open Meeting Law-To review and approve executive minutes: 1/3/23; 1/9/23; 11/28/22; and 12/19/2022

Discussion: Side Letters -Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Town Clerk, Administrative Aide-Town Clerk Office and Public Drinking Water Updates

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for January 30, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of January 30, 2023: 23-31B Payroll \$128,886.06; 23-30A Withholdings \$41,209.85; 23-30 Warrant \$362,552.11; 23-30V Veterans Warrant \$5,988.03. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 1/3/23, 1/9/23, 11/28/22, and 12/19/2022

Regular Minutes: 10/3/22, 10/11/22, 10/17/22, and 10/24/22

G. Solas motion to approve Executive Meeting Minutes for January 3, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve and hold Executive Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2023, November 28, 2022 and December 19, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for October 3, 11, 17 and 24, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Filming at Anawan Rock Reminder: The film production crew may be here this week to begin the filming at the Anawan Rock. PD & FD have been notified.

There will be two pole hearings to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion with Senator Feeney and Senator Pacheco

Present: Paul Jacques, Senator Feeney and Senator Pacheco

Paul Jacques was present to announce Senator Pacheco as the new Senator representing Rehoboth. Selectman Vadnais thanked Senator Feeney for all his help to the Town.

Senator Feeney will no longer be representing Rehoboth and will be representing other areas, due to redistricting. Mr. Feeney thanked the Board of Selectmen, Gerry Schwall and Laura Schwall for all their support, pride and hard work for the Town. Senator Feeney stated he is proud to hand off to Mark Pacheco.

Senator Pacheco- thankful for the opportunity to serve the Town of Rehoboth and its people. The Senator also introduced his Staff.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve New Hire for PT-Videographer-Lucille Cabral

M. Deignan- motion to approve the hiring of Lucille Cabral as the PT Videographer for the IT Department. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Request for Broad St and Simmons St-Chip Sealing and Shimming

L. Mills- motion to approve and sign the Chapter 90 project request for Broad St and Simmons St for chip sealing and shimming. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Meeting Dates and Location for Rehoboth Republican Caucus

M. Deignan- Rehoboth Republican Town Committee is requesting to hold a Caucus on February 8th at 7 PM at the COA with an alternate date of February 15th at 7PM

G. Solas- motion to approve the Rehoboth Republican Caucus to hold their meeting on February 8th at 7PM at the Francis Farm- Francis Hall Building. With an alternate date of February 15th at Francis Farm- Arcade Building. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Abstained: M Deignan

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve and Sign Side Letter for Assistant Treasurer-Lindsey Sylvia, Assistant Town Clerk-Kerrie Perkins and Administrative Aide-Jennifer Hose

Based on the Clerical Union newly proposed 3-year contract, new employees were brought in at the current rate/steps, but based on the contract, awaiting Town Meeting final approval, depending on the employees' experiences and credentials, department heads will be allowed to hire employees at a higher step/rate of pay (up to step 3).

G. Solas- motion to approve the Side Letters for Lindsey Sylvia, Kerrie Perkins and Jennifer Hose that have been recommended by Town Counsel and approved by the Union, and allow the Town Administrator to sign them. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Appoint Lindsey Sylvia-Assistant Treasurer

Lindsey needs to be appointed in order to be Bonded in the Treasurer's office.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Lindsey Sylvia at Assistant Treasurer, effective 1/9/23-6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Accept Bristol County Retirement System's Additional 2% COLA Increase

Pursuant to Governor Baker signing Chapter 236 of the Acts of 2022 into law, Bristol County Retirement Board is allowed to increase the COLA up to 5% with the approval of local towns. Bristol Retirement had already increased the COLA by 3% which went into effect on 7/1/22, but with the new law in place would like to increase it an additional 2%.

G. Solas- motion to accept the additional COLA increase of 2% for the Bristol County Retirement. This will bring the total to 5% COLA. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve 2023 Liquor License Renewal and Common Vic for Rehoboth Mini Mart, Inc.-Shaban Asghar-Manager

G. Solas- vote to approve the 2023 Liquor License and Common Vic License for Rehoboth Mini Mart, Inc., effective 1/30/2023 to 12/31/2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcements: None.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

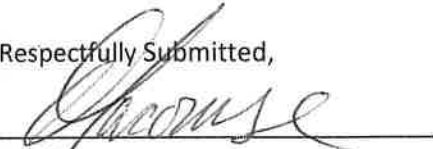
Johnson: None.

Mills: None.

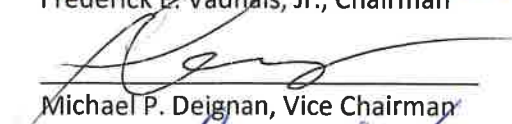
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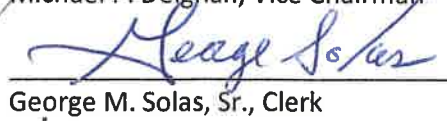
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 7:30 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

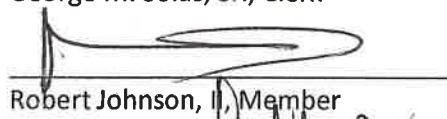
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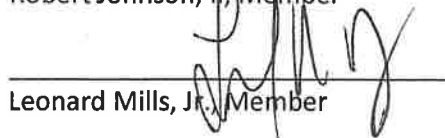

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson, II, Member


Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Approved: 2/21/2023