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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

Absent: Selectman Robert Johnson II

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

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for July 25, 2022:

G. Solas motion to ratify approval of the Warrant for the week of July 18, 2022: 23-03B Payroll \$133,448.18; 23-02A Withholdings \$50,288.61; 23-02 Warrant \$906,127.08. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

22-55 Warrant (6/30/2022) \$14,042.04 was previously approved at the 7/14/22 meeting

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of July 25, 2022: 23-04B Payroll \$135,880.41; 23-03A Withholdings \$39,573.15; 23-03 Warrant \$234,526.51; 23-03V Veterans Warrant \$7,215.81. pending review of the 23-03V Veterans Warrant date. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

There will be a Special Town Meeting on 8/6/2022 at 1pm at Francis Farm.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Steve Silva asked about the water issue at the COA, and asked why the Town is spending money on the new Town Hall. The Board requested to hold this question off until the end of the meeting or until a similar action item comes up.

Bob Caron complimented the new COA building and said the activities are being talked about at other towns. Amazed with the new facility, but feels Linda needs additional help to host more activities to call in more people.

Geri Hamel

1. Brought the public and the Board up to date on COVID case numbers. The Town of Rehoboth's cases have decreased by 3%.
2. A new vaccine, Nova Vax, is being worked on and will be available in the Fall of 2022.
3. Monkey Pox was declared a Public Health emergency of international concern by the World Health Organization.
4. Flu Season update – from studies in the southern hemisphere, H3N1 is being determined to be the flu of this fall.
5. COVID test kits are still available, and will be accessible at the Town Meeting on 8/6/2022.
6. Announced the Day at the Farm event went well today, and many people showed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Review August 6, 2022 Special Town Meeting Warrant with Town Moderator & Town Clerk

Review of the Warrant with Mr. Bill Cute and Laura Schwall.

Mr. Cute met with M. Viveiros and G. Solas to go over the seating arrangements, and feels the same arrangement as the 5/14/22 Town Meeting worked well. Mr. Cute is willing to give equal time to the speakers for both sides of the Articles, and would like to know who those people are. The speakers should contact Mr. Cute and call the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Cute went on to detail what he is expecting at the meeting. (Timestamp 29:40)

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Warrant for Robert E. Johnson, Constable, Dog Officer, Police Officer of the Town of Rehoboth

Per M.G.L. Chapter 140 section 151A, The Animal Control Officer is given approval to proceed with seeking out, catch and confine all dogs within the Town not duly licensed, collared or harnessed, and tagged. This approval is necessary since the Town Clerk has 448 unregistered dogs in town. Owners will have to contact the Town Clerk's office to pay all overdue fines and proof of vaccinations will be needed as well.

M. Deignan requested the list be posted on the website under news and announcements. G. Solas felt it was okay to let people know. L. Mills and S. Vadnais do not feel it needs to be posted because of privacy and people have already been notified. G. Solas agreed with L. Mills and S. Vadnais after hearing their reasoning.

M. Deignan motion to approve the Warrant for Robert E. Johnson, acting as the Towns Animal Control Officer, to confine all dogs within the Town not duly licensed, collared, harnessed, and tagged for the Town of Rehoboth and to allow the Chairman to sign the Warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve Portico Bid from Full Scope Contracting for \$146,000.00

We had the bid openings for enclosing the existing portico at 340 Anawan Street on July 14th at 27 Francis Farm Road in the Arcade Building. Present at the bid opening was Debbie Arruda (Interim Town Administrator), Marisa Medeiros (Assistant to the BOS), Michael Deignan (Vice Chairman of the BOS), Gerry Schwall (Director of Finance and Compliance), and Joshua Arruda (Full Scope Contractor). The BOS office received one bid offer. The bidder is Full Scope Contracting from Taunton, MA. The scope of work will be to enclose the existing portico area adjacent to the Town Office Building at 340 Anawan Street. The contract bid price was \$146,000.00.

S. Vadnais honored Steve Silva's previously asked question, "Why the need to expand on the building?" L. Mills replied that the expansion is not huge. The expansion would extend the Treasures/Tax and Assessors Office area and make a meeting room available. M. Deignan addressed the topic of "needs and wants" stating that employees have notified that after being in the building they could use some additional space to do their job better. This would better tend to the long-term growth of the Town.

L. Mills motion to Approve the quote of \$146,000.00 from Full Scope Contracting and signing of the contract to begin the work. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Ratify Approval & Signature of the Transfer Station Contract with MTG

Two weeks ago, the Board of Selectmen signed the Transfer Station Contract agreement because we were entering FY23 and the Board of Health had to move forward for services.

