

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 2, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Selectman Roger Cabral, Selectman Gaspar & Selectman Desroches—Minutes Approved February 5, 2019, February 19, 2019 & March 5, 2019 Regular Sessions

The first order of business was the re-organization of the Board, Mr. Dave Desroches defeated incumbent Chairman Michael Cioper. Mr Desroches was sworn in with the Town Clerk earlier in the day. Selectman Gaspar motioned to elect Selectman Cabral as the new Chairman of the Board and Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed. Chairman Cabral acknowledged Mr. Cioper and thanked him for his service.

MEETING MAIL

APPOINTMENTS

FIRE/EMS CHIEF KEVIN GALLAGHER WARRANT ARTICLE PRESENTATION- the Chief explained his 5 proposed articles- ambulance laptops for \$9,500, firefighter turn-out gear, \$11,700, pumper refurbishment \$25,000, the removal of civil services and the tanker repair which the price is to be determined. The Chief explained that 2 out of the 5 articles would use funds from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve. The removal from Civil Service is Town Meeting vote so no funds needed and the tanker is still being evaluated so it is not clear what the price will be. The pumper refurbishment is important due to the fact that the pumper was purchased on 2007 and needs updating. While the Chief was speaking Town Admin. Noble brought up the fact that there was a Reserve Fund Transfer under the Town Administrator's that the Chief was proposing \$2,500 for training for all full-time members of the Fire Department on initial response to incidents and pump operations. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the transfer and send to the Finance Committee for approval, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

OLD COLONY CHARTER AGREEMENT APPROVAL FOR PLACEMENT ON TOWN MEETING WARRANT- The Old Colony Regional School is proposed updates to their charter, also known as the "District Agreement". The intent of the update is ensure up-to-date language that accurately identifies current operation of the district. All member towns were asked to have their municipal counsel review the proposed changes. Selectman Cabral motioned to table at the last meeting as he would have liked to see a red lined version of the proposed changes before he endorsed the changes. Old Colony has sent in the red lined version and Chairman Cabral endorsed the changes. Selectman Gaspar motioned to place the Charter Agreement on the Town Meeting Warrant for approval, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed.

SOIL REMOVAL APPLICATION for 588 MIDDLE ROAD-The Soil Board met and approved the following license. The taxes are up to date and the application is before the Selectman to approve. Donald & Charlotte Coutinho estimate that 15,000 cubic yards will be taken out in the upcoming year. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Soil Removal Permit for 588 Middle Road as presented, Selectman Desroches seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passed.

The Finance Committee will be finalizing the budget and Town Meeting Warrant at their April 10th Meeting. The Board should post a joint meeting agenda in case all members of the Selectmen need to attend. Meeting was posted for April 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT REVIEW-The Board discussed which articles that will need more clarification, be deleted or amended. Discussion ensued with Town Administrator & Selectmen the Board decided to hold about nine of the 39 articles for more discussion such as Fire/EMS removal from Civil Service, Union Contracts as the contracts were not yet voted. A hold was also placed on the Schools request for a gym/café wall replacement, gym door and enterprise fund for golf which were taken off the warrant in the end. Articles tabled were Sewer Refund for school pump and GIS plotter for more discussion. They also decided to remove the article for the removal of the police chief out of civil service. In the end all routine housekeeping items were approved along with articles for the Fire /EMS Department, School, Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Community Preservation Committee. Held articles to be brought up again at the Selectmen's Meeting scheduled for April 8, 2019.

Accept Town Reports-ok, Snow Deficit \$9,000 ok, Authorize Ch. 90 funds ok, Treasurers authorization-ok, Sewer I/I Study-ok, copy machine for police-ok, all fire/EMS articles-ok, Highway liftgate, Mohawk lift, police mobile computers, speed limits, town hall roof approved Water Div. truck DD motioned KG 2nd all in favor. KG motioned to bulky item pickup DD 2nd. All in favor. KG motioned to approve voting machines & the highway supplemental repair DD 2nd all in favor. KG motioned to approve the curriculum article DD 2nd, all in favor. KG motioned to approve the roof condensers & the roof preventative main.at the school DD 2nd, all in favor. DD motioned to approve the server room ac, & upgrade to technology KG 2nd. All in favor. DD motioned to upgrade fire/burglar alarm KG 2nd. All in favor. DD motioned to approve special ed stabilization KG 2nd. All in favor. DD motioned to authorize to enter into pilot programs KG 2nd. All in favor. KG motioned to remove article from warrant taking the chief out of civil service DD 2nd and Roger was not in favor. DD motioned to make by-law changes KG 2nd. All in favor. KG motioned to approve require of direct deposit DD 2nd. All in favor. DD motioned to approve the abandoned property article KG2nd. All in favor.

FY20 BUDGET APPROVAL-The Town Administrator presented a balanced budget to the Finance Committee and presented his FY20 Budget Recommendations to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board did not go over the Annual Town Budget it will be discussed at their next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

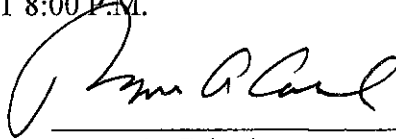
Received a copy of an Underwater Inspection Report of 11/27/18 from the MassDOT regarding the bridge that carries Slocum Street over the Acushnet River. File

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Cabral asked for a motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c30A§21(a)(3) to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations (Police Union Contract & Fire Contract) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body as he so declared and they did not to return to public session.

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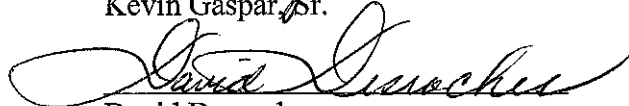
ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.



Roger A. Cabral



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.



David Desroches
Board of Selectmen