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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM  
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

**Present:** Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

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.

**Topics: Clerical and Highway Union Contracts**

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

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant for April 11, 2022:**

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 4, 2022: 22-41B Payroll \$126,800.89; 22-40A Withholdings \$38,740.80; 22-11 Warrant \$97,763.66. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 11, 2022: 22-42B Payroll \$130,821.56; 22-41A Withholdings \$35,553.62; 22-41 Warrant \$33,804.52. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 1/24/22, 1/18/22, 1/10/22, 12/20/21, 12/13/21, 12/6/21, and 8/02/21

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 20, 2021. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2021. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2021. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2021. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

**Announcements:**

Next BOS meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Our office is working on putting together the Warrant for the May 14, 2022 Annual Town Meeting
2. HVAC system for AC service for Francis Farm and 340 Anawan Street-does the Board recommend we look into a service company to review these systems before the warm months approach? These units most likely have not been in service for a long time.
3. Friday, June 3 - Town Counsel would like to schedule this day for the presentation to all town employees on discrimination in the workplace. The Town Offices will be closed from 8AM – 12 PM to attend this presentation.
4. On April 19 there will be a Pole Hearing at 7:15PM for a new pole on Winthrop St.
5. The Town Offices will be closed 4/15 for Good Friday, and 4/18 for Patriots Day.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:**

Ron Whittemore and Jennifer LeComte were present representing Keep Rehoboth Beautiful. Reminded residents that the Annual Cleanup is officially April 16th - 24th. Online registration is available at KeepRehobothBeautiful.com, but it's encouraged to register and pick up bags on 4/12 or 4/16 at the gazebo. Bags and other equipment are also available weekdays at REMAX Reality. During the official clean up week bags will be available at Town Hall, Chartley's Country Store, and the Blanding Library.

On behalf of the Town Events Committee, Jennifer LeComte announced there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on 4/16. This event included a meet and greet with the Easter Bunny, face painting, and train rides.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Discussion Re: Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Spring Clean-up, with possible action**

Jennifer LeComte has asked to present to the Board and residents about this year's annual town clean-up and to invite the Board to participate.

She would also like to ask the Board's permission to have a table set up at tomorrow's election (in the 150 ft buffer for the polling location) to hand out flyers, t-shirts and bags?

Lastly, she would like to drop off bags at Town Hall for any resident that would like to pick them up.

M. Deignan stated any committee on the Board does not need approval to set up outside the 150ft buffer. S. Vadnais believes the committees should need approval.

G. Solas motion to ratify the allowance of Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee to set up a table outside of the 150ft buffer from the polls on Election Day, to display their flyers, t-shirts and bags; and to allow the committee to drop off bags at Town Hall for any resident that would like to pick them up. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Accept \$25,000 Grant from the Commonwealth for FY22 Building Code/Fire Alarm Upgrades**

Gerry Schwall was approached by the Commonwealth- Rep Howitt's office about a FY22 grant that was available to the town for upgrades to building codes/fire alarms for town buildings. This grant will be used for the upgrades that are necessary at Francis Farm.

G. Solas motion to approve acceptance of FY22 Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Grant in the amount of \$25,000 and further to approve the use of these funds to enhance the security and accessibility to public buildings located at the Rehoboth Community Center Campus as contained in the proposal provided by Home & Commercial Security. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Approve MASSCOP Local #209 (Patrolman's Association) Memorandum of Agreement**

The Board and MASSCOP Local #209 Patrolman's Union have negotiated a Memorandum of Agreement. The current contract expired on June 30, 2021 and both parties have been working hard to approach a mutual agreement. This MOA will be in effect through June 30, 2024

M. Deignan motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Rehoboth and the MASSCOP Local #209-Patrolman's Association as presented by Town Counsel. The Agreement will be in effect through June 30, 2024. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Approve & Sign \$24,700 Proposal from Wilcox & Barton for Environmental Consulting & Licensed Site Professional Services for 334 and 340 Anawan St. PFAS Evaluations**

This is phase II to the PFAS evaluation process. Phase I was to contract a LSP and submit forms to MassDEP. Phase II includes working with town officials and MassDEP to complete necessary forms, schedule well sampling of private wells and business in the 500 ft range, sampling data transmittals, data tabulations and evaluation and submit an Immediate Response Action Report (IRA) in July 2022. This process will begin within 2 weeks of the signing of the proposal and we will be on a tight schedule to complete all necessary steps. The total for this phase will be \$24,700 and this is based on 20 properties. If additional funding is necessary Wilcox & Barton will reach out to Gerry Schwall for Board's approval.

G. Solas motion to to approve submitted proposal from Wilcox & Barton for Phase II of the PFAS evaluations. Work is not to exceed \$24,700 without prior approval from the Board. Board approves Gerry Schwall to sign the proposal and submit to Wilcox & Barton. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Ronald Jarvais, Jr.-Riverside Sportsman Association**

To approve a One Day Liquor license for Ronald Jarvais, Jr. from Riverside Sportsman Association. The clam boil will be held on 4/23/22 at the South Seekonk Gun Club on 61 Reed Street in Rehoboth.

