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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr., Selectman Leonard Mills, Jr., Selectman George Solas, Sr., Selectman Michael P. Deignan, 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) (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.**

Chairman Vadnais, so declares.

Call to Order at 7:18 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Meeting opened with Chairman Vadnais reading into record the Proclamation for EMS' Week.

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: EMS Week Proclamation and Awards Presentation from Rehoboth Ambulance

Present: Reuben Fischman of the Rehoboth Ambulance, who provided the Board with the Proclamation.

Mr. Fischman presented the employees of the Rehoboth Public Safety Unit awards for assisting in a cardiac arrest situation in February.

Mr. Fischman introduced the guest speaker from the SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association), who spoke regarding the history of the Association and the awards being handed out:

Patient: Bernard Beauchemin (wife: Patricia)

Bystander: George Lopes

Dispatcher: Shayna Bennett (currently Police Department Administrative Assistant)

Police Dept: Patrolman Jeffrey Perry and Sgt. Craig Forget

Fire Dept: Capt. Ken Marcotrigiano; Lt. Richard Gonzalez; Lt. David Vickey; Firefighter Daniel Honeycut; Firefighter John Paille; Firefighter TJ Sarrazin

Reh Ambulance: Paramedic Sydney Bauman; Paramedic/Deputy Chief Reuben Fischman; EMT Sharon Estrella; EMT Michelle Ingemi; EMT Lindsey Burnett

Warrant for May 22 2023:

On a motion made by Selectman G. Solas, and seconded by Selectman R. Johnson, it was voted to ratify the May 15th, 2023, #23-46B \$171,826.86 (Payroll amount was off by \$.53 (short)). Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of May 22, 2023: 23-47B Payroll \$139,122.45; 23-46A Withholdings \$33,990.23; 23-46 Warrant \$36,102.61. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 5/1/2023, 5/8/2023 and 5/15/2023

Executive Minutes: 5/1/2023, 5/8/2023 2/8/2021, 3/8/2021, 4/20/2021, 5/3/2021, 5/17/2021, 6/1/2021, 6/7/2021, 6/28/2021, 7/6/2021, 7/12/2021, 9/7/202, 10/12/2021, 11/8/2021, 1/6/2020, 1/15/2020, 4/6/2020, 4/20/2020, 4/27/2020, 5/4/2020, 5/11/2020

On a motion made by Selectman G. Solas, seconded by R. Johnson, it was voted to approve the May 1, 8 and 15, 2023 Regular Minutes. Vote 5-0.

Executive Meeting Minutes for 5/1/2023, 5/8/2023, 5/3/2021, 6/7/2021, 6/28/2021, 7/6/2021, 7/12/2021, 9/7/202, 11/8/2021, 1/6/2020, 1/15/2020, 4/27/2020, were approved and held in Executive Session.

Executive Minutes 2/8/2021, 3/8/2021, 4/20/2021, 5/17/2021, 6/1/2021, 10/12/2021, 4/6/2020, 4/20/2020, 5/4/2020, 5/11/2020 were approved & released in Executive session.

Announcements:

Next scheduled meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**, at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building. Town offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Rehoboth Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 29, 2023 at 10 AM.

The Office of the Selectmen will be working on the re-appointment process for FY24, soon. We ask the Committee and Board Chairs to please return their responses as quickly as possible. This is a very long process, so we are asking for everyone's cooperation. We do have some carry-overs from FY23, as well, to deal with.

S. Vадnais- any business that has not sent in their paperwork for renewals by 6/30/2023, will no longer be licensed by the Town and will have to wait until being placed on an agenda for further processing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer from the Treasurer's Office of \$18,000 for Unemployment Charges

The Treasurer's office has received additional fraudulent charges for unemployment claims. It is mandatory that the Town pay the charges while the state investigates the claims. The Town will be reimbursed after.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer from the Treasurer's Office for \$18,000 to be transferred to account number 019133-57000- Unemployment GASB. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Appoint Russell Richmond, Jr., as Constable; Reappoint Helene Vitale to the Board of Registrars; Appoint Richard Panofsky as designee to Board of Human Services & Community Health; Appoint Elizabeth Doyle to the Board of Human Services & Community Health as Interim Deputy Director of Health & Human Services

