

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

Monday, July 12, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

I call the July 12, 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 including the release of the minutes of the Regular Session Board of Selectmen's Meeting of June 21, 2021 June 7, 2021 as presented.

III. MEETING MAIL

1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ray Leblanc resigned from the By-law Committee after serving the town for over 30+ years. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Leblanc for his years of service to the Town. No vote taken.

2. LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM TOWN MODERATOR

Roger Cabral resigned from the Town Moderator position due to moving out of Town. Selectman Desroches said that there will be an opening for Town Moderator and they will leave the position open for a month and decide on a appointment at the next meeting. Anyone interested in the position should send a letter of interest to the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Desroches said whoever is chosen as Town Moderator will hold the position until the next election in May, 2022, when the person can run for reelection. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Cabral for his years of service to the Town. No vote taken.

3. LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM OFFICER JAMES COSTA

Officer Costa retired from the Police Department after working for the town for 33 Years, the Board recognized his years of service and gave him a great thanks. The Board also voted to make Officer Costa a Special Police Officer for the Town to assist in Traffic Details. Selectman Gaspar motioned to make the appointment, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

4. LETTER OF INTERESTS FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board received 2 letters of interest for the Finance Committee Open Positions.

Eric Chew is an active volunteer with Emergency Management Dept. and also COA. He has also helped with IT for computer upgrades at the golf course EMA, COA & Fire Station. Selectman Gaspar motioned to make the appointment, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

Peter Benoit has also sent in a letter of interest for the Finance Comm. he serves as Treasurer for a national 501C charity and is fiscally responsible. Selectman Gaspar motioned to make the appointment, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

IV. APPOINTMENTS

The Board acknowledged Sean Brown for his achievement as Valedictorian for the Class of 2021 from Fairhaven High School. Sean will be attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst to study computer engineering and he will be living on campus. Selectman Wojnar said he has had the good fortune of knowing the Brown family and he is so proud of Sean's accomplishments. No Vote Taken.

State Rep. Chris Hendricks presented Acushnet Council on Aging Director Heather Sylvia the Massachusetts 2021 Heroine Award, she received and was presented to her at the meeting. The Board thanked Ms. Sylvia for always being there for the Town and dedication to the Council on Aging. No Vote Taken.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. AFSCME UNION WAGE/CLASSIFICATION APPROVAL- Tabled

2. GOLF PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS-

The Board discussed wage & class for Golf Employees Selectman Gaspar mentioned that he did some work on numbers and is fine with the grade, but wasn't fine with the numbers. Would like to have a conversation with golf Committee maybe do something different and make a plan to work with golf

Committee to make up a compensation for over 40,000 rounds. This is not from taxation may be more profitable that way. Selectman Gaspar motioned to accept the Personnel Agreements as presented, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

3. FIRE CHIEF ASSESSMENT CENTER RFP

Chief Gallagher put together an RFP for Consulting Services to Design and Conduct Assessment Centers for the Selection of a Fire Captain in his retirement in the future. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve and send out the RFP, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. ROUND TWO: END OF YEAR INTER-DEPARTMENT TRANSFERS

Melissa Forgue –Town Accountant described inter-department transfers for FY21. Chief Gallagher & Chief Richmond also gave input as to their budgets. The Board also spoke about the legal fee line item being depleted. Please see attached description of transfers. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

2. CONSERVATION /STORMWATER AGENT APPOINTMENT

The Board discussed the contract for the Conservation /Stormwater Agent position. The Agent shall be paid an hourly rate of (Grade 11, Step 4) \$30.47 to commence July 12, 2021 through June 30, 2022, payable in bi-weekly installments for working 20 hours per week. It is understood that the Agent is also working on a part-time basis for the Board of Health in the role of Part-time Assistant Health Agent and the Board retains the right to reduce or eliminate his hours in that capacity. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

VI. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. CHAPTER 90 DOCUMENTATION AUTHORIZATION (ASPHALT ROLLER)

The Board spoke about the Chapter 90 funds authorization that had been previously approved. This is a final report that needs the last and final approval from the Board to send out to the State for our funding. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

VIII. INFORMATION ONLY

1. Under info only the Board mentioned Vacancies on appointments and Commissions:
Please consider serving your community by submitting a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen:

- ❖ Agricultural Commission – 1 Vacancy; 2 Alternate Vacancies
- ❖ Beautification Committee – 10+ Vacancies
- ❖ By-Law Review Committee – 1 Vacancy
- ❖ Community Preservation Committee – 2 Vacancies
- ❖ Cultural Council – 2 Vacancies
- ❖ Finance Committee – 1 Vacancy
- ❖ Historical Committee – 2 Vacancies

EXECUTIVE SESSION

XI. FUTURE BUSINESS

Approved:



David Desroches,
Chairman



Kevin Gaspar, Member



David Wojnar
Member