

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

I. MEETING MAIL

1. LETTER FROM KATHY SILVA REQUESTING TO BE APPOINTED TO THE SOIL BOARD

It is the right of the DPW Superintendent to appoint a representative in his place.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Ms. Kathy Silva to the Soil Board as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

2. LETTER FROM MASS DOT REGARDING EXTRA CHAPTER 90 FUNDING AMOUNT \$31,672.

The Legislature recently approved a supplemental budget including an additional 20 million in Chapter 90 local transportation aid this represents a 10% increase over the usual funding amount. No vote taken

3. LETTER OF INTEREST REQUESTING TO BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (AMANDA BAPTISTE)

There are openings on the CPC Committee- 4 citizen members may be appointed by the BOS two members to be appointed for a term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years. At this time we have 2 citizen members appointed and we can fill 2 more vacancies.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Ms. Baptiste to the Community Preservation Committee as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

II. APPOINTMENTS

1. PARALLEL PRODUCTS DISCUSSION

Ms. Wendy Gracia & Ms. Tracy Wallace from Citizens Against the Parallel Products Project came in to discuss the proposed expansion of Parallel Products in the industrial area of Braley Road, which could have an impact on the traffic on Braley Road. They discussed the concern about how the proposed Parallel Products Waste, MSW, Biosolids processing plant could

impact the quality of life, health & property values. They asked for the support of the Selectmen to submit a letter in opposition to MEPA@mass.gov project #EEA#15990

Selectman Gaspar motioned to send the letter on the extension of the deadline and express concern about the project, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF CLASS II LICENSE FOR TONY'S SERVICE STATION

Mr. Faria is looking to seek his Used Car Dealer License in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. No vote was taken at this time as Mr. Faria's Bond has been cancelled. Town Council has given the Town bullet items that the applicant should be required to give to the Board of Selectmen as the licensing authority.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to send a letter requesting the required information, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MONETARY GIFT TO THE FIRE/EMS DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has been notified that in memory of Mrs. Gwzodz the family is donating \$6,000 to the Fire/EMS Department, Chief Gallagher out of respect to the family and Mr. Gwzodz service to his country the department will be having red, blue & white lights installed on ladder.

Selectman Desroches motioned to approve the acceptance of the monetary donation to the Fire/EMS Department, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor.

2. FY 21 BUDGET DISCUSSION/INDIRECT COSTS/COLA STEPS & WAGE CLASS/ TOWN MEETING DATES & DEADLINES

Town Administrator Ms. Hebert spoke about scheduling the Department's to come in and present their budgets to the board, the Finance Committee will be meeting on Wednesday's to review budgets and it would be good for the board to review the preliminary budgets. It was discussed to send a tentative notice to the department heads which date they would be scheduled for. Articles for Town Meeting will be due by March 10th at noon. All Departments are asked to

seek a level funded budget. The DPW is looking at a big hit in the recycling budget and the Town is mandated to pay the Bristol County Retirement and the School will not have their budget ready till mid February. The Board discussed transparencies in salaries for non-union employees and a motion was made to set the COLA at 2% Selectman Gaspar motioned and Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. The Board would like to do much more research in the wage & class study with our comparable towns. Ms. Hebert brought up indirect costs DOR looks at all the factors when setting free cash. Mr. Flynn from the golf course committee spoke about how the indirect costs could be detrimental to the course's financial stability.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to call for the Town Meeting date of May 11, 2020 with an opening for articles on February 4th and closing date of March 3rd, 2020 as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

3. TEMPORARY PERMIT FEE (STORAGE CONTAINERS)

Building Inspector Jim Marot stated that the Attorney General's Office has confirmed that they approved Article 26 regarding storage & trailer boxes – temporary licenses. Mr. Marot is looking for a vote on a fee that the town would impose. This by-law was approved at town meeting on May 13, 2019.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Temporary Permit Fee as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

V. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. RIGHT OF WAY ENTRY

The Board has in the past granted the DPW to enter into an agreement with a resident to make improvements to a water service or repair to the service.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Right of Way document as presented for 66 Rear Allen Street, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Town Admin. Julie Hebert brought up the fact that other departments in town have productive facebook pages and thought it would be a good idea to have one that state the facts for Town information only. No vote was taken

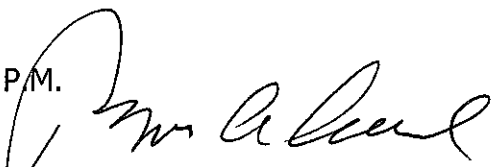
Chairman Cabral who is up for re-election this year stated he would not be running for re-election. All Selectmen were regretful but wish Mr. Cabral well and all expressed thanking him for his service with Acushnet.

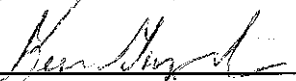
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

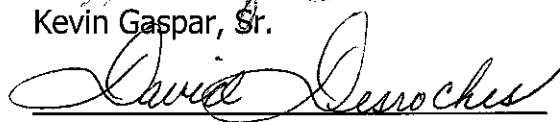
Selectman Gaspar motioned under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel (Town Administrator) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and not to return to public session.

Roll call vote: Selectman Gaspar, Selectman Desroches and Chairman Cabral, all were yes votes.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:10 P.M.



Roger A. Cabral, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

David Desroches
Board of Selectmen