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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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 7:08 p.m.: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

1.0) Consent Agenda

Warrant for September 19, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 19, 2022: 23-12B Payroll \$126,981.34; 23-11A Withholdings \$34,930.52; 22-11 Warrant \$154,948.39; 23-11R Refund Warrant \$3,531.80. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none

Regular Minutes: 7/11/22 and 7/14/22

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2022. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, September 26, 2022 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

On 9/20/22, Deborah Arruda will be attending a webinar with ABCC to review the 2023 Renewals. Mrs. Arruda will also be meeting with Mr. Panofsky, Director of Human Health Services, to go over questions he has and files he would like to look into.

Reminder: FinCom continues to seek volunteers for their committee. Please send in a Talent Bank Form to the BOS office if you are interested. Thank you.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Discussion with Town Clerk and Town Moderator RE: Fall Special Town Meeting

By request of Laura Schwall, she asked that both she and Bill Cute speak to the Board about the scheduling of the Special Town Meeting.

Laura Schwall read a statement to the Board about deferring the Special Town Meeting. The Early Voting period beginning 10/22/22 – 11/4/22 would make it impossible to get the Special Town Meeting in place before 11/8/22.

Town Moderator, Bill Cute, stated he thought a Special Town Meeting in the fall was not warranted this year. Mr. Cute came to support the Town Clerk's decision, and asked the BOS if there is a reasonable day and time that everyone can agree on for the Special Town Meeting.

Action Item (2): Vote to Set Date for Fall Special Town Meeting 2022

Deborah Arruda reached out to DRRHS asking if October 25th or November 1st were available for the Town to hold the STM in their auditorium. After further discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting at Francis Farm.

Town Moderator, Bill Cute, asked to fulfil any request for help that the Town Clerk makes.

M. Deignan motion to set 10/25/22 at 7:00 PM as the date for the Fall Special Town Meeting to be held at 7PM at Francis Farm at Francis Hall. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Open and Close Warrant for The Fall Special Town Meeting 2022

The Warrant will consist of an Article for Capital Item: Forestry Dept -Steel Building to house vehicles (approximately \$250k) and an Article for Appropriations for salary adjustments for various departments (approximately \$360k). Would it be possible to add an additional article to clean up "previous year" bills? We have one from PD for \$4000 and a few other smaller amounts from other departments?

M. Deignan motion to Open the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting on 10/25/22. **Roll Call:** M. Deignan, aye; G. Solas, aye; L. Mills, aye; R. Johnson, aye; S. Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0

M. Deignan motion to add the following three articles to the Warrant. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

1. Supplemental Appropriation Article
2. Capital Article
3. Prior Year Bill Article

M. Deignan motion to Close the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting. Second by G. Solas. **Roll Call:** M. Deignan, aye; G. Solas, aye; L. Mills, aye; R. Johnson, aye; S. Vadnais, aye. Vote 5-0

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve Bristol County ARPA Grant Agreement

Bristol County requires the ARPA Grant Agreement (Bristol County) to be accepted by a majority of the Selectmen and is to be submitted with the first project request for funding. In summary, the Agreement requires the grantee to adhere to all requirements of the SLFRF Grant and is subject to reporting and audit compliance standards applied by Bristol County. Failure to comply with the US Treasury Final Rule and Bristol County reporting requirements will result in the municipality being forced to repay funds expended under the Grant.

M. Deignan stated the purpose of this motion is to submit the grants, but the agreement needs to be approved and signed by the Board of Selectmen.

M. Deignan motion to Approve and sign the Bristol County ARPA Grant Agreement as presented to the Board. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Discussion RE: Grant Applications as Submitted, with possible action

In the packet are drafts of project applications to be submitted to Bristol County for funding. The Code Codification application would provide funds for a project which has been discussed over the years, but never made the cut for funding. It was considered for funding by encumbering funds until it was discovered we could potentially fund through SLFRF. The Mobile Communications Initiative is for funding of three full matrix message boards (aka highway signs). Gerry will finalize the application process and submit the attached drafts if the Board approves moving the projects forward. Additional projects will be submitted by the Board's consideration at the 9/26 meeting.

