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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Selectman George Solas, Selectmen Michael Deignan and Interim Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Call to Order at 7:10 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for June 6, 2022:

G. Solas motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of May 31, 2022: 22-49B Payroll \$159,832.29; 22-48A Withholdings \$141,781.41; 22-48 Warrant \$104,869.88; 22-48R Refund Warrant \$27.19; 22-47V1 Veterans Warrant \$1,106.00; 22-47V Veterans Warrant \$6,647.77. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.
G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of June 6, 2022: 22-50B Payroll \$146,080.70; 22-49A Withholdings \$51,823.54; 22-49AS Withholdings 2 \$90.00; 22-49 Warrant \$68,531.34. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Announcements:

Next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 7pm at Francis Farm-Francis Hall Building.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022 there will be a special town election from 8:00am – 6:00pm at Francis Farm – Museum Building.

On Friday, June 10, 2022 there will be an Eastern Star Lodge Blood Drive at the Rehoboth Congregational Church from 12:00pm – 5:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Public Hearing Notice-7:15 PM Pole Hearing New Development - Perryville Road

This public hearing is a continuation from May 16th. National Grid was going to review the placement of the pole due to an abutter's concern.

M. Deignan motion to continue the Public Hearing for the Pole Hearing New Development on Perryville Road. Second by G. Solas.

Roll call vote. Deignan – aye, Solas – aye, Vadnais – aye. (3-0)

S. Vadnais informed that the property owner, Mr. Lennon, was in earlier and stated the resolution was agreeable by all parties. A representative from National Grid was present to confirm the resolution reached, "will stretch a guide wire between both poles so not to disturb the owner's property."

M. Deignan motion to close the Public Hearing for the Pole Hearing New Development on Perryville Road. Second by G. Solas.

Roll call vote. Deignan – aye, Solas – aye, Vadnais – aye. (3-0)

M. Deignan motion to approve the relocation of a pole on Perryville Road to make room for a new subdivision entrance. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Submission of the MassDOT WRAP Grant for the Highway Dept
The Highway Dept is requesting the approval from the Board to submit a grant request for Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP). This grant will help fund improvements to our roadways due to the harsh winter months. Allocated funds will have to be used by June 30, 2023.

G. Solas motion to approve the submission of the Winter Recovery Assistance Program grant for the Highway Dept. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): removed from amended agenda

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Reserve Fund Transfer 22-4R -\$143,715.87 into Facility Maintenance Account for COA Rebuild

This request is to cover the expenses incurred in getting the COA up and running at the Francis Farm location. The Reserve Fund Transfer has been acted on by the Finance Committee, and approved at the last Finance Committee meeting.

M. Deignan motion to approve Reserve Fund Transfer 22-4R in the amount of \$143,715.87 and to transfer the funds to the Facility Maintenance line 011873-58715. Second by G. Solas. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Rehoboth Antiquarian Society State Aid to Public Libraries in the amount of \$10,237.98

The BOS office received notification from the Antiquarian Society that they would be receiving \$10,237.98 from the Commonwealth of MA in State Aid for Public Libraries. This aid will help with certain operations at the Blanding Library.

G. Solas motion approve the State Aid grant for the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society in the amount of \$10,237.98 and allow the Treasurer's Dept to deposit the funds in the appropriate account. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 2-0. Selectman Deignan abstained from the vote.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve and Sign Grant Agreement with Antiquarian Society -Public Library Services for FY23

Annually the BOS office receives the agreement between the Town and the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library Services. They have provided the FY23 agreement for your review, approval and signature.

G. Solas motion to approve and sign the FY23 Grant Agreement between the Town of Rehoboth and the Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library services. Second by S. Vadnais. Vote 2-0. Selectman Deignan abstained from the vote.

Action Item (7): Vote to Appoint Nancy Scott-Puopolo as an Election Worker

The Town Clerk is requesting the Board's approval on the appointment of Nancy Scott-Puopolo as an election worker-inspector.

G. Solas motion to approve Nancy Scott-Puopolo as an Election Worker-Inspector for Precinct IV-Democrat, effective 6/6/22- 8/15/22. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity and James R. Hoyt, Jr of the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket (function to be held at Camp Ramsbottom)

The Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity is requesting the Board's approval on their one-day liquor license request for their annual Feast held in August. At this time, they are extending an invitation to the Board members to walk in the parade on August 21st.

G. Solas motion to approve the One Day Liquor License for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity on 43 Broad Street for August 19 and 20 from 6pm to midnight and August 21 from 12 (noon) to 11pm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

James R. Hoyt, Jr. from the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket is requesting the Board's approval on their one-day liquor license for June 16 being held at Camp Ramsbottom. This is event is a fundraiser for the club.

G. Solas motion to approve the One Day Liquor License for James R. Hoyt, Jr. from the Boys & Girls Club in Pawtucket to be held at Camp Ramsbottom on 6/16 from 4pm to 9pm. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Auctioneer's License for Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity

The Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity is requesting the Board's approval on their Auctioneer's License for their annual Feast held in August. This license will cover the date of August 20 and 21.

G. Solas motion to approve the Auctioneer's License for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity on 43 Broad Street for August 20 and 21st. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Utility Installation License for Michael Daxberger of Eversource Gas of MA

The Board received a request from Eversource for a Utility Installation License for their representative Michael Daxberger. All appropriate paperwork has been provided and payment has been received.

G. Solas asked what type of work is being done since there is limited gas in Town.

D. Arruda responded that there will be various work done, but the Board needs to be notified before beginning this work.

G. Solas motion to approve the Utility Installation License for Michael Daxberger from Eversource Gas of MA, effective 6/6/2022-6/6/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 3-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais:

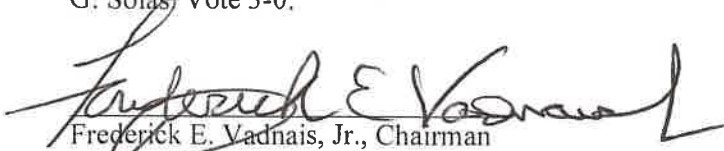
1. There's an uptick in COVID cases of about 7.9%.
2. The Health Advisors have recommended that masks be worn inside the COA and hold food gatherings outside. The COA Board are gathering information and will take a vote on how to move forward. The COA Board has to meet via Zoom to ratify their decision, and must be posted.

Deignan: Stated was great to see everyone at the Memorial Day parade, and added that the ceremony Jake had was really nice. It was a great way to remember for "why we are here."

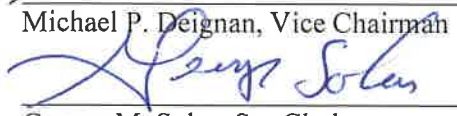
Solas:

1. Announced that Selectman Vadnais and himself attended the Bristol Aggie Graduation on Saturday. There was a great turn out.
2. Dighton Rehoboth Regional High School Graduation is June 11th at 4pm.
3. Memorial Day Parade was a great event and described it as a "Hokie" Parade due to how small, but nice the turnout was. Jake did a fantastic job.

ADJOURNMENT: Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 7:40PM. Second by G. Solas, Vote 3-0.


Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

Michael P. Deignan, Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,
Logan Shaker

Approved: 8/22/2022