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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan, Selectman Robert Johnson II, Selectman Leonard Mills Jr., and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

At 6:05 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: Possible Litigation

Call to Order at 7:33 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for June 13, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 13, 2022: 22-51B Payroll \$160,761.30; 22-50A Withholdings \$42,534.40; 22-50 Warrant \$137,068.50. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 3/7/22, 11/1/21, 11/8/21, 11/15/21, and 11/29/21

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2021. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm-Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I would like to thank both Logan Shaker and Cindy McDonough for helping our department with the 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. It was a tremendous help to me and Marisa.

Senator Feeney's office contact me on Friday to set up a date for the Senator to be available to the residents of Rehoboth for any questions they may have for him. The date will be Friday, June 24 at Francis Farm the Arcade Building from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Town office buildings will be closed on Monday, June 20th in observance of Juneteenth Day (which is actually observed on Sunday, June 19th).

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Kevin Foley, 37 Francis Farm Rd., extended a thank you to those who voted for him. Mr. Foley congratulated Lenny and Rob. He has faith they will do well on the Board and will be a good addition to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Reorganize the Board of Selectmen

G. Solas nominates Skip Vadnais as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by R. Johnson.

M. Deignan motion to close nominations. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0. Chairman Vadnais abstained from voting.

M. Deignan motion to nominate Skip Vadnais as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained from voting.

R. Johnson nominates Michael Deignan as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by L. Mills.

G. Solas motion to close nominations. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Deignan abstained from voting.

G. Solas motion to nominate M. Deignan as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Deignan abstained from voting.

M. Deignan nominates George Solas as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. Second by L. Mills.

M. Deignan motion to close nominations. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Solas abstained from voting.

M. Deignan motion to nominate George Solas as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Solas abstained from voting.

Action Item (2): Discussion with Building Commissioner and Ryan DuValley on Waiving of Building Permit Fees for the Rebuilding of Park Street Businesses, with possible action taken

Bill McDonough and Ryan DuValley are requesting the approval of the Board to waive all Building Permit Fees (plumbing and electric will not be waived) for the rebuilding of the businesses on Park Street that were destroyed from the fire.

L. Mills motion to approve all Building Permit Fees to be waived on the project at Park Street to rebuild the businesses that were destroyed from the fire. This excludes Plumbing, Electric, and Mechanical permits and any other permits that will be needed for this project. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan asked if the Town has waived this type of permit fee for a private organization/business before. Will the insurance reimburse the fees? If so, why would the town not get the building fees.

B. McDonough did not remember this being done before either. However, this was a fire in town and Building Fees were previously charged. There will be no changes to the layout. The only addition will be a sprinkler system.

M. Deignan asked if adding sprinklers will incur any additional cost to the town. B. McDonough replied "no."

L. Mills asked how much a sprinkler system will cost. Mr. DuValley stated the cost will be upwards of \$200k. L. Mills confirmed that the Town has been treating Mr. DuValley well. The Assessors defaulted the tax rate back to the amount of the burnt down building. Selectman Mills stated that helping Mr. DuValley and the other businesses that burned will help the Town tremendously.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve 2023 Personal Kennel Permit Renewals-Robin Anderson of 30 Terrybrooke Road; James & Ellen Burke of 134 Martin Street; Robert & Judith Grant of 7 Willard Ave; and Maria Perry of 211 Providence St.

The Board annually approves the Personal Kennel Permits. These are usually done in March, but things have been delayed this year. The ACO has inspected each location and signed off on the renewals with no issues. Town Clerk has also reviewed and updated all renewal applications. Because these are current locations and are renewals, the Building Commissioner states he does not need to sign off on them, there have been no changes from the initial set up.

G. Solas motion to Approve 2023 Personal Kennel Permit Renewals for Robin Anderson of 30 Terrybrooke Road; James & Ellen Burke of 134 Martin Street; Robert & Judith Grant of 7 Willard Ave; and Maria Perry of 211 Providence St. Effective April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Johnson abstained from voting.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve New Hire Hunter Haskell-Seasonal Part-Time Grounds Keeper

The highway department was in need of additional help for the upkeep of town property. We posted for a seasonal PT Grounds Keeper and received a few applicants. Mike Viveiros reviewed the applications, interviewed a couple of the applicants and offered the position to Hunter Haskell. Mike is requesting the Board's approval for this new hire, pending his pre-employment physical which took place on Friday, June 10th.

G. Solas motion to approve Hunter Haskell for the Seasonal Part-time Grounds Keeper position in the Highway Dept. His start date is pending approval of his pre-employment physical. This position will be in effect through the Fall of 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais:

1. Explained the process of having Selectmen's Reports at the end of each meeting to R. Johnson and L. Mills.

Deignan:

1. The Board received correspondence and would like to "read to the record" the email that was sent to various individuals from Deborah Wagner at the Department of Revenue.: Excess and Deficiency – Dighton Rehoboth Regional School. Rehoboth will receive back \$2,215,593.77. In

2019, \$5.7 million was added to Dighton Rehoboth residents' taxes that didn't need to be. The Board went into discussion regarding the effects this has on the Town.

2. Congratulations to Rob and Lenny, and thank you to the Town for voting for them. They bring a lot of knowledge to the Board, I'm looking forward to working with them both.
3. At 1:10pm, Olivia was born today. Both Mom and baby are doing well.

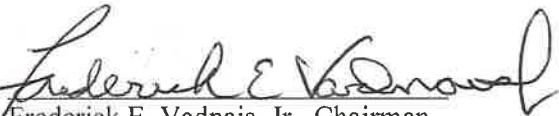
Solas:

1. K-8 will have an informational session at Francis Farm – COA Center on 6/23 at 6:00pm.
2. People have asked what the Board can do with the current situation of violence. BOS cannot do anything, but the Rehoboth/Dighton Police Department is working together on the situation.


Johnson: Thanked all those who came out to vote. The turnout was okay.

Mills: no report

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Johnson motioned to adjourn the regular session at 8:27 PM. Second by Selectman Mills. Vote 5-0


Frederick E. Vadnais, 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: 8/29/2022