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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL  
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

**Present:** Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr., Selectman Leonard Mills, Jr., Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

**Absent:** Selectman George Solas, Sr. and Selectman Michael P. Deignan

At 6:35 PM the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to **MGL CHAPTER 30A, Section 21 (a) (7) to review and approve Executive Session 6/5/2023; (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.**

**Call to Order at 7:09 PM:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant for June 12, 2023:**

R. Johnson- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 12, 2023: 23-50B Payroll \$154,101.89; 23-49A Withholdings \$39,206.45; 23-49 Warrant \$90,052.75. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

R. Johnson- motion to rescind payroll from the 6/5/2023 Warrant. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

R. Johnson- motion to approve 6/5/2023, 23-49B Payroll in the amount of \$144,761.41. Seconded by L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: 6/5/2023  
Executive Meeting Minutes were approved and released during Executive Session.

Regular Minutes: 6/5/2023

R. Johnson- motion to approve the June 5, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

**Announcements:**

Monday, June 19th Town Offices will be closed in observance of Juneteenth Day.

The next scheduled meeting will be on **Monday, June 26, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item (1) Vote to Approve Employment Agreement Between TOR and Deborah Arruda as Town Administrator**

Agreement was approved as submitted in Executive Session.

L. Mills- motion to approve the employment agreement between TOR and Deborah Arruda as the Town Administrator, and to appoint Deborah pursuant to G.L. 41, s 23A for the term beginning 1/9/2023 to 1/9/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

#### **Action Item (2) Vote to Approve the Junk Dealers Renewal License for Andrew Sarras-New Too You at 164 Winthrop Street**

R. Johnson- Motion to approve the Junk Dealers Renewal License for Andrew Sarras from New Too You on 163 Winthrop Street, effective, 5/1/2023 to 4/30/2024. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

#### **Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project-Raising Cath Basins on Tremont St**

L. Mills- motion to approve the Chapter 90 Project-Raising 10 Cath Basins on Tremont Street for an estimated cost of \$28,000. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Mills explained the funds are from Chapter 90 and will be helpful for the travelers on Tremont Street.

#### **Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Warrant for Robert E. Johnson II, Constable, Dog Officer, Police Officer of the Town of Rehoboth**

This is a yearly vote from the Board to allow our Dog Officer to catch and confine all dogs with the town that are not properly licensed, collared or harnessed and tagged according to the provisions of Chapter 140 of MGL and further to have the authority to euthanize such dogs if/when necessary.

Discussion only. No vote taken.

Item had to be tabled. Selectman R. Johnson had to abstain on the vote, leaving only 2 voting members - no quorum.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: Received some ideas for renaming the Francis Farm Museum building:

Liberty Hall

Liberty House

New Town House

Minute House

On-going list will be kept by the Town Administrator and, at the Fall Town Meeting, maybe the moderator will be asked to use this as the clicker test question.

Deignan: Absent.

Solas: Absent.

Johnson: Town events is looking for volunteers. With all of the events they put together they need additional help. Please send talent bank form into the BOS office.

The Forestry Dept has identified problem trees (diseased), at Francis Farm, which have been taken down and plans are to replace them.

Mills: Update on handicap parking work at Francis Farm - work has begun. We are working on getting rid of problem trees in town, especially around buildings. Working with the Police Dept and Highway addressing speed on various roads in town. Received a letter from resident praising the BOS office (D. Arruda and team) and Kevin Chace Highway Superintendent, for the quick response to the concerns in town. Also, update regarding Town Hall improvements and the schedule of completion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:29 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills. Vote 3-0.

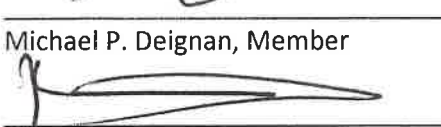
Respectfully Submitted,

  
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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**  
**Approved: 6/26/2023**