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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024
MEETING MINUTES
FRANCIS FARM - FRANCIS HALL - 27 FRANCIS FARM ROAD**

Present: Selectman Frederick "Skip" Vadnais, Jr., Selectman George Solas, Sr., Selectman Robert Johnson II and Town Administrator Deborah Arruda

Absent: Selectman Michael P. Deignan and Selectman Leonard Mills, Jr.

Call to Order at 7:24 PM: The meeting opened with the Board and the public participating in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Selectman Solas announced the meeting is late in starting because of the overhead voice recording was not working.

Consent Agenda

Warrant:

G. Solas- Warrant for the week of February 26, 2024: 24-35B Payroll \$128,577.17; 24-34A Withholdings \$34,179.22; 24-34 Warrant \$118,164.80; 24-34R Refund Warrant \$5,930.59; 24-34R1 Refund Warrant \$1,350.99; motion to approve Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

G. Solas- Warrant for the week of February 20, 2024: 24-34B Payroll \$130,074.87; 24-33A Withholdings \$41,308.57; 24-33 Warrant \$5,409,547.98; motion to ratify the. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Minutes: Regular Minutes: 2/5/2024

G. Solas- motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2024. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Reminder: On Tuesday, March 5th the 2024 Presidential Preference Primaries will be held, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM, at the Museum Building at Francis Farm.

The Personnel Board is looking for volunteers to fill some vacancies. If anyone is interested and would like to help, please submit a Talent Bank form to the BOS office.

Last week the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the Crazy Clam Road 5K Race that was to be held on March 10th. Our office was notified that it is being postponed to October. It will be placed on the agenda for approval, once we receive all documentation.

Today was the opening of the Police bid (Police BDA). We have received 3 bids and will be reviewing them with the Police Department and then, present them to the Board for final approval.

New England Clam Boil, sponsored by the Anawan Fire Association is Friday May 10th, 2024, 7:00 PM, at the Seekonk Rod & Gun Club, 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth. Tickets are \$35.00. There will be prizes raffled. Tickets only - no walk-ins. Call or email.

Announcements:

Our next scheduled meeting will be on **Monday, March 4, 2024 7:00 PM**, at Francis Farm, in the Francis Hall Building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Action Item (1): Vote to Approve and Sign the Warrant for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primaries

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the Warrant for the 2024 Presidential Preference Primaries, to be held on Tuesday, March 5th, at Francis Farm, in the Museum Building from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

**Action Item (2): Vote to Award Handicap Rail Project at the Health and Human Services Building-
Estimates received by: Shawmut Metal-Swansea and Rens Welding & Fabricating-Taunton**

Mike Viveiros reached out to four vendors and has received estimates from two of the four vendors. This is for the Health & Human Service Buildings' handicap rail system. This system will complete the new ramp that was installed a few weeks ago. The vendors are as follows:

Shawmut Metal
1914 G.A.R Hwy
Seekonk, MA
\$14,240.00

Rens-Welding and Fabrication
988 Crane Ave- South
Taunton, MA
\$33,460

Superior Fence & Rail- Could not provide quote for project.

Sousa Iron Works- Did not respond.

The recommendation of the Maintenance Superintendent, Mike Viveiros goes to Shawmut Metal.

G. Solas- motion to award the Handicap Rail System Project for the HHS building to Shawmut Metal. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (3): Vote to Approve and Sign FY24 Earmark Grant for \$25,000 for Fire Dept Radio Replacement

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign the FY24 Earmark Grant, \$25,000, for the Fire Department Radio Replacement. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (4): Vote to Approve and Sign MassDOT Chapter 90 Resubmittal of Reimbursement Request Forms for \$27,550.15

G. Solas- motion to approve and sign MassDOT, Chapter 90 resubmittals of reimbursement request forms, for a total of \$27,550.15. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (5): Vote to Approve Comcast-PEG Franchise Fee for 2023 4th Quarter Disbursement of \$56,786.85

G. Solas- motion to approve Comcast-PEG Franchise Fee for 2023, 4th Quarter Disbursement, of \$56,786.85 and, authorize the Treasurer to process the payment. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (6): Vote to Approve One Day Liquor License for Riverside Sportsman Club and R.I. Federation

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License (Wine & Malt) for Riverside Sportsman Club, at 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA for March 8th, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

The Chair confirmed with the Town Administrator that the proper wording on license includes that the range should be closed.

G. Solas- motion to approve One Day Liquor License (Wine & Malt) for R.I. Federation, at 61 Reed Street, Rehoboth, MA for March 22nd, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (7): Vote to Appoint Trauti Benjamin to the Cultural Council

G. Solas- motion to appoint Trauti Benjamin to the Cultural Council, effective 2/26/2024 to 2/26/2027. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Action Item (8): Vote to Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on March 1, 2024

G. Solas- motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, on March 1, 2024, at noon. Second by R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Selectmen's Reports:

Johnson: None.

Solas: None.

Vadnais: The Chair is in the middle of budget reviews, along with the Finance officer and, also, working on some union negotiations.

Mills: Absent.

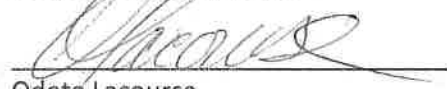
Deignan: Absent.

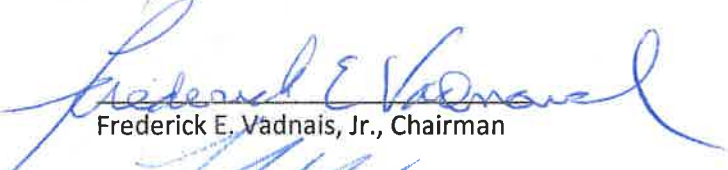
Other Business:


ADJOURNMENT:

Selectman G. Solas motioned to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:35 PM. Second by Selectman R. Johnson. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,


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Frederick E. Vadnais, Jr., Chairman


Leonard Mills, Jr., Vice Chairman


George M. Solas, Sr., Clerk


Robert Johnson II, Member

Absent

Michael P. Deignan, Member

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Approve: 3/4/2024