G. Solas had a question on the rebate of some items.

M. Deignan motion to ratify the approval & signature of the Transfer Station Contract with MTG. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Discussion Re: Eagle Scout Project at 340 Anawan Street, with possible action

Jake Kramer spoke to the transactions that takes place with Eagle Scout projects. Jake stated the Town Clerk asked if we could add a gazebo to the Town Hall so any weddings officiated at the Town Hall could be more sentimental. One of the Scouts recently chose this project.

S. Vadnais has concerns with the Eagle Scout project and how it will be executed. Jake stated Scouts do the projections, and bring people in for labor they're unable to execute themselves.

L. Mills has spoken to Jake and asked where placement would be. Jake said this would be placed at the southside of the building. L. Mills is in favor of the project and can discuss further.

L. Mills motion to move forward and work with the Scout and Jake Kramer on the project pending BOS approval. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Reorganize the Finance Committee

Once the Finance Committee has been re-appointed, they have 30 days to reorganize per the Town's bylaws. They were appointed on 6/27/22.

Finance Committee members voted Colleen Simpson as Chair. Colleen proceeded to ask for nominations for Vice Chair and Clerk.

FinCom reorganized as follows:

Colleen Simpson as Chair
Michael Fleming as Vice Chairman
Steve Evans as Clerk

M. Deignan announced that Sue McBride resigned and there is currently a vacant position.

Action Item (7): Vote to Acknowledge Receipt of Form M for 275 Plain Street

Planning Board has provided the Board of Selectmen with a copy for the Board's review. L. Mills highlighted the setback per bylaw is 30 feet, but that information was not shown on the plan. L. Mills was confident that the zoning officer would catch it or bring up any concerns at the site visit.

L. Mills motion to acceptance of Form M from Planning Board for 275 Plain Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Appoint Veronica Hass as an Election Worker

G. Solas motion to Appoint Veronica Hass as an Election Worker-Precinct II Inspector effective 8/15/22-8/14/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (9): Vote Election Worker Re-Appointments

Vote to reappoint Election Workers as listed below effective 8/15/22 – 8/14/23.

Republican Election Workers – 2022-2023

Appointment Term 8/15/2022 – 8/14/2023)

PRECINCT I

Warden	Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli	76 Ash Street
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PRECINCT II

Clerk/Deputy Warden	Linda A. Coolidge	93 Homestead Avenue
Inspectors	Mary "MaryBeth" E. Moriarty	5 Ralsie Road

PRECINCT III

Inspectors	Lorraine A. Botts	167 County Street
	Jane E. Daggett	164 Bay State Road
	Eleanor E. Horton	179 Moulton Street
	Desire Palmer	19 Reservoir Avenue
	Victoria Silvia	8 Taylor Drive

PRECINCT IV

Warden	Kenneth R. Grant	11 Mason Street
Inspector	Adrianne H. Sharp	11 Nancy Circle

Democrat Election Workers – 2022-2023

(8/15/2022 – 8/14/2023)

PRECINCT I

Inspector	Carol J. Lebaron	34 Smith Street
	Carolyn P. Panofsky	291 Fairview Avenue
	Richard J. Panofsky	291 Fairview Avenue
	Brenda E. Saben	53R Anawan Street

PRECINCT II

Clerk/Deputy Warden	Raymond M. Olivier	182 Fairview Avenue
Inspector	Judy Downey	148 Rocky Hill Road
	Lee Krasner	47 Carpenter Street
	Mackenzie J. Morgenweck	237 Rocky Hill Road
	Mary T. Seccareccia	44 Bliss Street

PRECINCT III

PRECINCT IV

Warden/Deputy Warden	Beverly J. DeBlois	142 Plain Street
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Inspector/Deputy Clerk
Inspector

Nancy L. Swallow
Nancy Scott Puopolo

82 Simmons Street
37 Martin Street

Unenrolled Election Workers – 2022-2023
Appointment Term 8/15/2022 – 8/14/2023)

PRECINCT I

Inspectors

Marilyn F. Martel	120 Peck Street
Louise A. Morrish	11 Smith Street
Michael T. Sullivan Silva	142 Peck Street
Evelyn Viau	269 Tremont Street
Bonnie L. WolfeCollins	62 Ash Street

