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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 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

Call to Order at 7:06 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for April 19, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of April 19, 2022: 22-43B Payroll \$130,777.46; 22-42A Withholdings \$35,039.63; 22-42 Warrant \$171,062.46; 22-42R Refund Warrant \$4,401.81; 22-42R1 Refund Warrant \$6,467.51; 22-42V Veterans Warrant \$7,115.77; 22-42V1 Veterans Warrant \$1,106.00. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 8/9/21

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Last week on Wednesday April 13th at 11 AM, Karl the Board of Health Agent and I had a bid opening for the Transfer Station's Waste and Recycling business. We received only one bid response from Waste Connect (MTG), which is our current vendor. MTG quoted us the same as they have been charging us currently, \$131,549.28 per year for 3-years. The BOH will review the full bid packet at their next meeting and then will respond to the vendor.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Appointments for Alternate Procurement Officer, Election Worker-Inspector Precinct I-Unenrolled and Part-Time Payroll/Office Clerk

We have 3 positions that need the board's approval for appointments
Marisa Medeiros-Alternate Procurement Officer
Michael T. Sullivan-Silva – Election Worker-Inspector Unenrolled Precinct 1
Molly J. Lima – Part-time Payroll Office Clerk

G. Solas motion to appoint Marisa Medeiros as Alternate Procurement Officer, effective 4/19/22 – 6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas motion to appoint Michael T. Sullivan-Silva as Election Worker-Inspector-Unenrolled Precinct 1, effective 4/19/22 – 8/15/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas motion to appoint Molly J. Lima as Part-Time Payroll Office Clerk and approve Molly as signatory on the Bristol County Savings Bank Account, effective 4/19/22 – 6/30/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Lawn Mower Selection for Highway Dept to be Placed in the ATM Warrant

George and Mike Viveiros have been working with vendors to get quotes on a new lawn mower for the highway dept. With all of the properties that have been acquired it is not cost effective to “borrow” Forestry Dept's equipment. They received 3 quotes for Vanguard 40.0 ETC/EFI model without bag from:

Dave's Lawnmower Repair – Swansea \$13,987.56
RDL Equipment-Rehoboth \$14,525.00
Norfolk Power Equipment - Wrentham \$14,499.00

NOTE: This approval from the Board is just to select a vendor so we can place the actual quote on the Warrant as a capital purchase for the Town.

M. Deignan motion to approve RDL Equipment as the vendor for the Vanguard 40.0 ETC/EFI Lawn Mower at a quoted cost of \$14,525.00. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): 7:15 PM Public Hearing Notice for Pole Hearing National Grid/Verizon Pole #178-50 on Winthrop Street

We received approval from Highway, the Tree Warden and Police. This is for a new pole install at 179 Winthrop Street.

M. Deignan motion to Open the Public Notice Hearing for pole #178-50 on 179 Winthrop Street. Second by G. Solas.
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (3-0)

Maria Carter, property owner of 12 Katie Drive, was present to state she does not want the pole on her property.

Michael Parent of National Grid stated the pole would allow equipment next to the station for meter monitoring. This second pole would help alleviate the equipment load.

M. Deignan motion to Close the Public Notice Hearing. Second by G. Solas.
Roll call vote. Vadnais – aye, Solas – aye, Deignan – aye. (3-0)

M. Deignan motion to deny the installation of a new pole #178-50 at 179 Winthrop Street as presented. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Discussion with incoming Superintendent of DRRSD-Bill Runey

George Solas gave a brief background on Mr. Runey and the process of choosing the new Superintendent.

Bill Runey:

1. Thanked the School Committee / DR Committee for choosing him. Mr. Runey also thanked George Solas.
2. Stated that meetings have begun with different Committees and School Staff.
3. Addressed the “elephant in the room” regarding de-regionalization. Mr. Runey did not have all the information, but is willing to work with everyone to correct the issues. He would like to see all schools stay in tacked, and was willing to work as a team to get things done.
4. He will work with Mr. Baxter on budgets and wants to be more transparent. Looked at grants, fundraisers, etc to help alleviate funds from residents.
5. Runey asked when the BOS and School Committee meet and how often.
M. Deignan answered by stating the Board / Committee does not meet often enough. School Committee members can work through the liaison throughout the year. There should be monthly meetings, and not only for budget reports.

S. Vadnais thanked Bill Runey for coming in, and complimented Mr. Runey’s enthusiasm and energy.

Action Item (5): Vote to Open and Close the Warrant for the May 14, 2022 Annual Town Meeting and accept the Warrant Articles as submitted

The Board will review the draft of the warrant as has been submitted by Debbie.

M. Deignan motion to Open the Warrant for the May 14, 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to Accept the Warrant Articles as submitted to place on Annual Town Meeting 5/14/22. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

M. Deignan motion to Close the Warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen’s Reports:

Vadnais: Working on disposing of materials/scrap, and should have numbers soon.

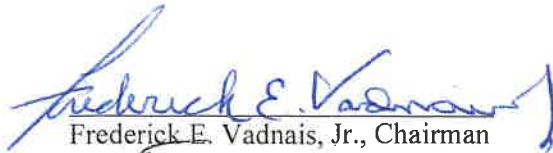
Deignan:

1. In regards to the 6/11/22 Town Election, M. Deignan asked George to reach out to the previous moderator to schedule a “Meet the Candidates” night in late May.
2. The Easter Egg Hunt held on 4/6/22 put on by the Town Events Committee was very well done. The only complaint was that many residents did not know it was happening. Dave Lecomte recommended a Facebook page to communicate the information to residents.

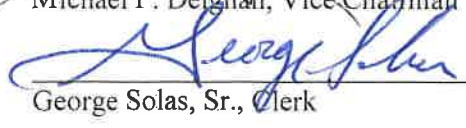
Solas: no report

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Solas motion to adjourn the regular session at 8:51PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George Solas, Sr., Clerk

Robert Johnson, II, Member

Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 7/11/2022