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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS HALL BUILDING, FRANCIS FARM
27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

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

Call to Order at 7:14 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant Approvals:

G. Solas motion to ratify the Warrant for the week of August 1, 2022: 23-05B Payroll \$141,079.99; 23-04A Withholdings \$136,917.62; 23-04 Warrant \$229,708.67. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of August 8, 2022: 23-06B Payroll \$137,702.34; 23-05A Withholdings \$39,991.35; 23-05 Warrant \$63,625.99. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, August 22, 2022 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

At our August 22nd meeting we will have 2 Pole Hearings at 7:15p- New Street and Fairview Ave. Representative from National Grid and perhaps Verizon will be present for questions.

At 7:45p on the 22nd, we will also have a Public Hearing for Rehoboth Wine and Spirits. This is for their late renewal on the Liquor License for 2022.

Sunday, August 21st, the BOS and their families are invited to walk in the procession for the Holy Ghost Brotherhood of Charity and then stay for the soup.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Geri Hamel, Town Nurse:

1. Morton and Sturdy Hospital both had 9 COVID case admissions, and Sturdy Hospital had one admission to the Emergency Room.

2. The number of people getting tested is dropping. At home test kits are a factor in these numbers decreasing.
3. Monkey Pox update: There are 7,000 cases in the U.S.
4. Requested that during the heat wave individuals should keep an eye on children and elders. Air conditioners are available to loan out if any elders are in need. There are about 15 available and an assessment will occur.
5. This coming Thursday the Town Nurse will accompany the seniors at A Day at the Canal – Presented by the Triad.
6. Working on obtaining canes and walkers for any seniors in need of assistants to join the daily walking group at the COA.

Jen LeCompte, Town Events Committee, announced a Clam Bake held at Francis Farm on 8/20/2022. The deadline to order tickets is 8/16/2022.

Laura Schwall, Town Clerk:

1. Gave an update on the Special Town Meeting previously held on 8/6/2022. There were 520 registered voters, children, and observers in attendance.
2. Thanked the election workers and staff at the Town Hall for all their hard work. Also extended a thanks to the Board of Selectmen, Town Maintenance Staff, Fire Department, and Police Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote Appointments for Police Sergeants

Chief Trombetta presented for the promotions/appointments of Patrolman Louis DiBacco and Patrolman Adam Brown to Sergeant. Louis DiBacco has been with the Police Department for 11 years, and Adam Brown for 8 years. Both individuals finished 1st and 2nd in the promotional process.

Chief Trombetta announced that many changes are coming to the Police Department with the retirement of Mark Rossi and Norman Todd. Brian Ramos will be promoted to the Deputy Chief rank.

Vice Chairman Deignan request nominations to Sergeant from Chairman Vadnais. Chairman Vadnais nominates Louis DiBacco and Adam Brown as Sergeants.

M. Deignan motion to appoint the promotions of Louis DiBacco and Adam Brown to Sergeant. Effective 8/8/2022. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote Appointments for Patrol Officers

Chief Trombetta stated Academy starts September 6, 2022. Certificated and tests have been partially completed.

M. Deignan motion to appoint Kyle Barboza and John Viveiros, Jr. as Patrol Officers for the Rehoboth Police Dept. Effective 8/8/22, contingent upon the successful completion of the academy and their seniority be determined at the time of class completion. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote Appointments for Traffic Control Unit-Police Dept

Chief Trombetta is looking to add 3 more individuals to his Traffic Control Unit. All three individuals passed all their requirements. If everything continues to go smooth another 10 individuals may be added by May of 2023. The Round About Project is on schedule for Spring of 2023, requiring 4-6 detail officers per day.

G. Solas motion to appoint Raymond Blinn, Michael Ricco and Jeffrey Peavey to the Traffic Control Unit, effective 8/8/22-6/30/23. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (4): Discussion with Town Clerk and Chief Trombetta Re: Changes to State Election Law (The VOTES Act), with possible action

Action is requested in response to the changes made to section 72 of MGL 54, which now charges the Select Board, rather than person in charge of the Police Force, with detailing a sufficient number of Police Officers or Constables for each Polling Location I/we recommend the following action:

Laura Schwall gave a brief description on what changes have occurs. The current status is working and would like to keep it between the Town Clerk and Chief of Police.

M. Deignan motion to approve a sufficient number of Police Officers, but not less than one (1), and four (4) Constables (one Constable for each voting Precinct) at the polling location, at every election, therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of MGL Chapter 54, which was changed in section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022, commonly referred to as the "VOTES Act". Further, move to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific Police Officers according to scheduling and availability. The Town Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the date, location, time and the number of officers requested. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve & Sign 9-6-2022 State Primary Election Warrant

The Town Clerk is asking that the Board approve and sign the Warrant for the 9-6-2022 State Primary Election.

