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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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 and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Absent: Selectman Robert Johnson II

At 6:00 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;

Discussions: Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars; Opioid Litigations; Potential Litigation

Call to Order at 7:02 PM.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for February 13, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of February 13, 2023: 23-33B Payroll \$128,980.02; 23-32A Withholdings \$34,383.61; 23-32 Warrant \$92,194.15; Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: None.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building. Town Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day Holiday.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

The COA Board is looking for members to join their Board. They are in need of 2 members. Please send your talent bank form to the BOS office.

February 27th we will have a Pole Hearing for 220 Fairview Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Review, Consider and Vote on Response to Open Meeting Law Complaint Against BOS dated 1/30/2023; Filed by Patrick Higgins on File with the Town Clerk

G. Solas- motion to review, consider and vote on response to Open Meeting Law Complaint Against BOS dated 1/30/2023; Filed by Patrick Higgins on File with the Town Clerk. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve and Sign "First Amendment" Agreement Between the TOR and the Highway Superintendent-Kevin Chace and Building Maintenance Superintendent-Michael Viveiros

L. Mills- motion to approve and sign the "First Amendment" Agreement between the TOR and Kevin Chace and Michael Viveiros. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Appoint Kathleen Conti -Board of Registrars

G. Solas- motion to appoint Kathleen J. Conti to the Board of Registrars, effective 2/15/2023-3/31/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve COA Volunteer-Paula Andrews

G. Solas- to approve Paula Andrews as a volunteer to the COA center. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for Rehoboth Republican Town Committee-61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA 02769

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee to be held at 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth on March 11, 2023 from 5PM-12 midnight. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Accept Comcast (PEG -Franchise Fees) for 4th Quarter 2022-\$57,330.56

G. Solas- motion to accept payment from Comcast for the 4th quarter Franchise Fees and to allow the Treasurer to deposit the funds in the appropriate revenue account. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Award Bid for the Information Technology Consultant

Specifications were sent out to Technology Companies, one being CMIT who is our current systems supporter, expanding services beyond what is being done currently.

G. Solas- motion to award the Information Technology Consultant bid to CMIT Solutions, Cranston, RI. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the "Gifting Agreement" with CMIT. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Selectman Solas explained that the agreement pertains to the bid- CMIT came in at \$0.00 so we need to have something in writing to show it's a gift from CMIT because they work with us already.

7:18 PM M. Deignan- motion to recess meeting until 7:30 PM Public Hearing. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

7:29 PM Selectman Vadnais resumed the meeting. No business was conducted during the recess.

Action Item (5): 7:30 PM Public Hearing Continuance-Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars-Class II License

7:30 PM Selectman Deignan- Opened the Public Hearing for Continuance -Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars-Class II License. Second by G. Solas. **Roll Call:** Deignan, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- I make a motion to continue the remand hearing on Barry Bixby's application for a Class 2 license, generally, until the Superior Court renders a decision on his Motion to Lift Stay and determines whether the hearing should be completed or canceled per his request. **Roll Call:** Deignan, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcements: None.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: The Town received E&D and it was shy of \$3.6 million in 2022. Money that went towards taxpayers. New administration seems to be working in a better direction. Last year was over \$5 million overage.

Solas: COA had 90 people (Seniors) attend the festivities on 2/13/2023. Great turnaround. There will be other activities this week, like jewelry making.

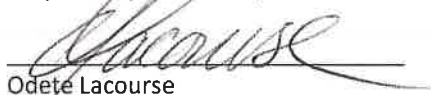
Johnson: Absent.

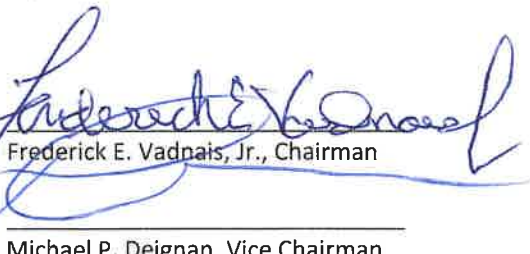
Mills: The Mass DOT acknowledgement regarding the RT118/44 Roundabout construction and that it is due to begin late March, early April.

ADJOURNMENT:

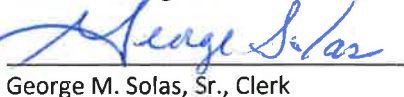
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 7:31 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Abstained

Robert Johnson, II, Member

Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

Approved: 2/27/2023