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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10, 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

Call to Order at 7:00 PM: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of July 3, 2023. 23-53B Payroll \$145,725.14; 24-01B Payroll \$7,055.31; 23-52A Withholdings \$157,304.70; 23-52 Warrant \$139,448.88; 23-52R Refund Warrant \$4,483.80; 23-52R1 Refund Warrant \$3,936.15; 23-52R2 Refund Warrant \$3,607.25; 24-01V Veterans Warrant \$7,004.96. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of July 10, 2023: 24-02B Payroll \$193,151.89; 23-53A Withholdings \$37,715.59; 24-01A Withholdings \$3,123.31; 23-53 Warrant \$66,783.95; 24-01 \$1,811,867.13. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: None

Regular Minutes: 6/26/2023

G. Solas- motion to approve the June 26, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

Selectman Solas mentioned the passing of Ms. Mary Beth Moriarty and services, followed by a moment of silence.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on **Monday, July 24, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

We are still accepting ideas for the naming of the Museum Building. Please send in your ideas to the Board of Selectmen's Office.

Vacation schedule for the Town Administrator.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion Re: School Municipal Project Liaison, with possible action

G. Solas- motion to appoint Ralph Arguin, as the School Municipal Project Liaison from 7/10/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

S. Vadnais discussed his ideas of having a liaison between the town and the schools and how it will help with communication between the Town and schools.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Job Descriptions for: Full Time Accounting Assistant, Full Time Office Assistant-BOH, PT Administrative Aide to the Town Administrator and Outreach & Human Health Services Coordinator-HHS

The Personnel Board has revised and/or created new job descriptions, for the Board of Selectmen's review and acceptance.

G. Solas- motion to approve job descriptions for: Full-time Accounting Assistant, Full-time Office Assistant-BOH, Part-time Administrative Aide to the Town Administrator and Outreach & Human Health Services Coordinator-HHS. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Bids for Highway Dept for Sand, Stone, Line Painting, and Equipment for FY24

L. Mills- motion to approve and accept the bids from the following contractors for the FY24 Highway Dept sand, stone, line painting and equipment. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Johnson read aloud the list of contractors.

At 7:30 PM

Action Item (4): 7:30 PM Public Hearing for IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza 503 Winthrop Street for Restaurant Wine and Malt Liquor License and Entertainment License

G. Solas- motion to open the Public Hearing for IRN Foodies, LLC d/b/a Rehoboth House of Pizza 503 Winthrop Street, for Restaurant Wine and Malt Liquor License and Entertainment License. Second by M. Deignan. **Roll call:** Johnson, aye; Deignan, aye; Solas, aye; Mills, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0.

Ms. Garcia provided Deb Arruda, Town Administrator, with payment for the Liquor License (Entertainment License payment previously submitted to the BOS office) and Certified Mailing Cards.

Mr. Joe Nunes of Fairview Avenue came forth and expressed concerns about the parking lot.

Ms. Garcia responded by saying that this was supposed to have been a transfer of license but, the previous owners' license expired. The business has always been there and has had these licenses.

Selectman Mills stated that, from a Planning Board and Zoning perspective, there are no changes to business from the old business. In regards to Mr. Nunes' concern about parking, the parking lot layout was approved in the past and there has not been a "change of use" to create an issue.

Selectman Deignan stated there has been no change to the footprint of the business.

Selectman Johnson, in response to Mr. Nunes' inquiry about the Entertainment License, said it's for one television.

All members of the Board agreed there has not been any changes made to the existing business.

M. Deignan- motion to close the Public Hearing. Second by R. Johnson. **Roll call:** Johnson, aye; Deignan, aye; Mills, aye; Solas, aye; Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0.

L. Mills- motion to approve the Wine and Malt Liquor License to Jhageiry Garcia of IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza, 503 Winthrop Street, effective 7-10-2023 to 12-31-2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

L. Mills- motion to approve the a 7-Day Entertainment License for one TV, to Jhageiry Garcia of IRN Foodies, LLC dba Rehoboth House of Pizza, 503 Winthrop Street, effective 7-10-2023 to 12-31-2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Jeffrey Ingher-Ahava Foods, LLC at Five Bridge Inn 152 Pine Street

G. Solas- motion to approve a One Day Liquor License for Jeffrey Ingher from Ahava Foods, LLC for 8/17/23 from 11 AM to 6 PM at 152 Pine Street. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Hawkers & Peddlers Licenses for Austyn Gray and Mouhammed Awadallah, from Trinity Solar, Inc

G. Solas- motion to approve Hawkers & Peddlers Licenses for Austyn Gray and Mouhammed Awadallah from Trinity Solar, Inc. effective 7/10/2023 to 12/31/2023. Vote 5-0.

D. Arruda, in response to Selectman Vadnais' question, stated that all of the applicant's background information, ie. CORI, has been done.