M. Deignan motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the September 6, 2022 State Primary Election. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote In-Person Early Voting Dates and Hours for Fall Election

The Rehoboth Board of Registrars vote the following on Early Voting Day/times on 7/27/2022.

September 6, 2022 State Primary Election In-Person Early Voting Dates/Hours	Saturday, August 27 th – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (August 29, 30, 31 & September 1) Friday, September 2 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
November 8, 2022 State Gubernatorial Election In-Person Early Voting Dates/Hours	Saturday, October 22 nd – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Week #1 - Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (October 24, 25, 26, 27) Friday, October 28 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon Saturday, October 29 th – 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Week #2 - Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (October 31 & November 1, 2, 3) Friday, November 4 - 8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Action is requested in response to the changes made to Chapter 54 Section 25B as voted and signed on June 22, 2022 detailed in Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022 – An Act Fostering Voter Opportunities, Trust, Equity and Security – the "VOTES Act", which now charges the Rehoboth Select Board, to approve and vote the In-Person Election Days and Hours as were voted and approved by the Rehoboth Town Clerk and Rehoboth Board of Registrars at their July 27, 2022 Voter Registration Session. The following motion is recommended:

Election, November 8, 2022) as detailed in the July 27, 2022 Board of Registrars Draft Minutes and as presented by the Rehoboth Town Clerk to the Board as follows:

Rehoboth's Designated In-Person Early Voting Location

Francis Farm Community Complex – Museum Building
27 Francis Farm Road
Rehoboth, MA 02769

Rehoboth's In-Person Early Voting Period

September State Primary Election - Saturday, August 27 – Friday, September 2, 2022
November State/Gubernatorial Election - Saturday, October 22 – Friday, November 4, 2022

Rehoboth's In-Person Early Voting Hours

Election Date	In-Person Early Voting Date	In-Person Early Voting Hours
September 6, 2022 State Primary Election In-Person Early Voting Sessions August 27-September 2 Francis Farm – Museum Building	Saturday, August 27, 2022	10:00 AM – 04:00 PM
	Monday, August 29, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Tuesday, August 30, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Wednesday, August 31, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Thursday, September 1, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Friday, September 2, 2022	08:00 AM – 12:00 PM-Noon
November 8, 2022 State Gubernatorial Election In-Person Early Voting Sessions October 22 – November 4 Francis Farm – Museum Building	Saturday, October 22, 2022	10:00 AM – 04:00 PM
	Monday, October 24, 2022	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM
	Tuesday, October 25, 2022	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM
	Wednesday, October 26, 2022	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM
	Thursday, October 27, 2022	09:00 AM - 01:00 PM
	Friday, October 28, 2022	09:00 AM – 12:00 PM-Noon
	Saturday, October 29, 2022	10:00 AM – 04:00 PM
	Monday, October 31, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Tuesday, November 1, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Wednesday, November 2, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Thursday, November 3, 2022	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM
	Friday, November 4, 2022	08:00 AM – 12:00 PM-Noon

M. Deignan motion to approve as detailed in Section 10 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022, commonly referred to as the "VOTES Act", the Board of Selectmen move to approve the In-Person Voting Location, In-Person Voting Days and In-Person Voting Hours for the Fall State Elections (State Primary Election, September 6, 2022 and State/Gubernatorial Election, November 8, 2022) as detailed in the July 27, 2022 Board of Registrars Draft Minutes and as presented by the Rehoboth Town Clerk and included in our meeting packet. Said schedule to be included in the meeting minutes. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Discussion with Water Commission Chair Re: 46 Almeida Road, with possible action
Chairman Joe Nunes has asked to come before the Board to discuss 46 Almeida Road and to have permission to work with ConCom and BOH on these issues. R. Johnson and L. Mills will be working on a Project.

R. Johnson announced on 8/9/22 the Board of Selectmen will open the meeting up for the Conservation Committee and work through the Committees that have a quorum.

S. Vadnais said the BOS is acting as an umbrella to Conservation Committee.

Joe Nunes asked the BOS since no directive has been given to work with the other committees to get involved. J. Nunes has reached out to Seekonk and Swansea to see if Representatives will be there.

Action Item (8): Discussion with Interim Highway Superintendent Re: Safety Bags & Paving Project, with possible action

Kevin Chace brought the Board of Selectmen up on what is going on at the Highway Department:

1. Safety bags for employees, new shifts, salt bis is all set, new drive way is in progress – sent request to Dig Safe. K. Chace is working with Mike Viveiros and Chief Barresi on the apron at the Fire Station garage doors to fix the cement.
2. Roadwork is being worked on – trying to get contractors on board.
3. Shimming streets near Bristol County Savings Bank up to Elm St.
4. New hires are working well. Mechanic is working well and is up to date with today's tech. Will get a laptop to work with a scanner to diagnose issues on vehicles. This way trucks can be fixed without having to send it somewhere else.
5. Lastly, The Department is working on snow routes already.

