

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM  
October 16, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Present:* Chairman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman David Wojnar, Selectman Robert Hinckley, and Town Administrator James Kelley

Chairman Gaspar welcomed the room to the meeting with the Board of Selectmen on October 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST. Chairman Gaspar asked for a motion to call the October 16, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order. Selectman Hinckley motioned to call the meeting to order. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chairman Gaspar asked the room to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Gaspar stated that Executive Session was not needed that day.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Final Review of Fall Town Meeting Warrant**

Chairman Gaspar stated that few articles were held in a previous Selectmen's meeting for further review.

He started with new index, Article 12: Amend Zoning By-Law Over 55 Developments. He stated that he and the Planning Board reviewed the Selectmen's Amendments and agreed on the matters. Chairman Gaspar asked for a motion to approve the 55 and Older Zoning By-Law. Selectman Hinckley motioned to approve the 55 and Over Zoning By-Law. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor. Motion passed. Chairman Gaspar stated that the by-law is good, clean, and concise. He stated that he was happy to have literature defining the by-law for the development of "55 and Over" communities.

Chairman Gaspar stated that there was a need to amend the sewer by-law, hence Article 13. He stated that Attorney Gerwatowski was involved in this, and asked Mr. Kelley if he had any input. Mr. Kelley stated that changes are shown in the packet, and Attorney Gerwatowski made clear of the meaning of the changes in the by-law. Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to approve Article 13: Amend Sewer By-law. Selectman Hinckley motioned to approve Article 13. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Gaspar stated that Article 14: Authorization of RFP Sale of Russell Memorial Library needed language changes. Chairman Gaspar asked Mr. Kelley if all the

changes were there. Mr. Kelley stated that Town Council recommended to make sure that the Article is all-encompassing, ensuring that it gives the Board control so that the property does not go to auction. He continued to state that the recommendation included having the Board be in control of the re-use and restrictions on the property. Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to approve Article 14: Russell Memorial Library. Selectman Hinckley motioned to approve Article 14. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Gaspar stated that the new index, Article 15: Authorization for the RFP Sale of Town Lots Sized Under 20,000 Square Feet, needed Town Council Review for language. Chairman Gaspar confirmed with Mr. Kelley that Town Council approved of the Article. Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to approve Article 15. Selectman Hinckley motioned to approve Article 15. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Gaspar stated that new index, Article 16: MOA-AFSCME (Town Hall) can be approved subject to Town Council's approval. Chairman Gaspar asked Selectman Hinckley and Mr. Kelley if the changes are satisfactory. Selectman Hinckley confirmed so. Mr. Kelley mentioned there was communication with the business agent, and he stated that there will be no cost for the changes made. Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to approve Article 16. Selectman Hinckley motioned to approve Article 16. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Chairman Gaspar stated that Article 17: Approve and Fund Contract and MOA – Teamsters (Police) and Article 18: Approve and Fund Contract – Steelworkers will be brought to Town Meeting if agreements have been made before then, as long as there is ratification from the Board. Mr. Kelley suggested putting this on hold, and Chairman Gaspar did so.

Chairman Gaspar brought light to the Citizen's Petition that was not mentioned in the Articles. He stated that Town Council, the Town Administrator, and the Town Clerk came together to confirm that the petitioner did not collect enough certified signatures to be brought forth for a Special Town Meeting. He stated that if the Board of Selectmen call for a Special Town Meeting, by law, a petitioner needs to collect 100 certified signatures; the petitioner was only able to get approximately 27 certified signatures. He stated that therefore, this petition did not have the qualifications to make it to the Special Town Meeting. Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to table the Citizen's Petition from the Warrant. Selectman Hinckley motioned to table the Citizen's Petition from the Warrant. Selectman Wojnar seconded the motion. Chairman Gaspar asked for those in favor, and all were in favor.

Chairman Gaspar reiterated that the law states that Citizen's Petitions submitted after the announcement of a Special Town Meeting needs 100 certified signatures. He continued to inform the public that if a petition is put together before an announcement of a Special Town Meeting, 200 certified signatures must be put together for the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting. Chairman Gaspar stated that this is the law.

**III. SELECTMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IV. FUTURE BUSINESS**

1. Chairman Gaspar stated that the next regularly scheduled Board of Selectmen meeting will be held on October 24, 2023 at 4:30 PM EST.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Gaspar asked if there was a motion to adjourn the October 16, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting. A Motion to Adjourn the October 16, 2023 Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned by Selectman Hinckley, and Chairman Gaspar seconded the said motion. Chairman Gaspar asked if all were in favor, and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Approved by:

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Kevin A. Gaspar, Chairman



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Robert Hinckley, Member



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David Wojnar, Member

**Inventory of Meeting Documents**  
**Acushnet Board of Selectmen**  
**October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting**

Executive Session

1. *Items yet authorized for disclosure*

Old Business

1. FY 24 Fall Special Town Meeting Warrant