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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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 for September 6, 2022:

G. Solas motion to approve the Warrant for the week of September 9, 2022: 23-10B Payroll \$182,866.48; 23-09A Withholdings \$37,756.53; 23-09 Warrant \$59,949.79. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Minutes: Executive Minutes: none
Regular Minutes: none

Announcements:

The next BOS meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022 7pm at Francis Farm in the Francis Hall Building.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Our friends at Lagoa, Azores Portugal have reached out to our office to let us know that they will be in Rehoboth on Thursday, September 29th and would like to meet with myself and the Board at Town Hall. As you know Lagoa is celebrating their 500th year Anniversary this year and 10 years as being a city. Along with other nearby communities, Rehoboth is part of their "sister cities" and this visit is part of the closing of the activities that they have in place. The banners that are in display at Town Hall and the Senior Center are part of the celebration to show the islands that make up Lagoa and a bit of history on each one. I need to respond to let them know if we will be willing to meet with them and what time on the 29th. The delegates that will be present will be the Vice-Mayor-Frederico Sousa, City Councilor- Albertina Oliveira and their assigned photographer Eduardo Borges. – The Board responded that they will attend, but S. Vadnais will not be able to attend.

FinCom is looking for residents that are willing to volunteer a few hours a month to help with the needs of their committee. Thank you to those who have responded to the BOH and sent in Talent Bank forms for their review. Please send in a Talent Bank Form to the BOS office if you are interested. Thank you.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:

Geri Hamel, Town Nurse, updated the Board with the COVID results for the week. Geri announced a Flu Clinic on 9/13/2022 held at Anawan Pharmacy from 9am-12pm.

Artie Peirce:

1. Recommends signage for all buildings should match and have some history within the signs. L. Mills and Mike Viveiros are working with Artie on a design. R. Johnson is also working with a landscaper to design a layout. The Board approves this idea.
2. Mr. Pierce heard that someone complained about people climbing on the truck that is on display in the open building and taking pictures. Suggested that the truck be moved or the area needs to be secured.
3. The lean-to at Carriage House needs to be removed. The building is ready to fall down. L. Mills will take care of this.
4. Historical Road signs are on order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Appoint Reserve Officers

Chief Trombetta is recommending Mark Rossi and Norman Todd to be appointed as Reserve Officers since their retirement.

G. Solas motion to appoint Mark Rossi and Norman Todd as Reserve Officers, effective 9/6/2022 to 6/30/23. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (2): Vote Reappointments to Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council and ZBA Associate Member

As we are working through the reappointments, the following individuals will be reappointed:

G. Solas motion to reappoint David Evans to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council-Conservation Commission Rep; effective 7/1/2022-6/30/2025. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to reappoint Patricia "Tish" Vadnais to the Rehoboth Agricultural & Natural Resources Preservation Council-Water Commission Representative; effective 7/1/2022-6/30/2025. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 4-0. Chairman Vadnais abstained from voting.

G. Solas motion to reappoint Stephen Silva and Raymond Olivier as associate members to the ZBA, effective 7/1/2022-6/30/2023. Second by M. Deignan. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (3): 7:30 pm Public Hearing for Hillside Golf LLC dba Hillside Country Club-Transfer of Licenses-General All-Premises Alcohol, Entertainment and Common Vic

Hillside Country Club recently underwent managerial and financial changes for the business. To my knowledge and based on the paperwork submitted, business practices will be the same. The only added difference is to the Entertainment License, they are requesting to add a Golf Simulator Machine. They will be submitting payment and certified abutter cards at the meeting.

M. Deignan motion to open the public hearing for Michael Talbot-Manager on Record for Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club at 82 Hillside Avenue. Second by G. Solas. Roll call vote. Deignan – aye, Vadnais – aye, Solas-aye, Mills – aye, Johnson – aye. (5-0)

The Attorney from Brainsky Levinson Law, was present to discuss the changes to the liquor licenses. Mr. Acres announced the hours will remain the same as listed previously.

Mr. Bill and Wendy Cute were present as abutters and supporting the new management. Michael Talbot agreed to continue community events, and stated the only addition will be a golf simulator.

Susan and James McIlwain were present as abutters and supporting the business, but would like to know if the outdoor entertainment would end by 11:00pm. Mr. Talbot said outdoor entertainment would be over by 10:00pm. The license allows for 70 decibels at the property line, and will be working on lowering the noise level heard by neighbors.

G. Solas motion to close the public hearing for Michael Talbot-Manager on Record for Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club. Second by M. Deignan. Roll call vote. Deignan – aye, Vadnais – aye, Solas – aye, Mills – aye, Johnson – aye. (5-0)

G. Solas motion to approve the General on Premises-All Alcohol Liquor License to Michael Talbot-Manager on Record for Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club at 82 Hillside Avenue. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

G. Solas motion to approve the 7-Day Entertainment License and Common Vic to Michael Talbot-Manager on Record for Hillside Golf, LLC dba Hillside Country Club at 82 Hillside Avenue. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 5-0.

Atty Acres requested that additional information be on record: William Gateman was added as a Financial investor on the license.

Action Item (4): Discussion RE: Department Head Timesheets with possible action

Selectman Mike Deignan spoke to this action. This pertained to an incident that occurred last week where the Payroll Dept was not aware that a salaried individual was not to be paid vacation time. Not all salaried employees submit weekly timesheets for approval. A discussion between the Treasurer and Mike took place that all salaried employees will need to submit weekly timesheets to the BOS office, ITA will approve and submit for payment. Need final approval from the BOS. This does not pertain to elected officials. Selectman Deignan stated Richard Panofsky, Lisa Cabral, and Deb Arruda will review the procedure before the Board votes.

M. Deignan motion to table discussion until further review with the Personnel Board. Second by G. Solas. Vote 5-0.

Action Item (5): Presentation from Chief Barresi-Pinning Ceremony for New Fire Fighters

Chief Barresi requested to be present at tonight's meeting for the Pinning Ceremony for his new candidates. Chief Barresi and Lieutenant were present for the pinning and the process that the candidates have to go through in order to pass the certification. Evan Mondor and Megan Sullivan proceeded to be pinned by Chief Barresi. Megan Sullivan was the top student of her class at the academy.

Selectmen's Reports:

Vadnais:

1. Next week a discussion of the Intermunicipal Agreement will be added to the agenda.
2. Lenny Mills and Skip Vadnais met with Town Counsel today about the part time position posting. This is not ready to come forth to the Board.
3. Skip would like to get moving on the part time position posting for the Selectmen's Office. This is not ready to come forth to the Board, need approval from Town Meeting

Deignan: Needs guidance from the Board for a playground for the town residents/kids. ARPA funds may be used. A designer (architect) will need to be hired first. Secondly, where should this playground go? M. Deignan asked the Board if this project is worth further research.

Solas: No report.

Johnson: On 9/11/22 first responders are invited to attend the 1st Congregational Church service. The church will also be hosting a Blessing of Backpacks, and breakfast will be served at 8am. All are welcome to attend.

Mills:

1. Work continues at 340 Anawan St on the portico and entry way.
2. The Fire Department Apron has been removed and will be completed soon.
3. The last new hire has begun at the Highway Department.
4. Would like to discuss the Forestry Department moving over to 148 Peck St. This would allow the Animal Control Officer and Forestry to be together.

ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman G. Solas motion to adjourn the regular session. At 8:26PM. Second by M. Deignan. 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: 10/11/2022