Action Item (9): Vote to Approve New Hire for Highway Dept-Truck Driver/Laborer

The Highway Dept has continued with the interviews for Truck Driver/Laborer to back fill positions. Michael Davies has been interviewed and Kevin Chace has offered him the position. CORI has been completed, pre-employment physical has been done and approved. Kevin is requesting the Boards approval. Michael is ready to begin on August 15th.

L. Mills motion to approve Michael Davies as the new hire for the Truck Driver/Laborer's position in the Highway Dept with a start date of 8/15/22. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (10): Vote to Approve Bids for Highway Dept for Sand, Stone, Equipment, etc.

On Monday, June 27th at the Highway Dept., Stacy Vilao, Debbie Arruda, Mike Viveiros, and Kevin Chace met to open sealed bids for FY23 Sand, Stone, Equipment and other highway necessities. We also had to re-bid the washed screen sand for Thursday, August 4th because no bids were sent in for the June bid opening. Stacy has provided the information (attached) on the bids and prices that were received by each contractor. The Superintendent, Kevin Chace is asking for the Boards approval.

M. Deignan asked a question about All State shimming prices. K. Chace and L. Mills clarified the question.

L. Mills motion to approve the submitted bids and prices from the various contractors for the Highway Dept for FY23. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (11): Vote to Approve Three Chapter 90 Projects for Highway Dept

Superintendent of Highway, Kevin Chace has submitted 3 Chapter 90 projects for the Board's approval. Projects consist of: Street painting, 10 Traffic Barricades, and replace salt shed cover panels (60'w x 60'l).

L. Mills motion to approve three chapter 90 projects as submitted by the Highway Dept. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (12): Vote to Appoint Marc Alburn to Historical Commission

Chair of the Historical Commission is asking the Board's approval on the vote taken by their commission on appointing Marc Alburn to their commission for a 3-yr term. Marc would be replacing a current member.

R. Johnson motion to appoint Marc Alburn to the Historical Commission for a 3-year term-effective 8/8/22-6/30/25. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (13): Ratify Vote to Approve Utility Installation License for Joseph Botti Co, Inc.

On July 29 Selectman Mills was given the approval by Chairman Vadnais to sign the application for the Utility Installation License. The application approval was supposed to be on the 7/29 BOS meeting, but the paperwork was delayed in the mail and the contractor was scheduled to begin work the week of August 1st on the Reynolds Ave project. The Board has to ratify the approval given.

L. Mills motion to ratify the approval given on the Utility Installation License for Joseph Botti Co, Inc. for the Reynolds Ave project. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

M. Deignan requested the Board make an amendment contingent upon the address correction verification with Town Counsel. "Agawan vs Anawan." Amendment was approved.

Action Item (14): Vote to Approve Fire Department's Surplus Equipment for Auction

Chief Barresi has provided a list of surplus equipment from his department that he would like to have auctioned off. Items are old generator from station 3, Obsolete air bag rescues system, All SCBA & related equipment (was replaced 2 years ago) and 2001 Eone pumper (replaced last week).

L. Mills motion to approve the surplus list of equipment submitted by the Fire Chief. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (15): Vote to Approve One-Day Liquor License for Rehoboth Lions Club

Rehoboth Lions Club has submitted a one-day liquor license for 8/26/22 for a Cigar Night Fundraiser to be held at 95 Cameron Way from 5 PM – 12 AM.

C. Solas motion to approve a One-Day Liquor License for the Rehoboth Lions Club on 8/26/22 from 5pm-12am for a Cigar Night Fundraiser. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (16): Vote to Approve COA Volunteers

The COA is asking for the Board's approval on 2 volunteers to help with recreation activities.

G. Solas motion to approve Toni and Frank DiSodoro as volunteers for the COA. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (17): Vote to Acknowledge Receipt of Form M for Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel-Anawan Street

The Planning Board has submitted preliminary subdivision plans for the Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel on Anawan Street. The Board needs to vote receipt of the plans and decide if a Gravel Committee meeting is necessary.

L. Mills motion to acknowledge receipt of the Form M for Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel on Anawan Street. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (18): Vote to Approve Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center 5K Road Race

As a yearly request from Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center they will be holding their 5K Road Race on Sunday, October 2 at 11am. Our office has reached out to the appropriate departments for their feedback and we have incorporated their comments in our letter that will be going out to them.

L. Mills motion to approve the 5K Road Race for Greenlock Therapeutic Riding Center to be held on Sunday, October 2. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: no report

Deignan: no report

Solas: no report

Johnson: no report

Mills: Air conditioner units are breaking at the Police Department and COA bathrooms. If no part is available or the issue has to do with coolant, federal law does not allow to repair coolant. If the units need to be replaced and could be \$25,000 or more.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 9:27PM. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

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: 10/3/2022