

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman David E. Wojnar, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., & Garry L. Rawcliffe - no Meeting Minutes Approved

MEETING MAIL

COMCAST INTERNET ESSENTIALS-received correspondence regarding the Internet Essentials provides families with children eligible for the national school lunch program with access to low cost broadband service. File

APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF GALLAGHER, ACUSHNET CARES OUTREACH INITIATIVE- 25 Overdoses have occurred in Acushnet since the beginning of the year as of 9/11/2015. EMTs are uniquely positioned to assist patients at the scene of an overdose by providing access to resources and support to victims and their families. EMTs often develop special bonds with the people they serve at their time of need which creates an opportunity to motivate people to improve their situation. Acushnet Cares Outreach Initiative uses that special bond to help improve outcomes. Acushnet Cares Overdose Outreach Initiative is a strategy to outreach and connect with individuals and bystanders involved in overdose calls. The program will bring faith community and recovery advocates together with EMTs for a follow up visit to locations where the overdoses occurred. By connecting with the people in a nonjudgmental way, the Acushnet Cares team seeks to establish rapport, follow up, share resources, make referrals and improve outcomes.

Acushnet Fire and EMS Department
DrugFreeNB Outreach Team
Inter-Church Council Outreach Program
PAACA Outreach Program
Seven Hills Outreach Program

The objective of the initiative is to connect with the person who experienced overdose, their family and/or bystanders in an effort to establish a relationship/permission for follow up. We recognize that recovery and treatment is often difficult to navigate, so our goal is to foster the relationship and facilitate future conversation. Acushnet Care Outreach program utilizes a 4- Step Approach

Connect - Paramedics/EMTs will provide care to the patient and will provide the patient with information about the Acushnet Cares Initiative. Where appropriate, the Paramedics/EMTs will ask permission to do a follow up contact with the Acushnet Cares team. Conversation about Acushnet Care may begin during the ride to the hospital or at the location of the call. This is a voluntary program for the patient.

Screen – Paramedics/EMTs will debrief the case with the Fire Chief to determine appropriateness for follow up and to develop a follow up plan outlining date, time, who will be involved, and any other pertinent information. Not all cases will be appropriate for EMT follow up because of safety issues, etc. In those cases where safety is an issue, a packet of resource information will be mailed to the location when possible. Visits will be scheduled within 1 week of the call.

Visit – The outreach team, which may include the responding Paramedic/EMT, and up to 1 Faith and 1 Recovery Outreach workers, will meet up to discuss the general details of the

case prior to making the visit. The EMT will introduce him/herself first prior to the other members of the team approaching the site. Once permission is given to speak with the team the other team members will enter the conversation.

The goal of the visit is to:

1. Let patients know that Acushnet Cares;
2. Share resources and support and
3. Outreach workers will try to establish a follow up plan that may include further contact, referrals, etc.. This visit will serve as a "warm hand-off" to the agencies that will follow the case.

After the visit, the team will debrief the outreach and share information with the larger team as appropriate.

Follow Up – Outreach workers will engage in follow up to keep the patient engaged in the process and keep track of treatment outcomes. That data tracking will help inform the effectiveness of the program. The team will meet collectively as needed to review progress, share best practices, and provide clinical supervision.

GOLF COURSE AUGUST UPDATE-August sales did not meet our plan we experienced some excessive heat which will impact rounds played negatively as well as reduce the amount of food and alcohol sales that occur as most people tend to drink water and Gatorade to get through the heat. We also experienced a reduction in outings in August which resulted in reduced revenues as it impacts the product mix to include more twilight off peak priced rounds to be sold vs the outing rates for full groups which often include additional food and beverage sales. We have contacted our spring events and added them to next year's schedule of events. We are currently running a summer promotion featuring a putter raffle for any purchase over \$48.00 weekday or weekend. We are collecting names, emails, phone numbers and zip codes of all qualified receipts that are returned to the pro shop. We have collected over 1000 emails with this promotion. I have also looked into the solar power opportunity. August numbers revenue was \$242,636.00. The Selectmen thank Dana for coming in and for putting together new promotions for the course.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT-the Board of Directors for the Council on Aging along with Louann Jenkinson and Alan Coutinho have recommended Paula Rossi-Clapp for the Director position. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Ms. Clapp, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

KRISTIE COSTA- we are delighted to hear that Ms. Costa has successfully passed the test to be a Certified Massachusetts Municipal Treasurer. Kristie has worked hard for this it is quite an accomplishment to pass the test on the first try. In Ms. Costs's contract it states if she passes she is entitled to a \$3,500 stipend added to her pay yearly having it passed at town Meeting.

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW-Cynda Williams is here to promote the by-law the Agricultural Commission has presented to the Board numerous times. Selectman Wojnar sat down with Ms. Williams and worked on taking out certain paragraphs from the original by-law. One paragraph that was taken out had to deal with Scenic Roads and that was taken out. The AG Comm. does not want to impose more regulations we just want to be a farming community. Selectman Gaspar motioned to endorse the by-law for Town Meeting, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

NEW BUSINESS

EVERSOURCE-received correspondence from Algonquin letting us know they would be scheduling a landowner informational meeting in order to provide the landowners, public officials and area residents with background information concerning Algonquin's Access Northeast Project. They are tentatively setting the date for September 23, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 at the Century House on Main Street for Acushnet and Freetown residents. File

PETERS ORCHARD-Chad Peters is here he would like to look into ways to preserve the quality of the life of the farm. Selectman Wojnar would like to help Mr. Peter's by possibly helping them get a grant like Silverbrook Farms received from the State using an Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Mr. Peter's speaks about 12 Apple Blossom Lane how he is trying to figure out a way to make it work so his aunt can have something to retire on. We will be filing the appropriate plans with the Planning Board. Selectman Rawcliffe asks if he has reached out to Bristol Aggie they may be open to ideas of using the farm for teaching. Mr. Peter's thanks the Selectmen for their interest.

CLASSIFICATION HEARING-the Selectmen will need to hold the Classification Hearing to set the tax rate shift. Usually the hearing is held on the night of the Special Town Meeting which is October 19, 2015. We will be having a Selectmen's Meeting at 4:00 that same day. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to hold the hearing at our meeting prior to Town Meeting, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WATER ABATEMENT-the DPW is asking the Board to abate a \$60.00 water/sewer bill. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

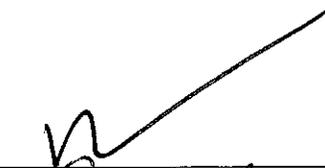
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ENERGY AGGREGATION-Mr. Coutinho has been working with SRPEDD and Good Energy during weekly telephone conferences along with 24 surrounding communities to prepare the residents that the aggregation will provide. There is a flyer out for every community and we have placed it on our website.

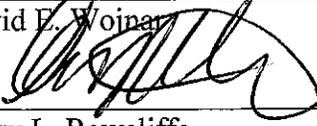
EMS BUILDING-since the new police station will be ready soon the EMS building could use a paint job. We checked into pricing and came up with about \$10,000-\$12,000 Scott power washed the building and used the students we figure it will cost about \$700.00 that way.

INFORMATION ONLY

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 4:45 P.M.



David E. Wojnar



Garry L. Rawcliffe



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

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