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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 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 Robert Johnson II and Assistant to the Selectmen Marisa Medeiros

Absent: Selectman Michael P. Deignan 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 31, 2023: 24-05B Payroll \$136,340.24; 24-04A Withholdings \$41,062.40; 24-04 Warrant \$187,667.56; 24-04V Veterans \$5,986.78. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 7, 2023: 24-06B Payroll \$128,142.31; 24-05A Withholdings \$36,987.81; 24-05 Warrant \$115,444.45. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 7/14/2023 and 7/24/2023

G. Solas- motion to approve the July 14 and 24, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next scheduled Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held on **Monday, August 21, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Events Committee is looking for volunteers. Please submit a Talent Bank Form, for review by the committee, to the Board of Selectmen's office.

Town Events is holding their Clam Bake this Sunday, August 12th from 4-6pm at the Francis Farm Pavilion. For more information, please contact them via email at rehobothtownevents@gmail.com.

Per Selectman R. Johnson ticket sales ended at this time. There are no more available tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve New Hires: Richard "Chico" Charboneau-Director of Food Services and Melissa Shea-Outreach and Human Services Coordinator

The Chair recognized Elizabeth Doyle.

Elizabeth Doyle introduced, new hire Melissa Shea, who is the new Outreach and Human Services Coordinator to the Board and members of the public. Melissa Shea will start August 14, 2023.

Selectman Vadnais explained to Melissa that this is an important position being filled and that it's a safety net being set up, not just for the elderly but, for the whole community. Welcome Melissa!

The Board agreed and congratulated Melissa Shea.

R. Johnson- motion to appointment Melissa Shea as Outreach and Human Services Coordinator. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Elizabeth Doyle then introduced Richard "Chico" Charboneau, Director of Food Services.

G. Solas- motion to approve Richard "Chico" Charboneau as Director of Food Services. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

The Board congratulated Richard "Chico" Charboneau and stated he is currently doing a great job catering to the seniors' needs and wants. Selectman Solas spoke highly of Chico's character.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Volunteers for the COA: Bradford Woodruff, Lisa Halajko, Judith Rosa, Gail Romanovich, Deidre Greene, Kaia Goulart and Kristine Kefor

G. Solas- motion to approve volunteers for the COA: Bradford Woodruff, Lisa Halajko, Judith Rosa, Gail Romanovich, Deidre Greene, Kaia Goulart and Kristine Kefor. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Appoint: Traffic Control Unit-Shayna Bennett, James MacDonald, Colby Paiva, Andrew Wilkinson, and Alyssa Cartagena

IT Committee: Karen DaSilva

Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee: Tara Rollo and Anthony Rollo

Election Workers: Odete Lacourse, Kerrie Perkins and Jennifer Hose

G. Solas- motion to appoint Traffic Control Unit-Shayna Bennett, James MacDonald, Colby Paiva, Andrew Wilkinson, and Alyssa Cartagena, effective 8/7/2023 to 6/30/2024. R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint IT Committee member Karen DaSilva, effective 8/7/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee members Tara Rollo and Anthony Rollo, effective 8/7/2023 to 6/30/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to appoint Election Workers: Odete Lacourse as Emergency Backup Worker-Inspector; Kerrie Perkins and Jennifer Hose-Inspectors effective 8/15/2023 to 8/14/2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4a): Vote to Rescind Appointment for Mark Arruda-Building Inspector-Alternate

L. Mills- motion to rescind appointment for Mark Arruda as Building Inspector-Alternate. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4b): Vote to Appoint Mark Arruda as Deputy Building Commissioner

G. Solas- motion to appoint Mark Arruda as Deputy Building Commissioner, effective 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024 and to allow Bill McDonough to process his retro payment for the month of July from the established Building Department Revolving Account. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Re-Appoint: Election Workers (see attached list)

Conservation Commission: Thomas Nicholson- Associate Member and William Morgan-Associate Member; Rehoboth Town Events Committee- David LeComte 2022 "Holdover"
Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee-Jennifer LeComte-2022 "Holdover"

R. Johnson- motion to table appointment for Conservation Commission: Thomas Nicholson- Associate Member and William Morgan-Associate Member. Second G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappointment David LeComte to the Town Events Committee, effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 and Jennifer LeComte to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23.

Discussion: Per Selectman Vadnais there's a type-o and date should read 7/1/22 to 6/30/2023. Voting as corrected.

G. Solas- motion to reappointment David LeComte to the Town Events Committee, effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23 and Jennifer LeComte to Keep Rehoboth Beautiful Committee, effective 7/1/22 to 6/30/23. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to reappoint the following elections workers, effective 8/15/2023 to 8/14/2024:
Republican- Wendy Wolfe Cardarelli, PCT 1 Warden; Linda A Coolidge, PCT 2 Clerk/Deputy Warden; Jane E. Daggett, Desire Palmer and Eleanor E. Horton, PCT 2 Inspectors; Kenneth R. Grant, PCT 4 Warden; Adrienne H. Sharp, PCT4 Inspector.

