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***BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023  
MEETING MINUTES  
FRANCIS FARM- FRANCIS HALL  
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD***

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

**Absent:** Selectman George Solas, Sr.

At 5:13 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; (7) to review and approve Executive Session Minutes for 6/12/2023.***

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

**1.0) Consent Agenda**

**Warrant:**

R. Johnson- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of June 19, 2023: 23-51B Payroll \$180,873.41; 23-50A Withholdings \$40,796.28; 23-50 Warrant \$105,101.71. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

R. Johnson- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 26, 2023: 23-52B Payroll \$149,011.33; 23-51A Withholdings \$51,622.83; 23-51 Warrant \$89,018.92. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Minutes:** Executive Minutes: 6/12/2023

Executive Meeting Minutes were approved and released during Executive Session.

Regular Minutes: 6/12/2023

R. Johnson- motion to approve the June 12, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0. Selectman M. Deignan abstained.

**Announcements:**

Tuesday, July 4th Town Offices will be closed in observance of the Fourth of July Holiday.

The next scheduled meeting will be on **Monday, July 10, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

On Thursday, June 22nd at 10 AM, I met with Kevin Chace, Stacy Vilao and Lenny to open the Salt/Gravel/Stone and equipment bids. Results will be prepared for the July 10th meeting, for the Board's approval.

Green Energy Projects for Fire Station 2 and 3 weatherization and heat pumps and for Goff Building are moving forward. Approval of rebates were submitted last week so materials can now be ordered.

The Senior Center will be serving breakfast every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday starting today, from 8:30 AM to 10 AM. Lunch continues to be served on Mondays and Wednesdays from Noon to 1:30 PM. They're asking for a \$3 donation, per meal.

The "Un-Masquerade Ball that was held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, was a great success. It brought together three communities for an afternoon of fun, food and dancing.

For more updates on what is "happening" at the Senior Center, you can email COAmail@RehobothMA.gov to get their announcements, information and news bulletins.

On July 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a public hearing for Rehoboth House of Pizza's Wine and Malt License and Entertainment License.

Happy 4th of July!

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Action Item (1) Discussion Re: ARPA/Bristol County Project Listing, with possible action**

Present: Sue Pimental

M. Deignan- motion to authorize Susan Pimental, Interim Finance Director and Compliance to prepare the documents for the 8 projects submitted and to submit to ARPA/Bristol County. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Ms. Pimental reviewed a listing of projects, and at what stage each project is, for approval in order to move forward for final ARPA/Bristol County approval – making the Board and the residents aware that even though there is a bucket of money to spent, the money cannot be spent it anyway we would like. There is an approval process, through the state and federal government, to get approval before funds are released.

Ms. Pimental listed the upcoming projects needing the Board of Selectmen's approval: PFAS phase 2 filtration system, senior walkway, inter-general playground, senior garden, fire department radio system, and general items that are needed for maintenance of town building, etc.

Selectman Mills spoke to the time and effort that it takes to get these projects going- thanking Sue Pimental.

Selectman Deignan- happy to see that we are moving forward with these great projects. They will benefit the town, tremendously.

**Action Item (2) Discussion Re: Access to Town Counsel Policy, with possible action**

**Present:** Attorney Jay Talerman, Town Counsel

R. Johnson- Vote to approve the "Access to Town Counsel" Policy as submitted by Town Counsel. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Atty Talerman presented the Town Counsel Access Policy stating that many towns are adopting this policy and it keeps control of who is requesting their services – mostly it is the Town Administrator who keeps control and gives approval - it can be done by just an email or, a form can be developed. Department Heads/Boards/Committees would go through the BOS' office and through the Town Administrator to request Town Counsel's services. This does not stop anyone from using Town Counsel's services; it just keeps it streamlined and allows the Board of Selectmen to be aware of what is going on.

S. Vadnais- the requests can be sent to the Town Administrator. For Boards and/or Committees, Chair has to be the one requesting the services.

Atty Talerman- the Town Counsel's office tries to keep the Town Administrator copied on emails with subjects they are working on. In some cases, Skip and/or the liaison to the Dept/Committee/Board would also be copied. This policy ensures that Town Counsel is on the same page with the BOS on all Town policies.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Exercise the Rights to Chapter 61A Land on Almeida Road-Map 7, Lot 1A (2 Acres)**

Ms. Doreen Almeida is asking for the Board's approval to remove 2 acres from Chapter land on Almeida Road-Map 7 Lot 1A. The land will be leased to a business. CPC, Planning Board-Con Com, and Ag Com have voted to not exercise their rights.

