

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Cioper, Selectman Roger Cabral and Selectman Gaspar –Minutes Approved None

**MEETING MAIL**

LETTER FROM LIBRARY TRUSTEES REGARDING THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR DINA BRASSEUR BEING NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR.- The Library Trustees work closely with Dina and know first-hand that she is a committed professional and devoted advocate for the Acushnet Public Library. The Trustees are thrilled she has been recognized for her efforts not only by the local newspaper, but by our state legislature and our congressman. The Trustees are proud to share the well-deserved accolades with the Board of Selectman and the residents of Acushnet. No vote taken.

**APPOINTMENTS**

WOODARD & CURRAN DISCUSSION OF CWMP- ROSEMARY BLACQUIER & JASON JANCAITIS, CAROL HARRIS- Woodard & Curran came in to discuss the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and the needs, estimated scheduling and funding for the state revolving fund application dates & steps that need to be followed.

GOLF COURSE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS-Dana Przybyszewski & Steve Tibbels- Dana explained the golf budget to the board stating that there was only a 2% raise in salaries and an increase for longevity. Credit card fees are higher so that went up. Capital Projects was level funded and equipment leases went down 70% as did advertising went down by 8.3%. The golf committee has approved this budget. In the golf industry it is hard to see the trends, there could be a great year during a good economy and a bad year in a good economy. Hopefully, the coming months will have good weather and we can open the golf course early. The Board thanked the men for coming in tonight.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE-Nick Monticello & John Golda came in to discuss what the needs are and what equipment should be purchased in order to update the cable system so it will be in proper working order. There are needs that should be addressed due to sound issues that continue to be a problem. The servers are old & need upgrading, Comcast does provide funds for us to make the improvements. Selectman Gaspar motioned to allow the purchase not exceed \$40,000.00, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

MAURA LANE- WATER PIPE PLAN AS PRESENTED BY DAN MONIZ- Jeff Tallman came in to present to the Board as the Water Commissioners the roadway improvement plan for the paper portion of Maura Lane, which should help improve the water pressure in the Hathaway Farms Development. Mr. Tallman discussed the analysis of the plan model for Margaret Street which is an extension of Maura Lane indicates no problems with water. Selectman Cabral

motioned to approve the plan as Water Commissioners and send over to the Planning Board & DPW for approval, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT APPROVAL-The Town Clerk is required to post the election warrant at least seven days before the April 1, 2019 Election to notify the residents of the town who are qualified to vote when and where the election will be taking place. Again this year all precincts will be voting at the Acushnet Elementary School at 800 Middle Road. The polls will be open from 10 a.m. -8 p.m.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Annual April 1, 2019 Election Warrant, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion passes.

DISCUSSION OF INDIRECT COSTS TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS-For discussion purposes is a listing of possible expenses allowed by the Department of Revenue that could be assigned to certain Enterprise Funds. Please see attached. The Board needs to discuss what expenses are appropriate and necessary. No vote taken.

SENIOR WORK OFF PROGRAM DISCUSSION- At Town Meeting in 2000 it was voted to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 59, §5K to accept the Senior Citizen Tax Work-off Abatement Program. At this time the program has not been implemented and the Board has received inquiry from Senior's looking for the program to be implemented. There are a lot of factors that need to be taken into consideration as there have not been any guidelines implemented. Fairhaven currently has guidelines in place that the Town could mimic, so there is a lot of work to be done to figure out income levels and exactly what jobs can be given out as it cannot take away from a union positions, and what would be the income level and how many hours should the seniors be working. This will have a factor in the decision making. No vote taken.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

ECA SOLAR-Elaine Manicke came in to explain that ECA develops distributed generation solar energy projects on commercial, industrial, municipal and educational buildings and properties in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. ECA is currently in 7 net metering purchase agreements and has 25 projects in queue. They are offering a 20 year net metering credit purchase agreement to the Town of Acushnet at 80% face value. The savings per year could average the Town about \$51,472 and over the 20 year agreement this could be a savings of \$1,029,435. The agreement needs to be approved at Town Meeting and we will have a place holder for an article as we await feedback from Town Counsel. No vote taken.

JOINT MEETING-The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee posted a joint meeting to listen to the School Committee go over their FY2020 budget.

The Street naming Committee voted to change the address of Blaise Drive to Margaret Street, the Town will notify the post office and the residents of the change which will be effective on July 1, 2019.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INFORMATION ONLY**

LETTER FROM BUILDING COMMISSIONER RE: 25 WING LANE

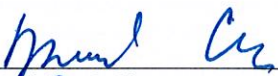
LETTER FROM MASSDOT RE: BRIDGE INSEPECTION REPORT HAMLIN ST./ACUSHNET RIVER


### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

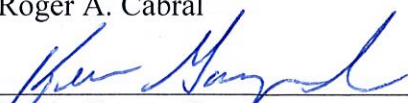
Chairman Cioper asked for a motion to go into Executive Session under G.L. c30A§21(a)(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Treasurer/Collector) (Wage & Classification) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body as he so declared and they did not to return to public session. He also accepted a motion to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations under G.L. c30A§21(a)(3) (Fire/EMS Contract) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body as the chair so declared and the board did not return to public session.

Roll call vote-Selectman Cabral, Selectman Gaspar and Chairman Cioper was a yes, to move into Executive Session.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.

  
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Michael Cioper

  
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Roger A. Cabral

  
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Kevin Gaspar, Sr.  
Board of Selectmen