**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**APRIL 7, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman David E. Wojnar and Selectman Garry L. Rawcliffe- Meeting Minutes approved:

After the Annual Election the Board Re-organized Town Clerk swore in Selectman Gaspar for his third term, Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to appoint Selectman Wojnar as Chairman, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

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**MEETING MAIL**

RETIREMENT OF 2 CALL FIREFIGHTERS-Deputy Chief James Knox & Captain Michael Rothwell are retiring. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to accept their retirement notice and place on file, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

SNOWPLOW REMOVAL INVOICES- the FY2015 snow removal appropriation of $25,000 has been exhausted. The Finance Department has confirmed that all invoices related to repairs and maintenance has been performed on equipment used for the snow removal process. The current deficit is $238,242.62. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve the invoices for payment, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

RESIGNATION WITHDRAWAL- after careful reconsideration the Council on Aging Director is withdrawing her letter of resignation and looks forward to renewing her contract for the following year. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to accept the withdrawal letter and place on file, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

**NEW BUSINESS**

FINANCE COMMITTEE- the Finance Committee has been operating with only seven members instead of the required nine. Recently, another member resigned due to a conflict with their schedule. This now leaves only six active members. We have been trying to attract new members with no avail. We are asking the BOS to explore the possibility of a change to the Town Charter to reduce the amount of members needed to serve on the Committee. Chairman Wojnar feels he would rather look into other by-laws and search for new members. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to look into other avenues and possibly look into re-organizing positions, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER-the EMA has a request for $248.20 for Internet Services as prices have risen this year. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

SRPEDD- every year at this time we request each Town to make 3 critical appointments to the Commission at SRPEDD. These appointments will take effect on May 27, 2015 at SRPEDD’s annual meeting the following appointees represented your community previously. SRPEDD Commission- Henry Young and JTPG was Henry Young with Merilee Kelly as an alternate. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Henry & Merilee back to the past years appointments with SRPEDD, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

FAIRHAVEN/ACUSHNET LITTLE LEAGUE- the annual parade for opening day will be May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. and as in past years we would like to extend an invitation to the Board of Selectmen to participate in the parade. If you could let me know who from the Selectmen’s Office will be attending. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to place on file, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

Park Board is requesting CPC funds to make improvements to the White Field.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENTS-the following work has been done on Holly Ave., Dotty’s Mill & Andy’s Court, the amount for the contract is $56,646.27-Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

The following streets also had work done on Northwest St., Nestles Lane, Reservation Road in the amount of $226,978.06, Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. The following streets also had work done on Dotty’s Mill in the amount of $229,377.97, Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. Another Reimbursement in the amount of $293,543.12 for Cedar Hill Dr., Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

SEWER COMMITMENTS- the final sewer charges due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the sewer department accounts receivable for the month of March 2015, amounting in the aggregate to $220.60. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

WATER COMMITMENTS- the final water due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the water department accounts receivable for the month of March 2015, amounting in the aggregate to $112.00. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

SEWER COMMITMENTS- the final sewer service fees due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the sewer department accounts receivable for the month of March 2015, amounting in the aggregate to $124,015.60. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

WATER COMMITMENTS- the final water service fees due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the water department accounts receivable for the month of March 2015, amounting in the aggregate to $293.399.40. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to approve, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

INACTIVE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNTS POLICY-the Board of Selectmen acting as Water/Sewer Commissioners voted at their April 7, 2015, meeting, starting July 1, 2015, to charge all inactive water/sewer user accounts, voluntary or involuntary, the fixed fees established for any billing cycle. The resident/water user shall have the opportunity to petition the Board in cases of hardship or disagreement.

Selectman are requesting the golf personnel be invited to our next meeting.

Selectman Rawcliffe for accountability issues would like every employee to punch a time card. That type of documentation would most likely constitute a change in working conditions and that would have to be bargained. We can focus on this issue at another meeting.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Fairhaven is discussing re-instating their cable channel 95, we should look into costs of bringing back ours.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 9:45 A.M.

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David E. Wojnar., Chairman

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