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**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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 6:35 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (1) 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; (2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (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; The Chair declares that an executive session is necessary to protect the bargaining or litigation position of the body.

Discussions: Worker's Compensation; Fire Chief Employment Contract; Highway and Clerical Union Contracts

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 6, 2023:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of February 6, 2023: 23-32B Payroll \$124,002.67; 23-31A Withholdings \$37,340.92; 23-31 Warrant \$5,220,643.53; Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: 1/6/2023.

Regular Minutes: 1/9/2023, 1/17/2023 and 1/23/2023.

G. Solas motion to approve and hold Executive Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 9, 17, and 23, 2023. Second by L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, 2023**, at 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Department budgets began going out last week to department heads and certain Boards/Committees. If someone has not received their budget or has any questions, please call the Accounting Office.

There will be a Public Hearing on February 13, 2023 for Barry Bixby Automotive, LLC dba European Motor Cars

NEW BUSINESS:

7:15 First order of business

Action Item (2): 7:15P Public Notice Hearing -Pole Relocations for Wheeler St & French Street

Present: Michael Parent from National Grid Hopedale Office.

G. Solas- motion to Open the Public Notice Hearing for Pole Relocations for Wheeler St & French Street. Second by L. Mills. **Roll Call:** Solas, aye; Deignan, aye; Mills, aye; Johnson, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0.

Chairman Vadnais requested any abutters to come forward. None present.

M. Deignan- motion to Close the Public Notice Hearing. Second by R. Johnson. **Roll Call:** Solas, aye; Deignan, aye; Mills, aye; Johnson, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve both JO Pole Relocations for Wheeler St and French Street. Second by M. Deignan. **Roll Call:** Deignan, aye; Vadnais, aye; Mills, aye; Johnson, aye; Solas, aye. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Fire Chief Employment Contract

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the Fire Chief's Employment Contract, effective 7/1/2023-9/4/2025. Second M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan- The reason for the September 4, 2025 is that when the Chief is going to be retiring. Is there a succession plan?

Selectman Vadnais is working with the Fire Chief on his successor.

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Highway and Clerical Union Contracts

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the Highway Union Contract with term date of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025. Second R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the Clerical Union Contract with term date of 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Award HVAC Maintenance Contract

Mike Viveiros has requested quotes from HVAC contractors. He reached out to 3 contractors and received 2 quotes. One contractor declined to quote because they only work on systems they install. This maintenance program would be for the contractor to come twice a year (Spring/Fall) to prepare our systems for the upcoming season.

Columbus Energies, Inc

1492 GAR Highway- Seekonk

\$11,913.85 (Parts & Labor for repairs not included)

BMI-Briggs Mechanical Inc.

149 Chestnut St-No Attleboro
\$13,884.00 (Parts & Labor for repairs not included)

L. Mills- motion to award the HVAC Maintenance Contract to Columbus Energies, Inc for \$11,913.85 as the lowest bidder. This is a one-year contract. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Mills restated the steps taken by Mike Viveiros to achieve the quotes.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Hawkers & Peddlers License for Renewal by Andersen of SNE- Eman Abu-Auda

G. Solas- motion to approve a Hawkers & Peddlers License for Eman Abu-Auda from Renewal By Andersen of SNE, effective from 2/6/2023 to 12/31/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity, 43 Broad Street

The Holy Ghost Brother Hood has submitted One Day Liquor License requests for 2023 for the following dates and all fees have been paid:

February 11, 2023 from 6 pm to 12 am

Feb 25th, Mar 3rd and 18th; April 22; Sept 23rd; Oct 28th and Nov 18th
6 pm to 12 am

August Feast-August 18-20, 2023

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License to Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity-43 Broad Street for the above dates mentioned. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve 2023 Common Vic Renewal Licenses for Anawan-Oakton Grange-243 Winthrop St, The Anawan Club; Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity 43 Broad St; Titan Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts 227 Winthrop St; Krios Donuts, Inc dba Dunkin Donuts 3 Park Street; China Gourmet 503 Winthrop St; Stephen Provazza, SPCAP, Inc. dba Honey Dew Donuts 317 Tremont St; Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc 116 Winthrop St; and Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc 4 Locust Avenue

This is the remaining 2023 Common Vic Renewals.

