

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Cioper, Selectman Roger Cabral and Selectman Gaspar –Minutes approved September 11, 2018 Exec. Session, September 18, 2018 Exec. Session, September 25, 2018 Regular & Executive Session, October 9, 2018 Regular Session

MEETING MAIL

MEMO FROM TOWN CLERK REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION INSPECTOR-The Town Clerk would like the Board to Appoint Anne Marshal as an Election Inspector to assist in the upcoming November State Election and all future elections. Selectman Cabral motioned to appoint Anne Marshall as an Election Inspector as presented, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

MEMO FROM THE FINANCE DIRECTOR REQUESTING TO APPOINT THE ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT- the Finance Director is requesting the Board appoint the Assistant Town Accountant according to MA G.L. s. 49A. The assistant (when appointed & sworn in) “may, in the absence of the Town Accountant, perform her duties and when performing such duties shall have the powers and be subject to the requirements and penalties applicable to the Town Accountant. Without being appointed and sworn, the warrants (and any other legal signatures required of the Town Accountant) would not be legally authorized. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Melissa Forgue as the Assistant Town Accountant as presented, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion passes.

APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING - CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Chairman Cioper moved the Board open the Public Classification Hearing to discuss the allocation of the local property tax levy among the property classes for FY 2019. Selectman Cabral seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

Chairman Cioper read the legal notice into the record: In accordance with Ch. 40, S. 56 as amended by Ch. 369 of the Acts of 1982 and Ch. 79 of the Acts of 1983, of the Mass. General Laws, The Acushnet Board of Selectmen, will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, at 5:00 PM at the Acushnet Town Hall, Selectmen’s Hearing Room, 122 Main Street. The purpose of the Hearing will be to discuss the issue of allocating the local property tax levy among the property classes for Fiscal 2019.

Kelly Koska presented the Assessor’s information to the Board of Selectmen. (A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Ms. Koska told the Selectmen that the Assessors met and voted 2:0 to recommend tax shift of 1.20% for FY019. Ms. Koska said that there was a 5% assessment increase in property values. Last year’s rates were \$14.42 & \$18.50 if the Board votes on the 125% the rates for FY19 would

be \$14.18 for residential & \$18.20 for commercial. Taxes change from year to year right now real estate is going up, banks are lending money. Selectman Cabral asked if Ms. Koska could get him more information before supporting the change in the tax shift. Selectman Gaspar is not in favor of the 120% split he stated he would not be inclined to make the change. There being no residents in attendance there was no public comments for or against having a split tax rate.

Selectman Roger Cabral: moved that the Board adopt a split tax rate to reduce the share of the tax levy that is paid by the residential and open space property owners and shift those taxes to commercial, industrial, and personal property taxpayers at the shift percentage of 125%. Selectman Gaspar seconded the motion. Chairman Cioper abstained in voting as he is in favor with the Assessors recommendation. Motion Passes. Chairman Cioper: moved to close the Public Hearing. Selectman Cabral: seconded the motion and all were in favor. Motion Passes. The Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dan Menard, DPW-Mr. Menard is here tonight to talk about the School sewer pump and some storm water drain issues. The sewer pump at the school has had issues and repairs have been made. We had a difficult time with the flushing of the pumps and the noises the pumps were making at the sewer station. Now that the pumps have been upgraded the pump was only able to handle about 49 houses with the new pump it is capable to handle about 129 houses. The storm drains Mr. Menard said he has a list of them and are fixing them one at a time as an on needed basis. There are about 20 drains that I have on the list and none of them are a safety issue at this time. I am trying to do the best I can with the man power I have, give me more money and more man power and it will all get done.

SENIOR DEFERRAL ON THE SEWER BETTERMENT APPORTIONMENT

SEWER PHASE II DEFERRAL -Annually the Board is asked to grant Special Assessment Deferrals of accounts (usually Seniors 65 & older) for the Sewer Phase II Project. Before us are applications for deferral from two taxpayers. The applications have been completed in a timely manner. The applications are in order. The Board needs to vote according to Chapter 80 S. 13B. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Assessment Deferrals as presented in accordance with Chapter 80 s. 13B, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Buzzards Bay Coalition have conducted an extensive property cleanup: removing dilapidated structures, abandoned cars, and many dumpsters of trash. In addition, they have restored a small barn, pruned damaged trees, removed invasive plants and vines and established a native wildflower meadow. Much of this work was completed by volunteers and they look forward to celebrating their

efforts. The end result is a beautiful new public outdoor space on the Acushnet River for everyone to enjoy. With all of this work nearing completion, Buzzards Bay is scheduling an official public opening of the property on Friday, November 2 at 3:30pm.

MassDOT has announced the Hamlin Street Bridge Project and will need to do a taking of land from the Recreation Dept. and will most likely need to hold a special town meeting which would not be feasible the town has a hard time getting 75 people to a regular town meeting.

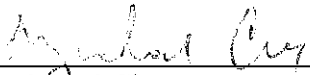
Old Colony has been named the recipient of the 2017-2018 Division II Walter Markham Award as part of the Boston Globe's Scholastic Awards, which go to schools with the best win-loss records in athletics. Old Colony would like to put up signs in areas of Acushnet marking this achievement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

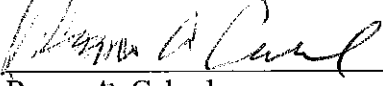
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

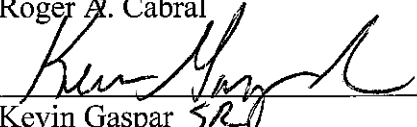
ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 5:45 P.M.



Michael Cioper



Roger A. Cabral



Kevin Gaspar SR
Board of Selectmen