

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING**

**Friday, November 19, 2021
1:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

I call the November 19, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order. I want to remind all present that this meeting is being audio and video recorded. Those present were Chairman David Desroches, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman David Wojnar.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. MEETING MINUTES

III. MEETING MAIL

IV. APPOINTMENTS

1. CLASSIFICATION HEARING DATE CERTAIN CONTINUATION FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2021 (KELLY KOSKA – PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR)
Selectman Gaspar motions to open the discussion. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.
Selectman Gaspar discusses the finances and efforts the town has made to put money into stabilization funds. Selectman Gaspar states he would recommend staying with the status quo, 125%. Selectman Wojnar agrees with Selectman Gaspar. Chair Desroches also agrees with that rate.
Selectman Gaspar motions to leave it at 125%. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.
Selectman Gaspar motions to close the public hearing. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. PLANNING BOARD JOINT MEETING DISCUSSION – VACANT SEAT
Chair Desroches discusses that the Planning Board has a meeting last night to fill the vacant seat they have on their board, but that the rules state they need a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen in order to appoint someone to the vacant seat, who would hold the seat until the May Town Meeting election. Selectman Gaspar moves to schedule the joint meeting with the planning board on December 16, 2021 @6:30 PM, at the Parting Ways

building and over Zoom. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING DATE DISCUSSION

Chair Desroches explains that the Finance Committee has requested a joint meeting at the Police Department meeting room (and over Zoom) with the Board of Selectman. They have given them three dates (December 1, 2021; December 8, 2021; and December 15, 2021). Selectman Gaspar motions to schedule the joint meeting with the Finance Committee for December 8, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. PJ KEATING AIR MONITOR DISCUSSION

Chair Desroches discusses the public meeting with the residents that occurred recently at the Council on Aging. Residents learned at that meeting that the Town had applied for a grant to fund air monitors in the neighborhood surrounding PJ Keating, but that the Town did not get awarded the grant funds for this project. Chair Desroches states that the Board found out it would cost about \$6,500 for three air monitors for a two-month duration (including calibration by third party), and about another \$1,000 in order to keep the monitors level and in compliance with the third-party engineer, if needed. This funding is possible through a Town Article 24 from 2018 for the purpose of compliance monitoring. Selectman Wojnar moves to approve the funding of the air monitors for \$6,500, plus an additional \$1,000, if needed, funded by Article 24 from 2018 Town Meeting. Selectman Gaspar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

VIII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

IX. INFORMATION ONLY

1. The following boards/commissions have vacancies. Please consider serving your community by submitting a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen:
 - Agricultural Commission – 2 Alternate Vacancies
 - Beautification Committee – 7 Vacancies
 - Community Preservation Committee – 1 Housing Authority Vacancy
 - Cultural Council – 13 Vacancies
 - Open Space Committee – 1 Vacancy

X. FUTURE BUSINESS

1. NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 @4:00 PM


XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. "Executive Session under G.L.ch.30A§21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the public body and the chair so declares and the Board will not return to public session, review of matters presented; votes may be taken"


REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 1:20PM

Approved:

David Desroches,
Chairman



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.,
Member



David Wojnar,
Member