M. Deignan motion to approve the Grant Application Projects as submitted by Gerry Schwall. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Request Planning Board to Submit As-Built Plans and Report for Veader Estates Subdivision-Road Acceptances for Veader Farm Road & Francelina Way

The BOS office received a request from InSite Engineering Services, LLC for Road Acceptances for the Veader Estates-Veader Farm Road and Francelina Way. The Board must request from the Planning Board their recommendations and As-Built Plans. Then a public hearing will be scheduled to move forward with the acceptances. The Engineer and the Developer were requesting this Road Acceptance to be added to the STM. I (Debbie) have met with the Planning Board, and that is not possible with the requirements that are needed to properly advertise the Public Hearing, the need to have the Meets & Bounds as part of the advertisement and all other paperwork that is necessary to have the project correctly done.

L. Mills motion to request the Planning Board to submit As-Built Plans and their recommendations for Veader Estates Subdivision-Road Acceptance for Veader Farm Road and Francelina Way. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Carpenter Museum's Request for Crafters Marketplace Road Signs Placement

Through the Antiquarian Society the Carpenter Museum will be holding its annual Crafters' Marketplace on October 22nd, 2022. They are requesting permission to place signs out along the roadways 3 weeks prior to the event. The signs will be removed immediately after the event. The location of the signs will be:

Intersection of Rt 118 & 44

Intersection of Bay State Road & Rt 44

Island in front of Rehoboth Congregational Church

Intersection of Tremont St and Fairview Ave at Bliss Street

Intersection of Rt 118 & County St.

Our office will make them aware that we can only approve placement of signs on Town Roads. Any placement on RT44 must go through the state for approval.

R. Johnson motion to approve placement of Crafters' Marketplace signs on Town roads prior to the October 22nd event and removal must take place within 3 days after the close of the event. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Approve Reappointments for Community Health Service Board of Overseers and CPC-AgCom Representative

Reappointments for 2022

G. Solas motion to reappointment the following individuals effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Dr. Bruce Thayer-Community Health Services-Board of Overseers

Dr. Robert Lambe-Community Health Services-Board of Overseers

G. Solas motion to reappointment Patricia "Tish" Vadnais to the CPC as the Representative of the Agricultural Committee, effective 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2025. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Selectman Skip Vadnais abstained from voting.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Friday, 9/23/22, will be meeting with G. Solas on IT issues.

Deignan: no report

Solas:

1. The Health and Wellness Fair on 10/15/22 will include the Fire Dept, Police Dept, and Nurse's Office. The Wellness Fair aims to bring knowledge to the Town of how these departments support residents.
2. George helped the "Hot Stitchers" at the Council on Aging. Anyone who knows how to sew is welcome to come help. The money raised from the items sold helps some of the expenses at the COA.

Johnson: no report

Mills:

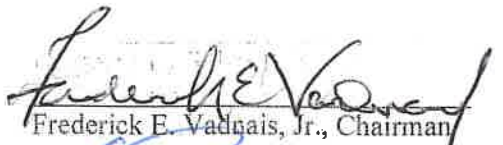
1. On 9/20/22 there will be a meeting at Town Hall with volunteer, Mr. Lathem. He is a landscape architect who is willing to review the needs of 340 Anawan Street.
2. The first coat of asphalt has been completed and additional parking has been added to the Town Hall. The one-way traffic flow of the parking lot is in place.
3. Shimming has been done throughout Town. Paving will continue the next few days.
4. Block work at the portico has begun on 9/19/22 at the Town Hall.
5. Chasing Chapter 90 money funds, under George's watch, a few roads have been identified that are not on the Chapter 90 list. Stacy Vilao and Laura Schwall are trying to get more information for this.
6. Asked Artie Pierce to come in to speak about signs – electronic signs. Artie requested the dimensions of the electronic portions to be able to figure out the enclosure. M. Deignan said Artie needs to work with an ARPA Consultant on the signs.

S. Vadnais acknowledged that both Facility Maintenance and Highway Department are working well together.

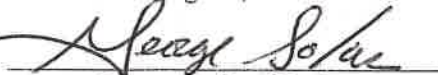
L. Mills stated he has help from Deborah Arruda, Stacy Vilao, Accounting Dept, and the Treasurer's Dept for any questions he may have.

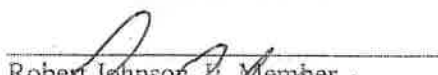
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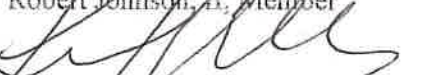
Selectman M. Deignan motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:31PM. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.


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: 11/28/2022