G. Solas motion to approve a one-day liquor license for Ronald Jarvais, Jr. of the Riverside Sportsman Association for April 23, 2022 from 3pm-7pm to be held at 61 Reed St, Rehoboth. Firing Range to be closed during sale of alcoholic beverages. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Approve & Sign Job Descriptions for Director of Veteran's Services, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, Public Health Nurse and PT Public Health**

The mentioned job descriptions for the new positions and/or title changes were reviewed by the Personnel Board and approved. The chairman of the Personnel Board included the changes that the board made on each job description.

Richard Panofsky, Chair of the Personnel board, was present for any questions that the Board had.

G. Solas motion to approve and sign the submitted job description updates for the Director of Veteran's Services, Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, Public Health Nurse and PT Public Health Nurse as presented by the Personnel Board. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Rehoboth Republican Town Committee Caucus for May 3, 2022 at 7PM at the Francis Farm Complex**

M. Deignan preferred to abstain from voting since he submitted the request. This was a standard request because The Town is obligated to have a location available for a Caucus.

G. Solas motion to approve the Rehoboth Republican Town Committee Caucus on May 3, 2022 at 7PM and to be held at the Francis Farm Complex, 27 Francis Farm Rd. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 2-0. Selectman M. Deignan abstained.

**Action Item (8): Vote to Appoint Joseph Nunes as Temporary Stormwater Officer**

The Elected position for the Stormwater Office is vacant until the Special Election on June 11, 2022. The Board is appointing Joseph Nunes as the temporary Stormwater Office until said election.

S. Vadnais explained why there was a need to appoint someone to this position. There were open issues that still needed to be resolved.

G. Solas motion to appoint Joseph Nunes as Temporary Stormwater Officer, effective April 11, 2022 to June 11, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan thanked Joe Nunes for stepping up.

**Action Item (9): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity**

The Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity is looking for the BOS approval on a one-day liquor license for April 23, 2022 from 6pm to 12-midnight.

G. Solas motion to approve a one-day liquor license for Holy Ghost Brother Hood of Charity for April 23, 2022 from 6pm to 12am. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**Action 10: Vote to Approve Hawkers & Peddlers License for Robert Michael Chapman of Trinity Solar**

The BOS office received another request from Trinity Solar, Inc. for a representative to solicit in town. CORI check has been done.

M. Deignan explained how Hawkers & Peddlers work.

G. Solas motion to approve Hawkers & Peddlers License for Robert Michael Chapman of Trinity Solar, Inc., effective from April 11, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Continuation of the Notice of Public Ways Layout Hearing- Eastwood Estates-Phase I- Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive**

REMINDER: Ryan DuVally of Moonlight Realty, LLC is requesting that the Board vote to approve the layout of the roadway for both Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive from the Eastwood Estates-Phase I development. We have received approval from the Fire Chief and last July we received approval from the Highway Superintendent. The Planning Board met last May and voted to recommend the roadway layout as well. The Roadway acceptance will have to be placed on a Town Meeting Warrant for final approval. The acceptance of this Roadway means the town takes on the responsibility of all road clean up and maintenance.

Update: Thursday, March 31st the Planning Board Agent, Ryan DuVally and the engineers met at that above location to review the roadway. A few minor updates and clean up were done and the engineers provided their final report and approval.

Prior to Town Meeting the Highway Dept will have to clean the road and culverts.

M. Deignan motion to approve the roadway layouts for Skyla Way and Kaylee Drive from the Eastwood Estates-Phase I development as recommended by the Planning Board, Fire Dept, Highway Dept and Fuss & O'Neil Engineers. And to place the roadway acceptances on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting Warrant for final approval. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

**Vadnais:**

1. Would like to acknowledge the resignation of Ruanne Guglielmo, and asked the Board to send a thank you letter for her service.
2. Gert's Café is opened.

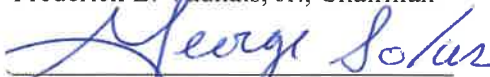
**Deignan:** Congratulations to the new Dighton Selectman. Now both Boards should be meeting. G. Solas will set the meeting up.

**Solas:** Bill Runey, the new superintendent of DR, will be present at the 4/19/22 meeting to discuss with him.

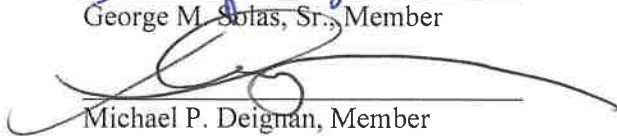
**ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 7:50PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.



Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Member



Michael P. Deignan, Member

Respectfully Submitted,  
Logan Shaker

**Approved: 8/22/2022**