

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Cioper and Selectman Roger Cabral
Meeting Minutes Approved- June 26, 2018 Regular Session

MEETING MAIL

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MEMBER- The Board received a letter from Barbra Dupuis resigning from her position on the Beautification Committee. I would like to take the time to thank Ms. Dupuis for her dedication to the Town of Acushnet, she took the time to make the bows for the wreaths at Christmas and fill the flower barrels in the summer. She also worked with the Sheriff's Office to clean up the town green in the spring. She will be truly missed.

APPOINTMENTS

CHIEF KEVIN GALLAGHER-EMS INITIATIVES- Chief Gallagher gave an update on the medication disposal pouches and needle destruction equipment recently installed. Chief Gallagher said in 2015, they began a public awareness effort with purple flags lined up on the Fire Station lawn to recognize those who had been affected by the opioid addiction. In September of 2015, they began the "Acushnet Cares Campaign," a program to follow up with a paramedic, clergy and counselor to support the family of the member in crisis. He said it was well received by the families they assisted. The ambulance began carrying IV Tylenol on ambulances being the first Town in the state to do this, they started two more initiatives to help with the opioid crisis. The Fire Department has been able to buy a \$45,000 Sterilis sharps destruction machine, which is used to get rid of needles. Since July of this year, they have destroyed more than 90 pounds of sharps. Chief Gallagher said it has been very well received, and at this time they are not mandating that people be from Acushnet. "If you have needles that need to be disposed of you can certainly bring them to Acushnet Fire Department," Chief Gallagher said. The most recent initiative is that of "purple pouches" which are available to residents through various departments in town (COA, Fire/Police Department, South Coast Hospital Group). The pouches disintegrate unwanted, unused pills and/or six ounces of liquid medicine. The person simply puts the pills or liquid in the pouch, and the charcoal in the pouch will make the drugs inactive. The person will then be able to throw the deactivated drugs in the garbage or recyclable, as the pouch is a soy based recyclable bag that can be thrown out after use. Chief Gallagher said his "Purple Army" is based on the idea that if every person who has been personally painted purple, we would all, through a friend or relative, most likely become purple people. Chief Gallagher stated that this time last year there were 20 purple flags lining the Fire Department's lawn, and this year, there are 10. "It may be a sign of turning the corner".

KATHY SILVA -SETTING THE WATER/SEWER RATES-In Fiscal 2018 the water/sewer rates were converted to a "tiered rate system" allowing the Town to keep the same rate for the first 1,000 CF of usage per quarter for residential, commercial and industrial users. Every year the Board must approve the water and sewer rates. Kathy Silva the DPW Business Manager gave

an overview of the water/sewer rate increases. The water rate did not go up and has not gone up since 2015 even though New Bedford has raised their rates. I feel comfortable with not raising the water rate at this time. We have a considerable amount in the enterprise fund at this time. The sewer rate needs to be raised in order to bring that fund up to par. We are proposing to go up \$.50 to each tier 0 to 1500 cf usage will now be \$9.00, 1401-2500 will be \$10.00 and 2501+ will be \$11.00. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the Water and Sewer rates effective September 1, 2018 as presented, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

JIM MAROT-GREEN COMMUNITIES CONTRACT-The Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division has approved an award of \$132,287 for projects proposed in Acushnet such as insulation, modifications to light fixtures and street light conversions. Mr. Marot is here to give an update of the proposed use of the grant funds and our past successes with the Green Communities Program. Mr. Marot stated that to date they have received close to \$800,000 and have done a tremendous amount of updating at the schools, library, and every Town building with complete LED light upgrades. With this additional money the second phase of all street lighting will be updated to LED lights and the police station will be updated, too. Mr. Marot also stated that Acushnet has been recognized as one of the first communities in Bristol County as a Green Community. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the Green Communities grant contract as presented, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

OLD BUSINESS

WAGE & CLASSIFICATION STUDY- The Wage & Classification Study was authorized at the October 2016 Town Meeting. A contract was signed with HRS consulting in February of 2018 and HRS gave a presentation of the final draft to the Selectmen on June 5, 2018. The Conservation Commission and a Golf Employee has submitted letters regarding the salary study. Chairman Cioper has some concerns with the study and the Massachusetts Minimum Wage going up to \$12.00 per hour it kind of throws a wrench in the study. I would like to do some more review with the other Selectmen and Mr. Noble and bring this back at a later date.

FIRE FIGHTERSLOCAL #3281 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT- The Firefighters Local #3281 Union have come to an agreement with the Town to changes in their current contract and agreed to sign a memorandum of agreement adding one year to the current contract with some language changes and a 2% COLA.