Action Item (7): Vote Acknowledgment of Receipt of Planning Board's Form M on Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel on Anawan Street

G. Solas- motion to vote acknowledgment of receipt of the Planning Board's Form M, on the Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel project, on Anawan Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Special Budget Amendment for FY23 Capital Projects - \$905,982.49

M. Deignan- motion to approve the budget amendment for FY23 Capital Projects, as submitted, in the attached worksheet, and further, to authorize the Town Accountant to make any reductions necessary to the stated amounts to accommodate end of year processing and to authorize the Interim Director of

Finance & Compliance to authorize said reductions on behalf of the Board. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Discussion:

As a point of reference, per M. Deignan, we asked the Departments for their needs and this has helped the town and its residents; so, no tax increases.

Action Item (9): Vote to Appoint Jane Williams to the Council on Aging Board; Elizabeth Doyle, Michael Viveiros, Kevin Chace, Reuben Fischman and William Runey to the Local Emergency Planning Board

G. Solas- motion to Appoint Jane Williams to the Council on Aging Board effective 7/10/2023 to 6/30/2026. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas- motion to Elizabeth Doyle, Michael Viveiros, Kevin Chace, Reuben Fischman and William Runey to the Local Emergency Planning Board, effective 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10A): Vote to Correct Reappointment Term Dates for Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. to the Bristol County Advisory Board-dates from 7/1/2022-6/30/2025 to 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

L. Mills- motion to correct Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr.'s term date for the Bristol County Advisory Board from 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025 to 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

Action Item (10B): Vote to Reappoint Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. to the Bristol County Advisory Board

L. Mills- motion to reappoint Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr. to the Bristol County Advisory Board, effective 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0. Selectman Vadnais abstained.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Received notification in the packet regarding Public Water system – will work with Lenny to assign this project.

Another notification received, in the packet, has to do with Green Energy grant: Goff Hall does not pertain to the Town but they are part of the grant. Lenny will respond to Carolyn Panofsky's email.

Assigning Rob to investigate the issue regarding dumpsters in Town, and companies that are licensed. Rob will speak to BOH.

Deignan: None.

Solas: Update on the fiber project going on at the Roundabout – working with Comm-Tract and National Grid. The project may affect Town business, south of Rt 44, ie. the COA and the South Fire Station, but not the residents.

Announcing the breakfast and lunch schedule at the COA.

Also, anyone wanting to get announcements from the COA, please email COAemail@rehobothma.gov.

Johnson: None.

Mills: Update regarding the Town Hall projects. The paving is done. Still working on the second means of egress. Town has been doing work at Francis Farm and, working on the as-builts and trying to find underground tanks. We called upon Propane Plus and they helped us, as they usually do.

Letter was received from the Johnson family donating the work done at Francis Farm. Thank you to Tim Johnson and the family for the help.

Selectman Johnson thanked the Johnson family and stated, for the record, there is no familial relationship.

M. Deignan- asked that a letter of thanks be sent from the Board.

Other Business:

Discussion:

Mr. Joe Nunes, of Fairview Avenue, brought to the Board's attention an email he received regarding Dighton, possibly, storing lithium batteries (solar).

Selectman Deignan- stated that there is discussion on social media about this abutting Rehoboth and stated the company is hosting a meeting in Dighton, but the meeting is not an official municipality posted meeting.

Selectman Vadnais suggested our Town Administrator send a letter to Dighton's Town Administrator to request some information about this project, to see what they can share. Any information received by the BOS will be shared with Mr. Nunes, as the Chair of the Water Commission, and vice versa.

Selectman Deignan- will this impact our aquifer?

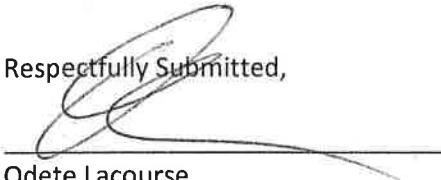
Mr. Nunes expressed he is not so concerned about the water but, more concerned about the possibility of fire. This could be very dangerous to our town if a fire occurs.

Selectman Deignan- read the notice that was sent out to the Dighton residents; the meeting is regarding 0 Maynard Lane.

ADJOURNMENT:

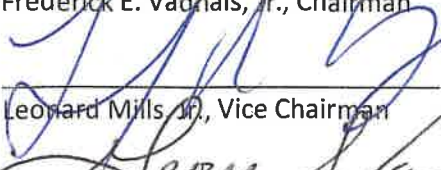
Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:16 PM. Second by Selectman M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

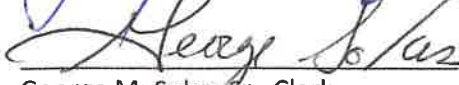

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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman



Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman



George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

Absent

Michael P. Deignan, Member



Robert Johnson II, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approve: 7/24/2023