R. Johnson- motion to vote to NOT exercise the right to purchase the 2 acres of Chapter Land on Almeida Road Map 7, Lot 1A. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Lauren Lastrina-Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, 205 Winthrop St.**

R. Johnson- motion to approve the One Day Liquor License for Lauren Lastrina-Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket at 205 Winthrop St on July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4 PM to 8 PM. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Approve and Sign Purchase and Sale Agreement Between the TOR and Danielle Leah Vandenberg on Shady Bend-133 Bay State Road**

R. Johnson- motion to approve and sign the P & S between the TOR and Danielle Leah Vandenberg on Shady Bend Property at 133 Bay State Road and, authorize Town Counsel to proceed with the process. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

M. Deignan stated that this was approved at Town Meeting.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Approve and Sign Renewal Agreement for Preventative Maintenance on the Plymovent Source Capture Emergency Vehicle Exhaust Fume Removal System -\$2296.00**

R. Johnson- motion to approve and sign the FY24 renewal agreement for the Preventative Maintenance on the Plymovent Source Capture Emergency Vehicle Exhaust Fume Removal System for the amount of \$2,296.00. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (7): Vote FY2024 Reappointments:**

R. Johnson- motion to re-appt the 2022 carryovers 7/1/2022-6/30/2024. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Brian	McKearney	Animal Control Officer Assistant	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Sandra	Ruscetta	Animal Shelter Volunteer Coordinator	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Laura L	Schwall	Election Administrator	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Geraldine M	Hamel	Infectious Disease Coordinator	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Laura L	Schwall	Interim Municipal Hearings Officer	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Robert	Materne	Overseer & Volunteer of Town Projects	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Stephanie	Reis	Part-Time Public Health Nurse	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Geraldine	Hamel	Public Health Nurse	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Karl	Drown	Public Information Officer	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Geraldine M	Hamel	Public Information Officer	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Mark	Hass	Public Weigher Livestock	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Raymond	White	Sealer of Weights & Measures	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Lisa	Dias-Cabral	SMHG Representative	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Deborah	Arruda	SMHG Representative - Alternate	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Kate	Feodoroff	Special Labor Town Counsel	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Eric S	Brainsky	Special Municipal Town Counsel	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Jay	Talerman	Town Counsel (Mead, Talerman & Costa, LLC)	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Daniel	Roach	Town Planner/Conservation Agent	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Lisa	Dias-Cabral	Treasurer/Collector	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
John D	Kramer	Veteran Grave Officer	7/1/2022	6/30/2024

M. Deignan- motion to re-appoint Robert E. Johnson as Animal Control Officer and Moth Superintendent and Measurer of Wood and Lumber. Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Robert E.	Johnson	Animal Control Officer	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Robert E	Johnson	Measurer of Wood and Lumber	7/1/2022	6/30/2024
Robert E	Johnson	Moth Superintendent	7/1/2022	6/30/2024

M. Deignan- amended motion to remove M. Deignan, as Fence Viewer, from the list to allow him to abstain. Second by L. Mills. 4-0.

R. Johnson- motion to re-appt the following individual's from 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by M. Deignan.

Debra	Giles	Assistant Tax Collector	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Lindsey	Sylvia	Assistant Treasurer	7/1/2023	6/30/2024

Michael	Viveiros	Building Maintenance Superintendent	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Mark	Arruda	Buildings Commissioner - Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Laura L	Schwall	Census Liaison	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Dr. Robert	Lambe	Community Health Services (Board of Overseers)	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Dr. Bruce	Thayer	Community Health Services (Board of Overseers)	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
William J	Carmichael	Constable	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Francisco	Gouveia	Constable	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Mark R	Hass	Constable	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Sandra	Phillips	Constable	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Laura L	Schwall	E-911 Municipal Liaison	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
John W	Brennan	Electrical Inspector (Wiring)	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Michael	Medeiros	Electrical Inspector (Wiring) - 1st Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Randal	Vincent	Electrical Inspector (Wiring) - 2nd Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Michael	Deignan	Fence Viewer	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
William	Mcdonough	Fence Viewer	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Brian	Mckearney	Field Driver	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
William E	Dalpe	Fish Warden	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Francis T	Barresi	Forest Fire Warden	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
William E	Dalpe	Harbormaster	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Kevin	Chace	Highway Superintendent	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Susan	Pimental	Interim Director of Finance & Compliance	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Sandra J	Phillips	Matron - Rehoboth Police Dept	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
James	Sine	Plumbing & Gas Inspector - 1st Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Paul	Haselton	Plumbing & Gas Inspector - 2nd Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Brian	Clark	Plumbing & Gas Inspector (Head)	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Marisa	Medeiros	Procurement Officer - Alternate	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Deborah	Arruda	Procurement Officer - Chief	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
Deborah	Arruda	Town Administrator	7/1/2023	6/30/2024

