

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman David E. Wojnar, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., & Garry L. Rawcliffe - Meeting Minutes Approved October 19, 2015 & December 4, 2015 Regular Session

MEETING MAIL

ACUSHNET LIBRARY & RUSSELL MEMORIAL- received correspondence from the Library Trustees letting the Selectmen know that the new library will be opening on December 21, 2015 and after the move there will still be some library related items at the Russell Memorial Library that the Director must assess and process for disposal or relocation. As such the Trustees would like to request that they can retain oversight of and access to the building until March 31, 2016. Selectman Rawcliffe motioned to allow the trustees to have access, Selectman Wojnar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

APPOINTMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

EVERSOURCE DISCUSSION-Chairman Wojnar realizes there is a lot of discussion from different organizations regarding the LNG tanks. Eversource came to Acushnet wanting to expand its facility, they initiated outreach, the Fire Chief, Town Administrator and myself went to Waterbury CT. to look at their facility which is doing our own independent research. Eversource had an open house well before the FERC process, Acushnet still has not allowed Spectra to do their survey on town property. The Board did ask the Principal Assessor to bring up a project on property values in towns with LNG tanks. I believe we are looking for what is the best interest for the town. Dennis Galvam from Eversource has reached out with information about the FERC process. Residents have asked about natural gas in the Peckham Road neighborhood, Chairman Wojnar says let's not take an adverse approach against each other let's keep an honest & open dialogue. Let's keep having Eversource & Spectra into meetings. Selectman Gaspar it is important for elected officials to be invited to meetings so we can listen to the complaints and be able to bring facts back to the table. That would be how we get to the truth before it gets to fruition. If anyone has things they want to drop off they should bring 3 copies for each Selectmen. Chairman Wojnar thinks there should be some type of advisory board maybe a 7 member commission, charge them with the task of getting the answers. Dennis Galvam met with the Conservation Commission and they are doing ANRAD looking into the wetlands in the area of the proposed site. Spectra did a reroute in Freetown some residents are not happy, Spectra will be sending out letters to the residents of Acushnet that will be impacted. Dana Sargent states that yes they had one meeting that they did not invite elected officials. I understand we should invite the officials we want to make this open honest meetings. I am very concerned about this project it is immense it's probably 15 times the size of what is there today. The diameter of the tanks is almost the size of a football field. Selectmen Wojnar states ask the questions to Eversource and get the answers the residents are looking for.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSERVATION CLERK APPOINTMENT- the Clerk position in the Conservation Office has been vacant for some time. We placed an ad in the newspaper and conducted interviews our recommendation is Christine Lagasse for the 19 hour per week position. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint Ms. Lagasse, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WATER ABATEMENTS-the DPW has submitted water abatements for the following addresses: 116 Cushman St., 25 Bernard St., 32 Westland St., 262 Main St., & 17 Ludlow St. in the amount of \$333.20. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve all except for Ludlow Street which we are only abating the meter fee, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

FINAL WATER CHARGES-Final water bill charges due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the water department accounts receivable for the month of November 2015 amounting in the aggregate to \$1,259.00. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

FINAL SEWER CHARGES- Final sewer bill charges due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the sewer department accounts receivable for the month of November 2015 amounting in the aggregate to \$140.70. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENTS-final report for streets Nestles Lane, Northwest St. and Reservation Road in the amount of \$347,001.46. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. Final report for streets Kendrick, Rock and Orchard St, in the amount of \$61,712.92. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. Final report for Cedar Hill Drive in the amount of \$235,146.10. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Rawcliffe seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

WATER/SEWER SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

LEAK DETECTION PRICING- Mr. Westgate has received three proposals regarding leak detection. The first is from Conservation Technologies in the amount of \$120.00 per mile for 50 miles a total cost of \$6,000. Second proposal from Water & Waste Pipe testing in the amount of \$145.00 per mile for 60 miles in the amount of \$8,700.00. Third from Hydra Tech in the amount of \$160.00 per mile for a total cost of \$8,000 for 50 miles. The Selectmen discuss the pricing of all companies as the DEP requires the detection to be done every 2 years.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

All the Aggregation notices have gone out within the 22 communities it is a 2 year contract with ConEdison at a rate of \$0.09490 the current rate is \$0.10804. All Selectmen think it is a good thing for the town.

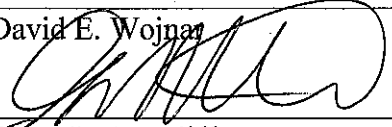
Since the police have moved into their new building the Parting Ways bottom floor is empty, we have started demolition in there and would like to start on re-habing so we can move offices together such as the building department, conservation, planning would be there too. We would like to move the Town Clerk there so let's have them come to our next meeting to discuss the foot plan.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session and not return to open session.

INFORMATION ONLY

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 5:20 P.M.



David E. Wojnar

Garry L. Rawcliffe

Kevin Gaspar, Sr.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 14, 2015

5:20 P.M. Chairman Wojnar asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Selectman Rawcliffe made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gaspar and all were in favor. Motion passes. Chairman Wojnar asked for a roll call vote.

Chairman Wojnar

Selectman Gaspar?- Yes

Selectman Rawcliffe?- Yes

Chairman Wojnar- and I am a yes. We are now in Executive Session.

Those present were: Chairman David E. Wojnar, Selectman Kevin Gaspar Sr., Selectman Garry L. Rawcliffe

Discussion ensued

No votes were taken.

5:40 P.M. Chairman Wojnar made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Selectman Rawcliffe.

Chairman Wojnar asked for a roll call vote.

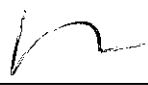
Selectman Gaspar?- Yes

Selectman Rawcliffe?- Yes


Chairman Wojnar- and I am a yes. We are now adjourned.

Adjourned Executive Session at 5:40 P.M.

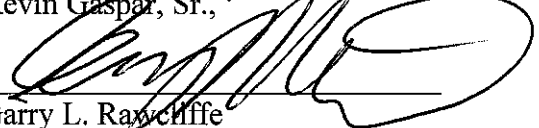
Approved:



David E. Wojnar, Chairman



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.,



Garry L. Rawcliffe
Acushnet Board of Selectman