PRECINCT II

Inspectors

Lucille M. Amaral	20 Pine Grove Road (Mail to: P.O. Box 354)
Sheila E. Bouchard	249 Anawan Street
Laurianne J. Duqueno	162 County Street
Constance B. Grab	116 Carpenter Street
Veronica A. Hass	91 Broad Street
David R. LeComte	59 River Street
Jennifer L. LeComte	59 River Street
Jeanne D. O'Malley	145 Hillside Avenue
Judith A. Palazzi	14 Pine Grove Road
James E. Roche	3 Moulton Street

PRECINCT III

Warden
Clerk/Deputy Warden
Clerk/Deputy Warden
Inspector

Maureen E. Whittemore	21 Pond Street
Charlotte H. Castro	59 Wilmarth Bridge Road
Dianne K. McCaffery	87 Gorham Street
Diane M. Biello	7 Marshall Way
John E. Biello	7 Marshall Way
Paula F. Fazio	6 Plain Street
Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick	12 Marshall Way
Odete Lacourse	2 Heritage Road
Nicole L. Morse	10 Reservoir Avenue
Nancy S. Muri	82 School Street
Catherine H. Potter	75 Reservoir Avenue
Stephen Silva, Sr.	12 Blanding Road

PRECINCT IV

Deputy Warden/Clerk
Deputy Warden/Clerk
Inspector

Rosemary Darowski	176 Davis Street
Patricia A. Richmond	98 Plain Street
Judith Fuller	4 Sophia Drive
Anita C. Harrell	134 Martin Street
Sandra Jean Phillips	12 Mason Street
David E. Silva	15 Mason Street

PRECINCT I, II, III, IV and CTF

Inspector

Logan T. Shaker

2510 Riverside Avenue – Somerset, MA

Libertarian Election Workers – 2022-2023

PRECINCT II

Inspector

Richard J. Kenney

273 Homestead Avenue

EMERGENCY BACKUP WORKER

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Inspectors

Deborah Arruda

371 S. Worcester Street, Norton, MA

Stacy Vilao

67 Kirby Road, Westport, MA 02790

STUDENT ELECTION WORKERS – MGL-Limit 2

Student Poll Workers

Meghan S. Hastings

96 Bay State Road, Rehoboth, MA 02769

Sarah Caldwell

41 Blackstone Blvd, Providence, RI 02906

G. Solas motion to reappoint Election Workers as listed effective 8/15/22 – 8/14/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Spoke to the question previously asked about the water issue at the COA. The filters needed are special order; therefore, they are backlogged. The matter is being resolved as quickly as possible. L. Mills confirmed the system has been ordered and are hoping to overnight deliver the system when it becomes available. L. Mills went into detail on further steps being taken.

S. Vadnais stated the ambulance building will be ready soon, an agreement is forthcoming. The Clerical and Highway Department union contracts will be worked on in mid-August.

Deignan: Clarified an issue about removing a rock wall at 160 Perryville Rd. L. Mills confirmed all is well and Bill McDonough spoke to the owner.

Solas: Spoke about events that were held at the COA. G. Solas highlighted the Day at the Farm held on 7/25/2022 through the TRIAD group. The event went great. Announced that on 8/11/2022 from 10am-3pm a new event is being organize, a Day at the Canal in Cape Cod. Anyone interested should call the COA to sign up for more information.

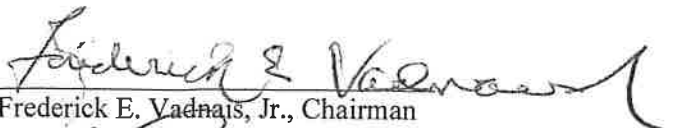
Johnson: Not present

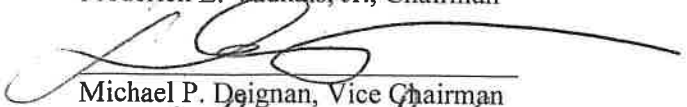
Mills:

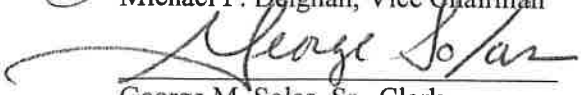
1. Updated the Board on other building repairs and updates. There was a lighting issue at the COA with timers. The timers have been removed and replaced with sensors.
2. There are four employees at the Highway Department, and a few more interviews going on. There is a new hire that's awaiting a CORI check. All new hires need to have a CDL driver's license since the Town has vehicles that require a CDL driver's license.


ADJOURNMENT:

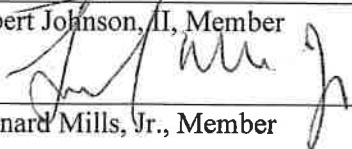
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 9:14PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.


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: 9/26/2022