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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 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 6:08 PM the Board voted to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (1) To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual; (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***

**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 March 27, 2023:**

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of March 27, 2023: 23-39B Payroll \$126,071.75; 23-38A Withholdings \$38,625.94; 23-38 Warrant \$256,438.94; 23-38V Veterans \$5,984.03. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes for 8/22/2022. Approved and Held in Executive Session.

**Announcements:**

The next BOS meeting will be held on **Monday, April 3, 2023**, 7:00 PM at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Completed department budgets have been provided to FinCom for their review.

Both the Finance Committee and Council on Aging Board are looking for volunteers. For any resident that would like to volunteer a few hours a month, to help the COA Board, please send in a talent bank form with a copy of your resume to the BOS office.

Just a reminder that Election Day is Tuesday, April 4th in the Museum Building at Francis Farm.

This Saturday, April 1, 2023 the Town Events Committee is hosting an Egg Hunt at Francis Farm. Rain date Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1) Discussion RE: Debt Exclusion Ballot Question for April 4, 2023 Election and Other Updates as Necessary**

Sue Pimental spoke about the debt exclusion coming up on the April 4<sup>th</sup>'s ballot stating that the vote is not to allow the project to move forward- the vote is to determine how to pay for the project. This is the best solution. Although none of us want our taxes to go up, we have no choice because we have students attending the Bristol Plymouth Technical School- it is our responsibility.

Voting "yes" means that the residents would be responsible for the life of the loan. It will fluctuate due to student enrollment.

M. Deignan explained that due to the Town's characteristics of a "Bedroom Community", the Town does not have much revenue coming in from other industries. Residents feel that the Town has enough money to pay for the project but, the residents need to understand the Town's finance to understand why that statement is not true. An article is in The Rehoboth Reporter that goes into further explanation.

M. Deignan stated he is planning to have a booth on election day (weather permitting), to help residents understand the question before voting: A 'yes' vote means-taxes will increase for the life of the note. A 'no' vote means no increase to the residents' taxes; however, the Town is still responsible and will have to make cuts within its budget. The DRRHS assessed FY24 budget is \$15M; the town has to come up with a way to pay for that, as well.

S. Pimental added that Mr. Runey, DRRHS Superintendent, would like to continue the Finance Advisory Committee. We need two members from the Finance Committee and one at large member.

S. Pimental stated the Media and Communication Manager position will be posted shortly. Could be FT/PT depending on the applications received.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Approve and Sign Employment Agreement Between the TOR and Susan Pimental**

M. Deignan- motion to approve and sign the Interim Director of Finance & Compliance Employment Agreement between the TOR and Susan Pimental, effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Accept Petition RE: Amendment to a Portion of the Rehoboth Zoning Map Located at Article 3.2 of the Zoning Bylaws, Pursuant to MGL Ch 40A Sec 5; Tricorp, LLC A.P. 46, Lots 96A and 97 (rear) and To Forward to the Planning Board for Review.**

M. Deignan- motion to accept Petition RE: Amendment to a Portion of the Rehoboth Zoning Map Located at Article 3.2 of the Zoning Bylaws, Pursuant to MGL Ch 40A Sec 5; Tricorp, LLC A.P. 46, Lots 96A and 97 (rear) and To Forward to the Planning Board for Review. And place the article in the May 9, 2023 warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Nominate the Inspectors of Animals-Robert Johnson II and Brian McKearney**

G. Solas- motion to nominate Robert Johnson II and Brian McKearney as Inspectors of Animals, effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Appoint Joan Levesque Arguin to the Council on Aging and Susan Ohsberg to the Finance Committee**

G. Solas- motion to appoint Joan Levesque Arguin to the Council on Aging Board, effective 3/27/2023 to 6/30/2026. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Susan Ohsberg to the Finance Committee, effective 3/27/2023 to 6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Approve and Sign the Quote for AppGeo's FY24 Subscription for \$12,780.00**

This is a yearly subscription that allows the Assessor's office to upload and work with MapGeo and receive support as well

L. Mills- motion to approve and sign the quote for AppGeo's FY24 Subscription for \$12,780.00. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas explained what AppGeo is and how it is very informative.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: None.

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

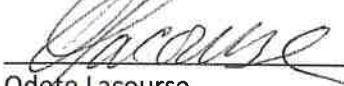
Johnson: The Town Events Committee held a Mardi Gras event a few weeks ago and would like to thank Five Bridge Inn and Rehoboth Bakery, for helping with the event. This weekend, on April 1st the Town Events Committee is holding an Egg Hunt event. The COA will have coffee and donuts available. Rain date is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come early and register before the event!

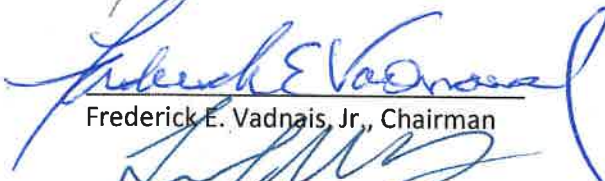
Mills: We have a new employee beginning on 3/28<sup>th</sup>, in the Highway Department: Jesse Souza. With spring finally here, the Highway Department will be busy working on the sides of the roads with clean up.

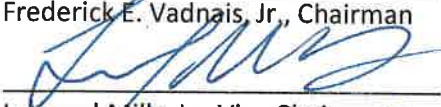
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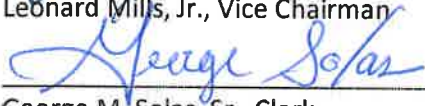
Selectman M. Deignan- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:42 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas.  
Vote 5-0.

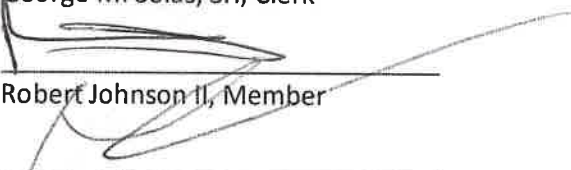
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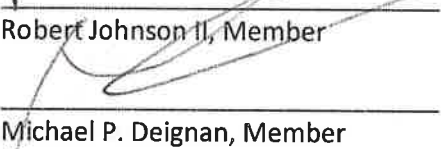
  
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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

  
George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

  
Robert Johnson II, Member

  
Michael P. Deignan, Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Approved: 4/18/2023**