

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

**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

I call the August 27, 2019, 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**

Selectman Desroches motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the minutes of the Regular & Executive Session Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 7, 2019 Regular & Executive Session and May 21, 2019 Regular Session as presented, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

**III. MEETING MAIL**

None at this time.

**IV. APPOINTMENTS**

None at this time.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. GOLF COMMITTEE EMPOWERMENT**

The Board discussed meeting at the next golf meeting to discuss with the members their thoughts and what the empowerment would mean to them. Mr. Noble will have a Selectmen's Meeting posted for Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 here at Town Hall joint with the Golf Committee. No votes taken.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The Town Administrator Search is about to begin the board previously had discussed between all three Selectmen that they would put three names forward for the Search Committee. All three Selectmen were ready to reveal their picks. Chairman Cabral listed John Roy School Teacher, Jennifer Downing School Committee Member, & Robert St. Jean, Finance Committee Chair. Selectman Gaspar proposed Thomas DeCosta, Resident and volunteer to the Town, John Golda, Cable Committee Member, Pamela Labonte, Town Clerk. Selectman Desroches proposed Heather Sylvia, COA Director, John Howcroft, Finance Committee Member and Les Dakin, resident.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Screening Committee Members for the Town Administrator Search as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

### 3. SIGN AGREEMENT WITH KEVIN PAICOS

Mr. Paicos was an Interim Town Administrator before Mr. Noble joined Acushnet. We have had conversations w/ Mr. Paicos that include two things one being the TA Search and Support Services and two to help Ms. Hebert in her role as interim TA. The Board is pleased to accept the offer made by Mr. Paicos to provide services necessary to recruit the most qualified Town Administrator it is very reasonable. Mr. Gaspar had a few concerns about some of the language in the contract and it was explained by Mr. Noble. The Board of Ethics has also asked that the Board appoint Mr. Paicos as a Special Municipal Employee of Financial Interest in a Municipal Contract as required by G.L. c.268A, §20(d). This is needed because Mr. Paicos has advised us in our Health Insurance plan & Dental plan

Selectman Gaspar motioned to sign the agreement with Kevin Paicos as presented and appoint Mr. Paicos a Special Municipal Employee as required by G.L. c.268A, §20(d), Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY FOR FIRST READING

This policy is to allow remote participation for meetings of Town Boards, Committees, and Commissions in accordance with the requirements of the applicable regulations, 940 CMR 29.10. This policy is put in at the request of the Finance Committee, because they have issues with attendance with members coming in from Boston and stuck in traffic they could still participate. Mr. Noble also put in the policy that each Board would also have to approve the policy to participate, if they decide they don't want to

do it that then it's fine they don't have to once the Board of Selectmen approve the policy it then becomes an option for other Boards & Committees. The Board agreed that this was for first reading and there was no vote taken.

## 2. UNIQUE MEDIA SYSTEMS QUOTE APPROVAL FOR INSTALLATION & CONFIGURATION OF CAROUSEL UNITS FOR THE CABLE UPDATE

The Cable Room has been receiving improvements to their systems this installation is needed for the updates. The Board discussed the improvements to date and also how old some of the equipment is. Mr. Noble has spoken with Comcast and they are willing to help facilitate what our cable members don't have the expertise in.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the quotation in the amount of \$8,275.00 for Unique Media Systems as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

## VII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### 1. CHAPTER 90 FY20 PROPOSAL ROAD PAVING

Mr. Menard was in to discuss FY 20 Road Paving.

Chairman Cabral discussed a concern about why Mr. Menard was making changes to streets off of the Pavement Management Plan from year 2022, to pave now instead of going in the order that the plan recommended. It was discussed that the town paid \$25,000 for the Pavement Management Plan by an independent company to put together a plan of streets that needed maintaining or repaving. This plan was adopted by the Board in 2017. Mr. Menard is in the opinion that the document should be used as a guideline for what streets needed to be repaved, but he was not crazy about the idea that it should be followed exactly. The Board continued to discuss the plan and the funds that the Town receives on a yearly basis. The Town receives approximately \$360,000 in Chapter 91 funds for street paving and maintenance yearly. Selectman Gaspar stated that the plan needs to be manipulated into what streets need to be done based on water and sewer needs as well as monies that are available. Selectman Desroches stated that he felt the PMP was a plan could be used as a guideline to what streets are worse than others, but did not need to be followed exactly of how the plan was written.

Selectman Gaspar motioned approve five streets which are Hathaway Street, Conduit, Homestead, Myrtle and Wilbur, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

Chairman Cabral took the time to thank Mr. Noble for all he has done for the Town of Acushnet and wished him the best.

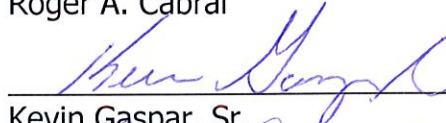
Selectman Gaspar wanted to bring forward something for future business regarding questions from the board for the Police Chief position the Assessment Center was at the police department today working with the officers and once that is completed we will receive the list. We should have our questions ready to forward to Town Counsel soon.

VIII. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

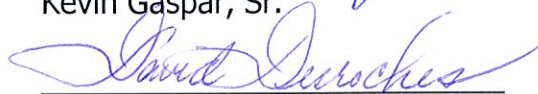
IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION



Roger A. Cabral



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.



David Desroches, Member  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN