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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

**Absent:** Selectman Michael P. Deignan

**Call to Order at 7:15 PM:** The Board and the public participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A moment of silence was observed for all victims of 9/11 and Seekonk Police Officer DeForitis.

**Consent Agenda**

**Warrant:**

G. Solas- motion to approve ratification of the Warrant for the week of August 28, 2023 and, September 5, 2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 11, 2023: 24-11B Payroll \$147,150.67; 24-10A Withholdings \$38,956.41; 24-10 Warrant \$214,045.78; 24-10R Refund Warrant \$11,265.43; 24-10R1 Refund Warrant \$9,809.14. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Minutes:** 8/21/2023 Regular Minutes

G. Solas- motion to approve the August 21, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by L. Mills. Vote 4-0.

**Announcements:**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, September 18, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Rehoboth Station 2, Fire Fighters Association NE Clam Boil will be held on 9/16/2023.

Interviews for the Administrative Aide, for the Assessor's office, is wrapping up. Currently, reference checks are being done for 3 candidates.

The Select Board's office will begin working on License Renewals for 2024 in the coming weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Action Item (1): Vote to Correct Date for the Special Town Meeting**

At the last meeting, on August 24<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted to schedule the Special Town Meeting for November 14, 2023; however, the Town Moderator will not be available and can only meet on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

G. Solas- motion to correct date for the Fall Special Town Meeting to Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Close the Warrant for Special Town Meeting**

G. Solas- motion to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (3): Vote to Approve the New Hire Robert Gervais, Sr. to the Facility Maintenance Dept as a Full Time Facility Maintenance Technician**

G. Solas- motion to approve the hiring of Robert Gervais, Sr. as a Full-Time Facility Maintenance Technician, pending CORI and Physical. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (4): Vote to Ratify Approval for a One Day Liquor License for Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC**

The Chair approved a One Day Liquor License for Terrydiddle Farms for an event held on 9/8/2023. The event was held from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at 33 Chestnut Street.

G. Solas- vote to ratify approval for a One Day Liquor License for Terrydiddle Farm Club, LLC event held on Sept 8, 2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Common Victualler License for Paul Booras, Upcycle Edibles, LLC dba Rehoboth Baking Co.**

G. Solas- motion to approve Common Victualler License for Paul Booras, Upcycle Edibles, LLC dba Rehoboth Baking Co., effective 8/23/23-12/31/2023. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (6): Vote to Approve Deborah Arruda and Marisa Medeiros with Signatory Authority to Approve Invoices for the Board of Selectmen's Office**

G. Solas- motion to approve and authorize Deborah Arruda and Marisa Medeiros as Signatory Authority to approve and sign invoices for the Board of Selectmen's Office. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (7): Vote to Appoint Gary Zimmer to the Board of Human Services & Community Health**

R. Johnson- motion to appoint Gary Zimmer to the Board of Human Services & Community Health, effective 9/11/23 to 6/30/24. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (8): Vote to Approve 1st Quarter Regional Assessment Payment for Bristol-Plymouth Regional Tech School of \$301,595.00**

G. Solas- motion to approve 1st Quarter Regional Assessment Payment for Bristol-Plymouth Regional Tech School of \$301,595.00. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (9): Vote on Chapter 61A Change in Use of Classified Land for 200 Pine Street-Mapy 37, Lot 18D**

Request was received from Atty Luke Travis' office for a Change in Use of Classified Land for 200 Pine Street-Chapter 61A. The required Boards/Committees have voted "not to exercise their right" to purchase this property.

G. Solas- motion to exercise the right not to purchase 200 Pine Street, Map 37 Lot 18D. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (10): Vote to Approve COA Volunteer Bernadette Maynard**

G. Solas- motion to approve Bernadette Maynard as a volunteer at the COA. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

**Action Item (11): Vote to Acknowledge Receipt of Form M From the Planning Board on 2 Brook Street**

The Planning Board requests the Board's acknowledgement of receipt of Form M, for 2 Brook Street. Based on the plans, a decision if Gravel meeting is required.

R. Johnson- vote to acknowledge receipt of the Form M for 2 Brook Street and that a gravel committee meeting is not necessary. Second by G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Vadnais: Regarding large vehicles promulgated notice- the Town Administrator and staff is to handle this and get feedback from various departments for the report due in March 2024.

Sue Pimental to review the Bristol Plymouth assessment now that Freetown is being added – Selectman Solas can work with Sue.

Deignan: Absent.

Solas: None.

Johnson: Accepting resignation from Jennifer and David LeComte, Town Events Committee - The Committee is in need of new members.

Historical Commission had an event this past weekend and it went well. The Commission will be working on next year's event.

The shed at the animal shelter is open and accepting donations; there are things available if anyone needs them. The building was donated by Girls' Scout.

Mills: All buildings have some type of work being done. Fire Dept- leveling off the ground and Lisco Irrigation is donating a 3rd irrigation system to the Fire Dept; Francis Farm projects continuing; Highway Dept is continuing with roadwork but, the weather is making it difficult.

Thank you to Rob and the Forestry Dept for all of your help in clearing the roads.


Asking the public to please watch their speed on the town roads. School is in session now, please slow down. We have officers outside the school, on Rt44. Our roads are very curvy and dangerous, we all need to take precautions. It is a major concern.

**Other Business:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

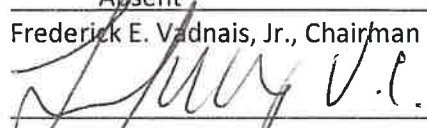
Selectman R. Johnson- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:43 PM. Second by Selectman G. Solas. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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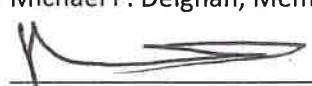
Absent

Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman

  
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Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman

  
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George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk

  
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Michael P. Deignan, Member

  
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Robert Johnson II, Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Approve: 9-25-2023**