Selectman Cabral motioned to approve, the Firefighters Local # 3281 Memorandum of Agreement as presented, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

NEW BUSINESS

STATE PRIMARY WARRANT APPROVAL- Tuesday, September 4, 2018 is the date of the State Primary Election the Town Clerk must notify the residents of the Town of the date and the candidates of the election. She needs the Selectmen to approve the warrant. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve, the State Primary Warrant as presented by the Town Clerk, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

CHRISTINE KRAUSE ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT- the Town Clerk has requested the Board appoint Ms. Christine Krause as an Election Inspector to fill a term until May 2019. Selectman Cabral motioned to appoint Ms. Christine Krause to Election Inspector as presented by the Town Clerk for a term expiring May 2019, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

INTRODUCTION TO PAPER STREETS- There are many questions regarding the creation and discontinuance of private and public ways as well as damages which may be available where a way is discontinued. We have many paper streets. Some have been "accepted" others just laid-out. A determination has to be made as to the legal status, the necessity of the street and/or the proper sale or return of the land. Town Administrator Brian Noble spoke about some research that has been done on Rotch & Hindle Streets. The Selectmen will do some research on a case by case basis. I believe a committee should be put together to start working on the street status'.

SOUTH COAST BIKEWAY ALLIANCE PEDAL FOR THE PATH RIDE APPROVAL-South Coast Bikeway Alliance Pedal for the Path Ride will be holding its first bike ride fundraiser this ride will help raise much needed funds for a feasibility study to help communities in the South Coast. The ride will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2018 and will utilize roads in Acushnet. The Police & Fire Chief have consented to the ride. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE TO JT'S PUB RESTRICTED MUSIC LICENSE-JT's Pub has requested to make a change to their current Entertainment License to include live music, they currently hold a license for a Juke Box and Television only. The Police Chief and Fire Chief have submitted letters for the Board to take into consideration of the request. The Board decided to invite Mr. Gonsalves in to discuss what type of live music he plans on.

REQUEST FOR TWO ONE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE LIONS CLUB FOR THE APPLE PEACH FESTIVAL TWO DAY EVENT AND THE ANNUAL CLAMBAKE- The Lion's Club has applied for a Special Liquor License for the Annual Apple Peach Festival at 1203 Main Street on September 8th from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. and September 9th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Police Chief has signed off with one restriction of an officer on duty throughout the two-day event. The Fire Chief has signed off with no restrictions but will do a walk through during set-up. The Liability certificate is in order. The Lions Club also holds an annual clambake in September at the Lion's Den on Lake Street and is requesting a one day Special License for that as well.

Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the Apple Peach Festival two day Special Liquor License on September 8th & 9th 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. each day and the one day Clambake Special Liquor License on September 29th 2018 from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. as presented, Chairman Cioper abstained. Motion Passes.

REQUEST FOR A ONE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LISA LOPES-BRISTOW- Lisa Lopes-Bristow has requested a One Day Special Liquor License for August 25, 2018 at the Lion's Den on Lake Street. Freitas Package Store has been hired to bring and serve the alcohol for the party. The Fire Chief, Police Chief and Bldg. Inspector have signed off on the request and the Liability certificate is in order. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve one day Special Liquor License on August 25th 2018 from 1 p.m. -5 p.m. as presented, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

REQUEST FOR A ONE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GIFTS TO GIVE-Jim Stevens from Gifts to Give has requested a One Day Special Liquor License for August 25, 2018 at the Gifts to Give Headquarters located at 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet. The Fire Chief, Police Chief and Bldg. Inspector have signed off on the request and the Liability certificate is in order. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the one day Special Liquor License on August 25th 2018 from 5 p.m. -9 p.m. as presented, Chairman Cioper seconded and all were in favor.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board would like to inform the public of the 9th Annual Car Cruise Night at the Town Hall & Parting Ways Green, August 30th 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

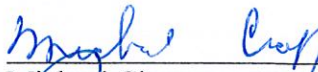
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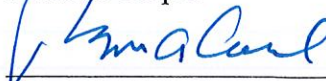
I move that the Board enter Executive Session under G.L. c30A § 21 (a) (2) to discuss strategy with respect to conduct in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Police Chief & Fire Chief) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body and may not return to public session.

Roll call vote-Selectman Cabral, Selectman Gaspar and I am a yes, to move into Executive Session.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.



Michael Cioper



Roger A. Cabral