



Office of
SELECTMEN
340 Anawan Street
Rehoboth, MA 02769

Tel.: (508) 252-3758
Fax: (508) 252-5342

***BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD***

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

At 6:30 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (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

Discussions: Interim Director of Finance & Compliance

Call to Order at 7:13 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for February 21, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of February 27, 2023: 23-35B Payroll \$163,893.32; 23-34A Withholdings \$45,532.32; 23-34 Warrant \$76,070.38; 23-34V Veterans Warrant \$5,984.03. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes for 2/13/2023 Approved and Held in Executive Session.

Regular Minutes for 2/13/2023: G. Solas motioned to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Announcements:

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Fy24 Budgets are wrapping up.

Wednesday, February 28th, due to the weather, the Town offices may be closed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): 7:15 PM Public Hearing Notice for 220 Fairview Avenue JO Pole Installation-National Grid

Present: National Grid representative Rebecca Marques

Selectman L. Mills abstained from the conversation.

G. Solas- motion to open the Public Hearing Notice for 220 Fairview. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. L. Mills abstained and left the table.

Selectman Vadnais asked if there were abutters present. Mr. Joe Nunes was acknowledged.

Joe Nunes of Fairview Avenue asked what is a JO pole

Representative explained that a JO pole is a joint job with Verizon.

Selectman Johnson, in response to Selectman Solas' comment that there is no number 220 Fairview, explained it is an approximate.

M. Deignan- motion to close the Public Hearing. Second by G. Solas. **Roll call:** Johnson, aye; Deignan, aye; Vadnais, aye; Solas, aye. Vote 4-0. Selectman Mills abstained.

G. Solas- motion to approve the installation of the JO Pole at 220 Fairview Avenue. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. L. Mills abstained.

Action Item (2): Discussion Re: Interim Director of Finance & Compliance Position, with possible action

R. Johnson- motion to appoint Sue Pimental as Director of Finance and Compliance after appropriate background checks and physicals are performed. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Vadnais explained that Ms. Pimental will be hired per diem until all proper steps are taken.

Ms. Pimental spoke to her experience, including past experience with the Town of Rehoboth.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Police Department 3-Year Software Contract for \$6900 with PMAM HCI and To Allow Chief Trombetta to Sign Contract

Chief Trombetta and Deputy Chief Ramos discussed the software contract with Selectman Deignan and presumably the Town Counsel approved the language of the contract. The contract is for 3 years at \$2,300 per year and is used to manage Licensee's workforce.

G. Solas- motion to approve the software agreement between the Rehoboth Police Dept and PMAM HCI for a 3-year term at \$2300 per year and to allow Chief Trombetta to sign the agreement. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer for the Board of Health Vehicle Repair and Maintenance Account for \$3450

The Board of Health is requesting approval to transfer funds of \$3,450 into their Vehicle R&M line to cover the short fall from the purchase of the new Ford Truck. This amount was in excess of the quote that was originally received and encumbered.

M. Deignan- motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$3,450 to the BOH Vehicle R&M line (015113/52430). Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer for Board of Selectmen Insurance Account for \$75,000

Need to transfer \$75,000 into the Town Insurance line to cover our 4th quarter installments and Worker's Comp obligations. This increase is due to the number of new vehicles that have been added to our fleet and increased replacement cost value for each of town buildings and, also due to additional worker's comp claims.

M. Deignan- motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer of \$75,000 to the Town Insurance account (019453/57400). Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Appoint Tammy David, Donald Palumbo, Russell Raposa and Christopher Ferreira to the Traffic Control Unit

G. Solas- motion to Appoint Tammy David, Donald Palumbo, Russell Raposa and Christopher Ferreira to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 2/27/23 to 6/30/23. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Debt Exclusion Ballot Question for the April 4, 2023 Election

M. Deignan- motion to approve Debt Exclusion Ballot Question for the April Election on April 4, 2023 and request that the Town Clerk move forward with printing of the ballots. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Deignan explained the reasoning for the ballot question and why this debt exclusion is needed. Town cannot absorb the capital item from Bristol Plymouth Regional into our current budget. We have done this in the past and we are trying it once more because many voters did not understand the question. After this last vote, whatever the outcome is, the Town will have to live with it and figure out what we need to do. It will definitely affect FY25 Budget and there may be cut backs of services/employees.

Selectman Vadnais added that the D-R Regional school system will also feel the cut-backs as well, if it comes to that point. The Town will not be able to continue to be so generous.

Action Item (8): Vote to Close the May 9, 2023 Warrant on March 1, 2023

M. Deignan- motion to close the May 9, 2023 Warrant on March 1, 2023 at 4 PM. Second by G. Solas.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: Regarding FY24 budget, the Board needs a copy of what is sent to FinCom.

Chapter 70 funds are only going up to approximately \$77K.

Ms. Lorraine Botts, former Selectperson, has come home from rehab and is receiving Hospice care at her son's house. Lorraine, if watching, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Solas: At the COA there were 90 seniors who attended the meal today. It was a great turnout! The High School sponsored today's event and helped with serving, dishes and more. It is a great way for the kids to give back and earn service hours.

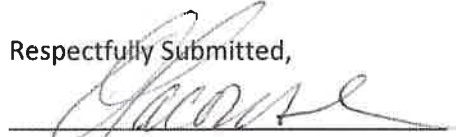
Johnson: None.

Mills: The Highway, Facilities Maintenance and Forestry Departments are ready for the upcoming snow storm. They are ready and waiting to serve the residents.

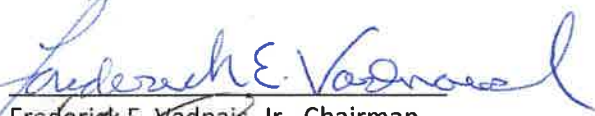
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:52 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

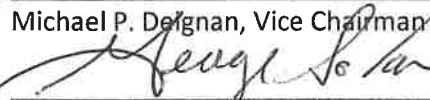
Respectfully Submitted,



Odete Lacourse



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



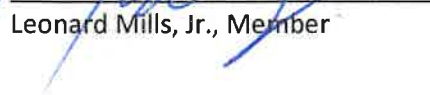
Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk



Robert Johnson, II, Member



Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approved: 3/20/2023