G. Solas- motion to Approve 2023 Common Vic Renewal Licenses for
Anawan-Oakton Grange-243 Winthrop St

The Anawan Club 15 Gorham St

Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity 43 Broad St

Titan Donuts, Inc. dba Dunkin Donuts 227 Winthrop St

Krios Donuts, Inc dba Dunkin Donuts 3 Park Street

China Gourmet 503 Winthrop St

Stephen Provazza, SPCAP, Inc. dba Honey Dew Donuts 317 Tremont St

Uncle Ed's Front Porch, Inc 116 Winthrop St

Rehoboth Antiquarian Society, Inc 4 Locust Avenue

Effective 1/1/2023 to 12/31/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Common Vic License for Irina Grichina IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza-503 Winthrop Street

G. Solas- motion to Approve Common Vic License for Irina Grichina IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza-503 Winthrop Street, effective 2/6/2023 to 12/31/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Auctioneer's License for Dean Botelho Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity 43 Broad Street

G. Solas- motion to approve Auctioneer's License for Dean Botelho Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity 43 Broad Street for the dates of August 19, 2023 and August 20, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Amend Quote for Public Water Supply System for PFAS

A couple of weeks ago the BOS approved the Engineer's quote for the Water System (4) for \$17,500. There was an additional fee that was missed of \$1,575.00, which brings the total to \$19,075. A Task Order has been provided for signature. They are still the lowest bidder (next bid was \$28,000).

L. Mills- motion to amend the quote provided for the Public Water Supply System from \$17,500 to \$19,075 and to sign the Task Order to begin the work. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Selectman Mills explained why the amount had changed and that they are still the lowest bidder.

Action Item (11): Vote to Open May 9, 2023 ATM Warrant

The BOS needs to open the Warrant to accept Articles. The Warrant will need to be closed by or on March 1, 2023.

G. Solas- motion to open the May 9th Annual Town Meeting Warrant to accept Articles from February 7th to March 1, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Approve BOH/Transfer Station Monitor Employee Hire (per diem)-Kathleen Lewis

The Board of Health has approved Kathleen Lewis as a Monitor- per-diem employee at the Transfer Station. This is pending her passing the pre-employment physical.

R. Johnson-motion to approve the hiring of Kathleen Lewis, as a per diem Monitor at the Transfer Station, pending a successful pre-employment physical. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Announcements: None.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Thank you to Lenny Mills for all he has done with his departments. Everyone works hard and gets along and it's because of his leadership.

Deignan: Retroactive pay for contracts just approved- employees are asking for it by Town meeting; checked with Counsel and was told it has to wait until Annual Town Meeting.

Solas: Senior Center had a great crowd today.

Johnson: Girl's Scout project looking to help with animal shelter and looking to get some type of shed/storage building. Will be working with the Girl Scouts on this project.

Mills: Thank you to Mike Viveiros for working all weekend with Continuance supervision of all buildings during the cold spell, through today. No issues!

There is an open position at Highway- two (2) truck driver/laborer.

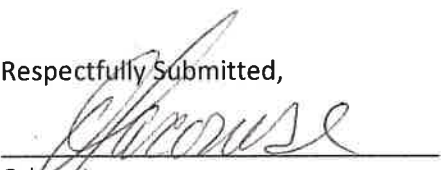
Asking the public to look for pot holes and report to the Highway Dept. After driving around and looking for pot holes, he feels they've all have been fixed, but encourages the public to look.

Selectman Mills read into the minutes the letter, to the Town of Rehoboth-Rehoboth Highway, from LRC Inc. regarding Incomplete Evaluations and working out of Job Title/Duties- Mail #2-06-03. (Attached).

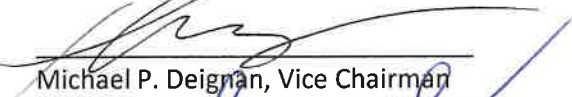
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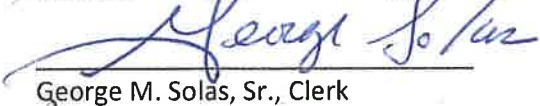
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session at 7:44 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

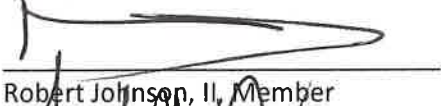
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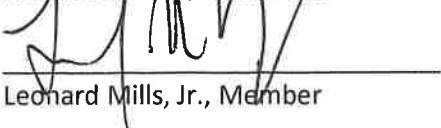

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


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