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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM - FRANCIS HALL - 27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Leonard Mills, Jr., Selectman George Solas, Sr., Selectman Michael P. Deignan, Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Absent: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr.

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

Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 25, 2023: 24-13B Payroll \$144,23.68; 24-12A Withholdings \$153,441.20; 24-12 Warrant \$145,025.40; 24-12V Veterans \$5,540.55. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Minutes: 9/11/2023 Regular Minutes

G. Solas- motion to approved the September 11, 2023 Regular Minutes. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0.

Announcements:

The next scheduled meeting will be held on **Monday, October 2, 2023, 7:00 PM** at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Rehoboth Senior Citizens' Club Bazaar is on October 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve Chapter 90 Project Request for Crack Sealing

G. Solas- motion to approve Chapter 90 Project request for crack sealing. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Highway Dept is asking for the Board to approve the Chapter 90 Project Request for Crack Sealing to be applied to Apple Valley Drive, Running Stream Road and Hickory Ridge Road at an estimated cost is \$48,034.20.

Selectman Deignan explained that these are State funds.

Action Item (2): Vote to Approve Request for Reserve Fund Transfer of \$35,000 from the Treasurer's Office

G. Solas- motion to approve request for reserve fund transfer of \$35,000 from the Treasurer's Office to cover unemployment claims. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Deignan explained the reason for these issues with unemployment and the fees.

At 7:13 PM Selectman Solas requested the Vice Chair consider moving to other Action Items, since there was time before the Public Hearing was to begin.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Street Name for "Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel"-Muriel Way as Submitted by the Planning Board

G. Solas- motion to approve the proposed street name, Muriel Way, for the Zuckerberg Meadow Parcel project, as submitted by the Planning Board. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Accept Request from Winterfell Development, Inc. for Street Acceptance for Dublin Road and Ohern Way-Trinity Estates

G. Solas- to accept request from Winterfell Development, Inc., for street acceptance layout for Dublin Road and Ohern Way-Trinity Estates and request the Planning Board to submit the engineered plans and Meets and Bounds to the Selectmen's Office for review and approval. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Approve Work Place Safety Grant for the Highway Dept

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the FY24 Work Place Safety Grant for the Highway Department. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Discussion:

Selectman Solas recognized Kevin Chace for submitting the grant, which is up to \$25,000.

Action Item (8): Vote to Appoint: Richard "Chico" Charboneau as Director of Food Services; Melissa Shea as Outreach & Human Services Coordinator; Patrick Landry as Gravel Committee-Planning Board Rep

G. Solas- motion to appoint: Richard "Chico" Charboneau as Director of Food Services-Effective 8/7/23 to 6/30/24; Melissa Shea as Outreach & Human Services Coordinator, effective 8/14/23 to 6/30/24 and Patrick Landry to the Gravel Committee-Planning Board Rep, effective 8/25/23 to 6/30/24. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

At 7:15 PM Selectman G. Solas read: Action Item (3): Public Hearing Notice- Order of Taking for Francelina Way, Veader Farm Road and Layla's Way, Per MGL Chp 79: Chp 82, Sec 24; Chp 83, § 4

M. Deignan- motion to open the Public Hearing. Second by R. Johnson. **Roll Call:** Deignan, aye; Johnson, aye; Mills, aye; Solas, aye. Vote 4-0.

The Vice Chair, not having anyone present come forward, requested the following motions read.

G. Solas- Pursuant to the authority granted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79; Chapter 82, § 24; Chapter 83, § 4, all as amended, and Article 21 of the May 9, 2023 Session of the Annual Town Meeting, I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Order of Taking dated September 25, 2023, as prepared by Town Counsel, and take, on behalf of the Town of Rehoboth, Francelina Way and Veader Farm Road as public ways in the Town of Rehoboth as further described in said Order of Taking, and that the Board sign and execute the same and instruct and authorize Town Counsel to forthwith record the Order of Taking and take all necessary and warranted steps to perfect said order together with the Town Administrator as may be appropriate; and further that the Board determine that no persons will sustain damages in their property by reason of the herein taking, all in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 79, § 6, as amended, and award no damages in accordance with this determination. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

G. Solas- Pursuant to the authority granted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 79; Chapter 82, § 24; Chapter 83, § 4, all as amended, and Article 21 of the May 9, 2023 Session of the Annual Town Meeting, I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Order of Taking dated September 25, 2023, as prepared by Town Counsel, and take, on behalf of the Town of Rehoboth, Layla's Way as a public way in the Town of Rehoboth as further described in said Order of Taking, and that the Board sign and execute the same and instruct and authorize Town Counsel to forthwith record the Order of Taking and take all necessary and warranted steps to perfect said order together with the Town Administrator as may be appropriate; and further that the Board determine that no persons will sustain damages in their property by reason of the herein taking, all in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 79, § 6, as amended, and award no damages in accordance with this determination. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 4-0.

Action Item (4): Discussion Re: Financial Articles for the Special Town Meeting, with possible action

Discussion: no vote required.

Sue Pimental discussed the Articles that pertain to financial votes for the Fall Special Town Meeting:

-Moving money from capital stabilization account specific to rebuilding, renovating and maintaining the current COA; using the funds from the previous COA insurance money totaling \$823,360.47 of insurance money related to the fire.

-MGL Ch.44 §53F- PEG Access and Cable Related Fund which needs Town Meeting approval- this is payment that the town received from Comcast to be used to run the public education and government channels in town. The total amount for FY23 & budget amount for FY24 is \$581,892.20 that needs to be approved at Town Meeting.

-D-R assessment- school is looking for an additional \$10,494 for their FY24 budget. The amount being asked was due to miscommunication and timing and the capital number used for approval at Town Meeting was incorrect.

M. Deignan stated that the vote taken at the Annual Town Meeting was on an incorrect budget; both towns did not vote on the same number; referred to MGL Ch.71 §16B and, based on this information suggests checking with Town Counsel and finding out if the budget is accurate. Also, suggests checking with DESE.

L. Mills recommends Sue Pimental and Michael Deignan work together on the topic and determine who'll reach out to Town Counsel.

S. Pimental agreed to contact Town Counsel and follow up with the Board.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais: Absent

Deignan: None.

Solas: None.

Johnson: Public Safety Day is October 7th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the South Fire Station. There will be fun things for all to do.

Reminder, dedication of the Pickel Ball Court will be on Saturday the 30th at 3 PM.

Mills: Work on the roads is being help up due to all the recent rainfall.

Also, good health to the Chairman.

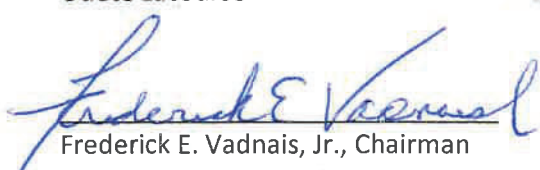
Other Business:


ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman M. Deignan- motion to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:37 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



Michael P. Deignan, Member



Robert Johnson II, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approve: 10/10/2023