

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman Michael Cioper- and Selectman Roger Cabral Meeting Minutes Approved- March 21, 2017, April 18, 2017 and May 2, 2017 Regular Sessions

MEETING MAIL

APPOINTMENTS

1. TOM DECOSTA OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE- is present to update the Board on their activities. The memorial is finally coming to fruition. We are going to break ground soon. We have had a lot of donations, we have done a lot of fundraising. I just want to let everyone know where we stand. I want to thank everyone who has participated in making this memorial happen. Tom also wants to thank Dan Menard, the DPW employees and Park Department. All Selectmen are thankful to Tom for getting this memorial started.

2. VERIZON POLE HEARING: Verizon New England and Eversource have filed a petition to place a pole on the northerly side of Hope Street.

- a) The pole is necessary to provide service for a resident on Hope Street.
- b) The petition filed is in proper order.

The abutters have been properly identified and notified. Selectman Cioper motioned to grant permission to Verizon and Eversource, jointly, to locate, erect and maintain a pole, wires and cables, together with anchors and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary. This pole is to be erected in accordance with a plan filed herewith marked VZ N.E., Inc., No. MA2017-14 dated March 23, 2017, indicating a new pole located on the northerly side of Hope Street at a point approximately 206' westerly from the centerline of John Street, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

OLD BUSINESS

TOWN MODERATOR APPOINTMENT- There were no candidates on the annual town election on April 4th and two individuals received the same number of write-ins. Therefore the Town failed to elect a Moderator. Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 11 states that the obligation to appoint shall fall to the Board of Selectmen. The person that is appointed this evening shall serve until the next annual election next April.

The Board directed that the position be posted for two weeks. During that time two residents have filed letters of interest with the Board. They are Mr. Nicholas A. Gomes and Robert E. Francis.

Mr. Francis spoke about why he changed his mind about being the Moderator and Mr. Gomes made it clear that he wanted to be Moderator since going to Town Meetings as a teenager. Selectman Cioper motioned to appoint Nicholas Gomes to the position of Town Moderator,

Chairman Gaspar seconded and such term to expire at the next regular Annual Town Election on April 2, 2018.

(A roll call vote is required.)

Roll Call:

Mr. Gaspar: Yea

Mr. Cioper Yea

Mr. Cabral was originally a nay vote but changed his mind Mr. Gomes was voted to the moderator appointment unanimously.

COMPLETE STREETS- The Board of Selectmen has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to participate in the MassDOT's Complete Streets program. This policy will help us qualify for grants. Selectman Cabral feels that the policy is vague enough and sets a standard. It is necessary for the Town to adopt a policy to that end. The Policy was presented for first reading on March 21st and it is now before you for the second and final reading tonight. Selectman Cabral motioned to adopt, for second and final reading, the Complete Streets Policy as proposed, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

KEENE ROAD PURCHASE- At our April 18th meeting, we were generously approached by Ms. Alberta Hamilton about purchasing a lot of land adjacent to a town lot that might have been advantageous in the event that the property might serve as a potential well site.

After a survey by Woodward & Curran, it was determined that the property could not be employed as such. We wish to thank Ms. Hamilton, her family and Realtor Nancy Borges for their kindness and efforts.

Selectman Cioper motioned to respectfully decline the offer to purchase the lots of land offered as shown in Plan Book 161, Page 116 delineated as Lots 6 and 7, and to communicate this vote accordingly, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

ROCHESTER MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT REGARDING ANIMAL CONTROL-

In an effort to increase coverage and service within our community regarding Animal Control resources, we have approached the Town of Rochester and are recommending executing an "Inter-municipal Agreement" regarding mutual aid for this coverage.

Selectmen Cabral motioned to execute an Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Rochester to provide mutual aid and assistance between the municipalities when the animal control resources normally available to each municipality are not available, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

NEW BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR A GOSPEL TENT REVIVAL AT 396 MAIN STREET - We have received an Entertainment License Application from Kimberly Senna of 396 Main Street to host a "Gospel Tent Revival" meeting. The application is in the proper form with signatures from the Board of Health, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Zoning Enforcement Officer. A certificate of insurance has been filed with the application and the proper fee has been remitted.

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Selectman Cioper motioned to grant an Entertainment License to Kimber Senna for a Gospel Tent Revival on June 14th thru July 14, 2017 from 10 am to 1 pm and from 6 pm to 10 pm., Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

TOWN CREDIT CARD POLICY-The Town does not have a credit card, and this causes some inconvenience when the vendor will not accept a Town purchase order. In preparation for applying for a municipal credit card, I am proposing this policy.

Selectman Cabral motioned to adopt, for first reading the Town Credit Card Use Policy as presented, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion passes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

A REQUEST FROM MS. JEANNE CUTRONE OF 52 PERRY HILL ROAD FOR A WATERLINE EASEMENT ACROSS TOWN OF ACUSHNET PROPERTY AS SHOWN ON MAP 11, LOT 3.-Town Administrator Recommendation: The granting of a permanent easement across the property would result in a loss of value to the Town. Further, the granting of a permanent easement may require a Town Meeting vote as it is “disposing for value.”

However, a temporary easement might provide some relief and only requires Board of Selectmen action. There may be other issues that would have to be explored with Town Counsel. It's unfortunate that Perry Hill was recently re-paved and can't be cut into for the next five years.

Selectman Cioper motioned to respectfully decline the request for a permanent easement but to authorize the Town Administrator to discuss with Ms. Cutrone the possibilities of a temporary easement and have Town Counsel research the options, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

During the discussion Chairman Gaspar also made a motion to have Brian Noble look into properties in Town that regardless of parcel size would be beneficial to abutters, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I'm informing you that the warrant for town meeting has been posted and we are working on the motions to send to town counsel. I'm also working on the procurement to lease three electric cars that Jim had received a grant for. Old Colony is working on the charging stations for the cars too.

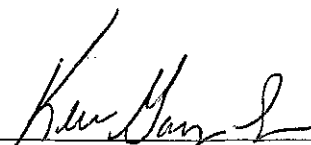
Last night town hall union met to vote on the proposed 4 day work week this will make it more accessible for residents to come to town hall on Tuesday's until 8 p.m. with Friday's off.

I'd like to fill you in on the great work being done at Lake Street by Mr. Menard, the docks are in and the fishing area has been widened to make more room and better safety for the residents.


INFORMATION ONLY

Chairman Gaspar would also like to give notice to the residents that on Tuesday, May 16th the Board of Health will be holding a public meeting at the Council on Aging to meet with P.J. Keating on their proposed moving of their asphalt plant.

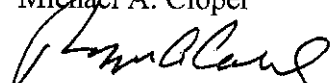
ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.



Kevin Gaspar, Sr



Michael A. Cioper



Roger A. Cabral
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