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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan, and Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen Marisa Medeiros.

Absent: Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for May 2, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of May 2, 2022: 22-45B Payroll \$122,688.97; 22-44A Withholdings \$41,484.64; 22-44 Warrant \$85,338.18. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: 3/7/22

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At next week's meeting the Town Moderator, Bill Cute along with Laura Schwall will be joining us to review the Warrant for the May 14th Annual Town Meeting. The Town Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th and will begin at 1PM at Francis Farm.

On May 16th, we are scheduled to hold a Public Hearing Notice for a Pole Hearing at 7:15pm

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Tish Vadnais, asked if AgCom could add an item to the next meeting agenda for the COA Kitchen Garden. The produce will benefit families in need and be maintained by volunteers. S. Vadnais suggested speaking to Ralph Arguin and Rose Amaral. M. Deignan asked if there was a CPC Survey regarding the blueprint. Tish and Skip Vadnais answered "yes."

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Candidate for Deputy Chief Position

Mike Medeiros spoke to this action item. In Executive Session the Board spoke with Chief Trombetta regarding his recommendation for Deputy Chief along with a contract negotiated between the Chair of the Board, the appointee, and the Police Chief. The individual selected for this position is Sgt. Brian Ramos.

M. Deignan motion to appoint Sgt. Brian Ramos as Deputy Chief on 8/21/22; with a term ending on 6/30/25. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Appoint Melissa Root, Brendan Manning, Mark Mulhern, Adriano Ferreira, Joseph DeFeo, Jr., Robert Lockhart, Thomas Ranley and Stephen Lucke to the Traffic Control Unit

Chief Trombetta is requesting that the Board appoint the following individuals for the Traffic Control Unit.

G. Solas motion to appoint Melissa Root, Brendan Manning, Mark Mulhern, Adriano Ferreira, Joseph DeFeo, Jr., Robert Lockhart, Thomas Ranley and Stephen Lucke to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 5/2/22 – 6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Chuck Procopio -Rehoboth Lions Club

Chuck Procopio of the Rehoboth Lions Club will be holding a Clam Boil Wednesday, May 4th at Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 61 Reed Street in Rehoboth. Chuck is requesting the Board's approval.

M. Deignan motion to Approve the One Day Liquor License for Chuck Procopio of the Rehoboth Lions Club for Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 6pm-9pm. Event to be held at the Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 1 Reed Street in Rehoboth. Firing Range to be closed during sale of alcoholic beverages. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 2-0. Selectman George Solas abstained from voting.

Action Item (4): Discussion Re: Town Property Policy, with Possible Action

S. Vadnais asked to define what an outside group is for this policy. S. Vadnais suggested for the Boards consideration, "outside groups be defined as all individuals and groups not elected or appointed by the Town of Rehoboth." M. Deignan and G. Solas agreed with this definition.

S. Vadnais also thinks groups who wish to use Town Property should be sponsored by elected or appointed officials. M. Deignan disagreed because outside vendors might come in, then additional coverage might be necessary. Third party organizations might need this additional coverage, and there would need to be a broader discussion of what buildings would be utilized. The Board would also need to know who will lock up after events, will police and fire be needed, will sanitization cleanings be needed? S. Vadnais thinks the Board will have the final call anyway.

Both M. Deignan and S. Vadnais agreed that there are a lot of things to be worked out saying, "No policy is better than a bad policy." G. Solas agreed but thinks a policy is solely needed.

M. Deignan motion to table Discussion Re: Town Property Policy, with Possible Action. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Recognition of Professional Municipal Clerks Week

The 53rd Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week is May 2-7, 2022. This is a time to recognize our Town Clerk for all of the hard work she puts forth each day for the town and its residents. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Schwall for her endless dedication and hard work each day.

M. Deignan motion to accept the Proclamation as presented and authorize the chair to sign the proclamation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Appoint Jay Jil to the IT Committee

Anna Deignan, temporary Chair of the IT Committee, is asking the BOS to please appoint Jay Jil as an IT Committee member so they can now have a 3-member committee and proceed with necessary business that has been waiting.

G. Solas motion to appoint Jay Jil to the IT Committee effective 5/2/2022-6/30/2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: MBTA Community Information Form-Zoning Changes

Daniel Roach has provided a revised MBTA Community Information Form for the Board's review, with changes that were noted last week. Mr. Roach went over a couple of the form's corrections. These corrections include adding Daniel Roach as a contact person, and that the answer to #8 will be changed from a "no" to a "yes."

M. Deignan disagreed with Daniel regarding question #8, claiming the Board of Selectmen was not informed and there was no background information for last weeks meeting.

S. Vadnais reviewed the document and thinks this will require a lot of conversation and permissions regarding this subject. S. Vadnais believed there needed to be a process and a lot of work needs to be done.

G. Solas wanted to know if the Town will lose anything by not doing this? Mr. Roach said if we sign this, there will be access to funding sources and flexibility. G. Solas wanted to know what the Town would lose if we said "yes" then decided "no." Mr. Roach said this is not binding the Town to anything.

S. Vadnais asked about item #11, and why Mr. Roach would file the form on 4/19/22 if the Board was not aware. S. Vadnais stated any other forms that need to be filed need to come through the Board first. S. Vadnais will be the contact person for now until after the Town Elections.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: none

Deignan:

1. Todd Creel, regarding private schools in Town, asked about getting the schools to contribute more money. M. Deignan recommended forwarding this to the Assessor's Office for more information and input.
2. The Board received letter forwarded to the Board by Dr. Azar about the School's Regional Agreement. M. Deignan thought Dr. Azar should read the language in the letter because there was some confusion. M. Deignan said this was already DESE approved years ago, and believes there is disinformation being spread.

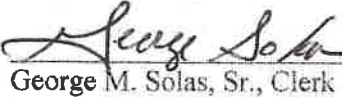
Solas: Suggested there should only be one Regional Agreement on the Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School website because it's confusing. There will be a K-8 withdrawal website stating the only Regional Agreement there is and information dissecting the document.

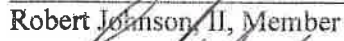
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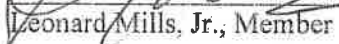
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:10PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.


Frederick E. Vagnais, Jr., Chairman


Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson, II, Member


Leonard Mills, Jr., Member

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 11/28/2022