Democrat Election Workers: Richard J. Panofsky and Brenda E. Saben, PCT 1 Inspector; Raymond M. Olivier, PCT 2 Warden/Clerk/Inspector; Judy Downey, Lee P. Krasner, Mackenzie J. Morgenweck and Mary T. Seccareccia, as inspector for PCT 2; PCT 4 is Nancy L. Swallow, Inspector/Deputy Clerk and Nancy Scott-Puopolo, Inspector.

Unenrolled Election Workers: PCT1 Evelyn Viau as Clerk/Inspector; Marilyn F. Martel, Louise Morrish, Micheal Sullivan Silva, Bonnie WolfeCollins as Inspectors PCT 1.

PCT 2 Inspectors Lucille M. Amaral, Sheila E. Bouchard, Laurianne Duquenoy, Constance B. Grab, Veronica Hass, David LeComte, Jennifer LeComte, Jeanne O'Malley, Judith Palazzi and James Roche.

PCT 3 Maureen Whittemore as the Warden, Charlotte H. Castro as the Clerk/Deputy Warden, Dianne McCaffery as the Clerk/Deputy Warden and all the rest are Inspectors: Diane M. Biello, John E. Biello, Paula F. Fazio, Elizabeth A. Fitzpatrick, Nancy S. Muri, Catherine H. Potter, Stephen Silva, Sr. and Victoria Silvia.

PCT 4 Deputy Warden/Clerk Rosemary T. Darowski, Deputy Warden/Clerk Patricia A. Richmond; Inspector: Richard R. Dupuis, Inspector Judith Fuller, Inspector and Constable Sandra Jean Phillips and Inspector David E. Silva.

Discussion: Per Selectman Vadnais, Sandra Phillips Constable is appointed by the Board of Selectmen therefore, "Constable" needs to be stricken if agreed by all. The correction on the list needs to be "Inspector Sandra Jean Phillips". All Board members are in agreement.

Libertarian Election Workers: PCT 2 Inspector Richard J. Kenney.

Emergency Backup Workers: Inspectors are Deborah Arruda and Stacy Vilao.

Student Election Workers being reappointed from 8/15/2023 to 8/14/2024, Meghan S. Hastings and Sarah Caldwell.

S. Vadnais- motion being moved as amended. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Hawkers and Peddlers License-Sunary Sok -Trinity Solar, Inc

G. Solas- to approve Hawkers and Peddlers License for Sunary Sok -Trinity Solar, Incorporated, effective 8/7/23 to 12/31/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Livery License for Emerson Iniesta Vicente-On Time Livery Services, LLC

G. Solas- motion to approve Livery License for Emerson Iniesta Vicente-On Time Livery Services, LLC, effective 8/7/23 to 12/31/23. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center Road Race

G. Solas- motion to approve Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center Road Race on October 1st, 2023 beginning at 11 AM at 59 Summer Street. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Selectmen Mills requests that Marisa advise the Highway and Police Departments.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve Payment of \$152,040.00 to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library Services

G. Solas- motion to approve payment of \$152,040.00 to the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society for the Blanding Library Services and to authorize the Treasurer to process the payment. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Final Report for Chapter 90-Salt Shed Improvement-Close Out

G. Solas- motion to approve Final Report for Chapter 90, salt shed Improvement-Close Out from Mass DOT. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Mills let the public know that the salt shed was funded originally through Chapter 90 funds as repairs and/or additions are put on, Chapter 90 still continues to support the Town in these efforts and,

although it comes from tax dollars in the Commonwealth, it does not come from direct tax dollars from Rehoboth.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Letter received from a citizen expressing appreciation for signage and speed sign, etc. and also raised concerns about other situations in that area. Mr. Pacheco

Deignan: Absent.

Solas:

Johnson: This Saturday, August 12th at 10:30 AM, there will be a grand opening of the Rehoboth Pet Pantry, which is located in front of the animal shelter and, it's a project by a local Girl Scout. At 10:30. Donations will be accepted at this time.

Mills: Highway department- continues working on drainage issues throughout the Town; working on intersections that are hard to see and other issues that are challenges in the Town, i.e. Tremont Street paving project which is an expensive and lengthy project that the Highway Superintendent Kevin Chace has obtained Chapter 90 funding for.

Building Department- continues to work on parking, painting and Town buildings (alongside Maintenance Department), going around and removing & replacing rotten wood. Looking to the future with these types of remedies being done. We are working in the Police Station, replacing floors, which is needing to be done and the job should be done within 2-3 days

Speaking regarding the Building Department- the difference between a Building Inspector and a Building Commissioner- Comm. approves plans, does inspections and has vested authority, by not only the Town but by the Commonwealth, to issue Cease & Desist, declare buildings unsafe (if they are unsafe), etc. Mark Arruda, who was Assistant Building Inspector, is qualified to be a building commissioner after taking classes and passing, and that's why tonight we rescinded the appointment as the Building Inspector and reinstate him under a different title as Deputy (under our Building Commissioner)- Deputy Commissioner. He now has authority to take care of issues in the absence of the Building Commissioner.

Other Business:

ADJOURNMENT:

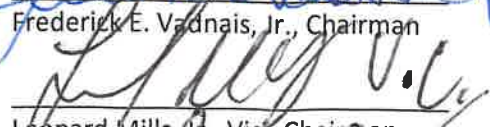
Selectman G. Solas- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:40 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

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: 8/21/2023