G. Solas- motion to appoint Russell Richmond, Jr. as Constable, effective 5/22/2023-6/30/2024; Richard Panofsky as Designee of the BOS to the Board of Human Services & Community Health, effective 5/22/2023- 6/30/2024; Elizabeth Doyle to the Board of Human Services & Community Health & Human Services, as Interim Deputy Director of Health and Human Services, effective 5/22/2023 – 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Helene Vitale to the Board of Registrars (Democratic Party), effective 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers Lisa Smith, Maryann Clark and Nancy Cunningham

G. Solas- motion to approve the following volunteers to the COA:

Lisa Smith-Helper

Maryann Clark-Meals on Wheels

Nancy Cunningham-Yoga instructor.

Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Contractor for the Town Hall Second Means of Egress Project

Second means of egress at Town Hall. Location in the Accounting Office. Converting a window to a door with deck & steps for a 2nd floor emergency exit. The Facility Maintenance Department has received 3 quotes (labor only) for the Board to review and approve one contractor. All are reputable contractors.

GMC Construction Co

Chartley, MA 02712

\$15,580

Brasil & Sons Remodeling

Attleboro, MA

\$20,780

East Side Plastering

Attleboro, MA

\$22,700

L. Mills- motion to approve and award the second means of egress project to GMC Construction and to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign any follow up contract. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Mills read the background to the Board and public.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Antique/Junk Dealers License for Gary Jennings-Anawan Antiques, 180 Anawan St

G. Solas- motion to approve Junk Dealer's License for Gary Jennings of Anawan Antiques, 180 Anawan Street. Effective May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve New Hire Amanda Silvia as Dispatcher for the Police Dept

Police Chief Trombetta is asking the Board's approval on the hiring of Amanda Silvia as a dispatcher. She will be filling Shayna Bennett's vacancy.

Deputy Ramos introduced Amanda Silvia to the Board asking for the Board's approval.

G. Solas- motion to approve Amanda Silvia as dispatcher for the Police Department effective 5/23/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve MassDOT Agreement with TOR for Work on the Roundabout-Rt 44 & Rt 118.

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the agreement between MassDOT and TOR for work to commence on Roundabout at Rt 44 and Rt 118. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Deignan- what is the down time?

Selectman Solas has asked MassDOT the same question and has not received a concrete answer. Possibly July or August.

Selectman Deignan stated the time frame will affect the South end of Town. Agreeing, Selectman Solas added that the schools, COA and Fire Station may be affected - coordination is needed work begins.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: AGCom has two vacancies and would like help – anyone can help – don't need to be a farmer. Recreation Committee also has vacancies, and is looking for help. Send your Talent Bank Form to the BOS' office or call.

Deignan: No report.

Solas: Now that the water is working at COA, we will be working on serving breakfast.

Johnson: No changes to animal shelter; work continues with plumbing and painting.

Mills: Thank you to the Forestry Dept & Rob Johnson, for all of the work they do keeping the sides of roads clear. Highway gets the credit, but it is Forestry.

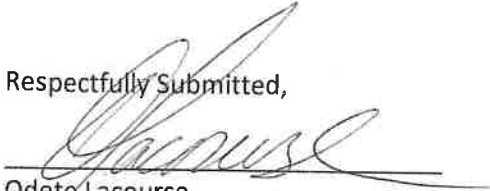
Urge the public to be aware and slow down on the roads in Town. There have been two tragic accidents in town, in May.

COA water system is completed, and the kitchen is now open!!

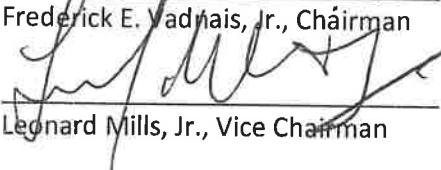
ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:30 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Michael P. Deignan, Member


Robert Johnson II, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approve: 6/5/2023