

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Monday, April 6, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

I call the April 6, 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.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda only requires a single motion as follows:

Should the Board concur, the following motion may be in order:

To approve the Consent Agenda

III. MEETING MAIL

1. LETTER REGARDING ACUSHNET RIVER GOLF

Golf View Road residents concerned about golf balls flying into the neighborhood, anyone could get hurt, course should be responsible to take action. Will contact Golf & Town Counsel. No vote taken.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS /ARTICLES

The Board discussed and approved Fiscal Year 2022 budgets, including Fire and Police, The DPW gave info on their budget for Water/Sewer, Highway, Snow & Ice, Semass and Heavy Pick-up Schedule. Mr. Menard & Kathy Silva spoke about energy and repairs and maintenance going up 27% and DPW does their own maintenance on vehicles and other machinery. Selectman Desroches motioned to add \$100,000 from excise to road material as presented Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed. Also Discussed Water Meter changes, Eric Abreau does a great job and DPW strives to do 300 changes per year. To be on record would like to work on infrastructure and look into a 5 year plan. We would need to look at borrowing costs without impacting the taxpayers. Selectman Desroches motioned to approve the

water/sewer line item as presented Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed. Heavy Pick-up schedule could only be done in April or May and most likely will not be done due to covid. Other Articles were taken under advisement.

Motion was made to approve Pensions, Insurance & Old Colony Budgets as presented, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

GOLF WAGE & CLASS

The Board discussed the wage & class between Golf employees and they spoke about an increase for the Assistant Superintendent by 10%, Head Golf Pro by 5% based on the wage & class and non-union contracts to be brought up at the next Board meeting. No voter taken.

OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. REVIEW OF FEE SCHEDULES

The Board discussed increases in pole hearings, building fees and solar permits, the board agreed with Mr. Marot's review of increases. They discussed maybe checking in on other Town's to see what their fees were. No votes taken.

2. VACATION CARRYOVER POLICY FOR END OF FY21 (FIRE)

Fire Chief/EMS Director Gallagher inquired about approval for 48 hours of vacation time carry over for full-time firefighters/paramedics due to staffing challenges during Covid. Motion was made to allow the one week (48 Hour Carry over) Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

3. RESERVE FUND TRANSFER

The Board approved a reserve fund transfer for KP-Law \$36,300.00 for Legal Fees upon extra legal issues for the year.
KP went up on their fees by \$10.00 for the upcoming year, Selectman Wojnar mentioned that maybe we should go out for an RFP for services at some point. The Board discussed the fee and approved the line item change with Selectman Desroches motioning and Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion passes.

4. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN – TASK FORCE APPOINTMENTS

Town Administrator Julie Hebert reached out to Department heads and inquired if anyone would be interested in joining an American Rescue task force. Early estimates show that Acushnet could receive up to \$1,048,000 in funding for economic recovery and fund investments in water, sewer and broadband

infrastructure. Discussion was maybe bring up at a Town Meeting & or a questionnaire on the website for citizen input. No vote taken.

5. BOS SCHEDULE CHANGE DISCUSSION

Selectman Wojnar inquired with the Board to see if it would be possible to move the Board Meetings to Monday's due to family obligations all members are fine with the move and possibly move back to Tuesday's in September. No vote taken.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. SPRING SUMMER PROJECT TIMELINE

The Board discussed streets and road paving projects. Mr. Menard to narrow down projects. No vote taken.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The Fire/EMS Department received a \$15,000 Fire Safety grant which will purchase thermal imaging cameras.

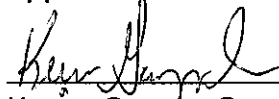
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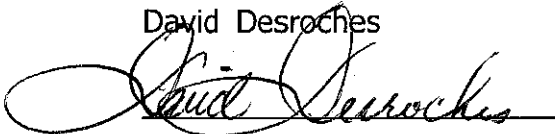
X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. FUTURE BUSINESS

Approved:


Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Chairman

David Desroches



David Wojnar

