

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

MEETING MAIL

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM JOANNE CIOPER FROM THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Board thanked Ms. Cioper for her service to the Agricultural Commission. No vote taken.

APPOINTMENTS

DINA BRASSEUR-WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018 PLAQUE PRESENTMENT

Selectmen recognized "Man of the Year" at one point and the Board did recognize Ms. Brasseur as "Women of the Year". The Library stated they would be doing something special for her earlier and The Board decided it would be good to recognize the great work she does. The Board thanked Mr. Brasseur for her dedication to the library and presented her with a plaque from the Standard Times Article. No votes taken.

ECA SOLAR- NET METERING POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

The Board discussed Net Metering Power Purchase Agreement (contract was approved by Town Counsel) ECA Solar did not use any property in Acushnet for their proposal of 15% discount. Chairman Cabral likes the fact that Acushnet is doing it's share going green. Selectman Gaspar motioned pending successful contract negotiations with ECA Solar and the intent of the Selectmen to sign the agreement, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN HALL HOURS DISCUSSION

The Board heard from residents who are in favor of the late night Tuesday's since a lot of Boards meet that night. Mr. Tavares & Town Clerk, Ms. Labonte spoke in favor of the late Tuesday. If people work out of town it is hard to get here during regular hours. Selectmen approved the continuation of Town Hall hours for another year and to authorize the Town Administrator to resolve any outstanding issues with the Union to extend the hours for another year. Selectman Gaspar

approved the continuation to Town Hall hours, Selectman Desroches seconded, all were in favor.

GOLF COMMITTEE EMPOWERMENT

Selectmen tabled the Golf Committee Empowerment Policy to make decisions regarding the Acushnet River Valley Golf Course, moving to next meeting agenda. No votes taken.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/EMS CONTRACT APPROVAL AND SIGNING

The Board & Fire/EMS Department have been engaged in Contract Negotiations for some time. Chief Gallagher & the Board made changes to the language in the contract. Fire/EMS has asked to be taken out of civil service and are waiting on approval from the State. Selectman Gasper motioned to approve the Fire/EMS Department Contract as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF SCREENING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THE TOWN ADMINISTRATORS POSITION

Selectman Gaspar motioned to table the Screening Committee Members appointments at this time and will bring up at the next meeting, Selectman Desroches seconded, all in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. MA DOT HAMLIN STREET BRIDGE DESIGN APPROVAL

MADOT came in to discuss the reconstruction of the Hamlin Street Bridge, it was discussed to remove the sidewalks from the existing plan, the Town does not want to lose funding for project. Mr. Cabral has been to the site and has seen the cracks in the existing structure. It would be nice to not have a historic impact to the bridge.

Chairman Cabral asked for a motion to endorse MADOT's request to have the Hamlin Street Bridge replaced w/out sidewalks and also for Dan Menard to sign the approval documents on behalf of the Selectmen, Selectman Gaspar made the motion and Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

2. APPROVAL FOR LINE PAINTING OF TOWN ROADS

Mr. Menard the DPW Superintendent spoke on the line painting and gave the Board a list of quotes received. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve line painting of town roads to include solid fog lines and an additional six roads as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor.

3. Road List for Street Paving

The road paving list was discussed briefly and decided to table and move to August 27 @ 5:30 p.m.

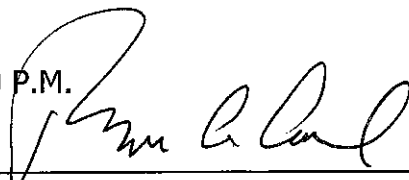
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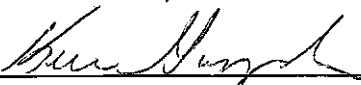
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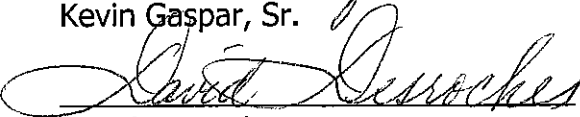
A motion was accepted under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel (Interim Town Administrator Contract & Wage & Classification) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and to return to public session.

A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Gaspar, Selectman Desroches and Chairman Cabral all were in favor.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 7:00 P.M.



Roger A. Cabral, Chairman

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

David Desroches
Board of Selectmen