#### **POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER**

JOSEPH	BAKER	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
GREGORY P	DECASTRO	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MICHAEL R.	JONES	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
STEPHEN	MCKENNA	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MARK	ROSSI	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
NORMAN J.	TODD	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
JAMES	TOLER	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
BRENT	WARISH	POLICE DEPT - RESERVE OFFICER	7/1/2023	6/30/2024

#### **POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT**

RAYMOND	BLINN	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MICHAEL	BORDEN	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024

TAMMY	DAVID	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
JOSEPH	DEFEO JR	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
ADRIANO	FERREIRA	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
CHRISTOPHE				
R	FERREIRA	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
STEPHEN	GREEN	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
JOHN	KRASNIANSKI	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
ROBERT	LOCKHART	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
STEPHEN	LUCKE	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
BRENDAN	MANNING	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MARK	MULHERN	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
DONALD	PALUMBO	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
JEFFREY	PEAVEY	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
THOMAS	RANLEY	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
RUSSELL	RAPOSA	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MICHAEL	RICCO	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
MELISSA	ROOT	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
DAVID F.	SILVA	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
LAWRENCE	SKELTON	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
DAVID F.	VIERA	POLICE DEPT - TRAFFIC CONTROL UNIT	7/1/2023	6/30/2024

M. Deignan- motion to re-appoint Robert E Johnson II as Field Driver 7/1/23-6/30/24. Second by L. Mills.  
Vote 3-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Robert E	Johnson	Field Driver	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
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R. Johnson- motion to re-appoint Michael Deignan as Fence Viewer 7/1/23-6/30/24. Second by L. Mills.  
Vote 3-0. Selectman M. Deignan abstained.

Michael	Deignan	Fence Viewer	7/1/2023	6/30/2024
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### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Dog Officer Warrant for Robert E. Johnson II**

M. Deignan- motion to approve and sign the Warrant for Robert E. Johnson II as the Dog Office for Rehoboth and allow him to proceed with the rules and regulations under provisions of MGL Chapter 140.  
Second by L. Mills. Vote 3-0. Selectman R. Johnson abstained.

Discussion:

Selectman M. Deignan read the Warrant aloud.

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

Vadnais: Assigned projects to both L. Mills and R. Johnson dealing with concerns brought forth by residents and/or a friend of someone who lived in town.

Addressed a letter sent in anonymously and saying that the BOS does not answer these types of concerns. If concerned individual would like to reach out and let us know who you are, then we will address the concern.

Deignan: None.

Solas: Absent.

Johnson: Update on the Town Fair and committee being developed.

Noel Blais, Girl Scout, worked on a project at school to help the residents when dropping off items for the animal shelter; still has a few things to finish up but, it was delivered today. Thank you to Noel!

Mills: Update on the ongoing projects at Town Hall: paving, maintenance, second means of egress, etc., and work continues at the COA property, as well. Looking for the approval of the BOS while working on the property to see if we could get "as builts" surveys. The crew is trying to mark the underground things that are being dug up. It would be a good idea to have the areas plotted and filed for any future needs.

Selectman Vadnais asked Selectman Mills when ready to make it an action item for approval from the BOS.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:50 PM. Second by Selectman L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

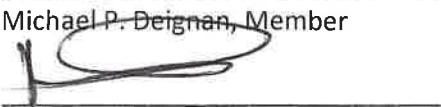
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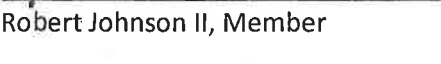
  
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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

  
George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

  
Michael P. Deignan, Member

  
Robert Johnson II, Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Approve: 7/10/2023**