

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Cioper, Selectman Roger Cabral and Selectman Gaspar –Minutes approved November 13, 2018 Regular Session.

MEETING MAIL

APPOINTMENTS

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF AN ALL ALCOHOL PACKAGE STORE LICENSE FOR CHUCK'S LIQUORS II- Under Chapter 138, Section 15 of the MA General Laws an open Board of Selectmen's Meeting was held to approve a transfer of a Package Store All Alcohol License from Chuck's Liquors II to Gayatri Mata d/b/a Chuck's Liquors II, Khushbuben Patel, Manager w/Pledge of License & change of hours on Sunday opening at 10:00 a.m. The premises consists of four rooms on the first floor consisting of main sales area, office, loading dock and walk in cooler of a two story building situated on the east side of South Main Street and numbered 172 S. Main Street, Acushnet, MA. ABCC requires an ad to be placed in the newspaper 10 days prior to the hearing which was scheduled on November 29th and all application paperwork was in order Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the transfer, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes

POLICE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE A PART-TIME OFFICER - Chief Alves recommended to hire Quinn Indio as a Part-time Officer. Mr. Indio is currently employed as a sworn police officer for South Coast Hospitals Group and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Worcester State University. He also received high recommendations from nearly everyone the investigators spoke to during his background investigation. Selectman Cabral motioned to appoint Mr. Indio as a part-time officer, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. During the meeting the Chief asked the Board if we could dual track Mr. Indio and motion to appoint him to full-time so he could attend the upcoming full-time academy. Selectman Gaspar asked how many officers are in the part-time academy now, the chief said there were three at this time. Selectman Cabral motioned to appoint Mr. Indio to the next full-time academy, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor.

DAN MONIZ/MONIZ ESTATES- Town Planner Henry Young told the board that he and the developer, Dan Moniz/Moniz Estates, were seeking their input, advice and opinions on the proposal. The development is seeking a waiver for access through Blaise Drive, and a waiver for sidewalks in the subdivision. It also calls for extending the water service. Jeff Tallman, from Sitec, represented the developer and told the board the proposal is for 17 homes, with land protected from development because it is Eastern Box Turtle habitat to meet the requirements of Conservation. Chairman Cioper was concerned about the waiver for the sidewalks, and the argument that many other developments do not have them. The bylaw was enacted for a reason.

Selectman Cabral voiced concern about not complying with the subdivision standards, saying that if they were going to grant waivers all the time, they should change the standards. The board is concerned with the 90-degree turn to get into the development and suggested putting in an island for safety. Residents voiced concern about water pressure changes for surrounding homes that the additional 17 houses might cause. Selectman Gaspar asked about the topography of the of the development is it hilly Sitec explained the grades and Selectman Gaspar spoke about the test they did at Park Drive to ensure any drop in water pressure and Mr. Noble explained the cost of running a model and make the info available to the concerned residents. No votes were taken.

OLD BUSINESS

FIRE CHIEF'S PRESENTATION REGARDING BLASTING ON KEATING PROPERTY-The Chief has a ton of concerns on the Keating Property. Keating has not moved forward with permitting plans for the flammables to be moved. Before they go forward they will need to conduct public hearings. At this time there are new local requirements Keating has 3 separate licenses and upon speaking with town counsel they suggested combining the three licenses so the asphalt, gasoline & diesel would be one license. This is just for administrative purposes. In the past few months, town officials have noticed an increase in complaints from neighbors of the quarry regarding the intensity of blasts and the effects observed at their property. The Town Hall staff routinely feels and hears the effects of quarry blasts from our offices nearly one mile distance from the quarry location. The Chief said his interest at this time is the standard by which the federal government, in 1980, determined the acceptable level of ground vibrations in areas close to mining operations, of which the removal of rock from a quarry is classified. Nearly forty-years ago, the United States Bureau of Mines produced Report of Investigations 8507, "Structure Response and Damage Produced by Ground Vibration From Surface Mine Blasting." This report tested cosmetic damages made to structures within certain distances from blasting operations. Data was then used to establish a threshold (commonly referred to as a "Z Curve") for the Peak Particle Velocity and Frequency. Using seismographs located a short distance from the closest structures, readings below the Z Curve are considered compliant (less than 5% chance of cosmetic damage) while readings above are considered non-compliant. In Massachusetts, these federal government standards are incorporated into the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Code due to their inclusion in the National Fire Protection Associations Standard 495 (Explosive Material Code).

The Chief did not profess to have the technical expertise to challenge the science that went into developing the safe blasting levels produced by the federal government nearly four decades ago. He simply responds to a steady stream of concerns expressed by the residents on an increasingly consistent basis. Our local blasting regulations require that a copy of the seismic reports for each blast be forwarded to town officials. While no "Z Curve" violations have occurred, we are seeing an upward movement to the established threshold. Acushnet residents live with many challenges by an operating quarry and the Town is here to ensure their safety. At this time Chief Gallagher also would like to recommend that the natural gas infrastructure be studied.

NEW BUSINESS

JIM MAROT BUILDING COMMISSIONER-The Building Commissioner petitioned the Selectmen to increase the fees on residential permits due to keeping the permit fees in-line with our neighboring communities. Mr. Marot told the Board the Town has only raised fees this being the third time in 12 years. Selectman Cabral mentioned he had to pull a permit for work being done & the contractor said we were one of the lower building fees. See attached fee schedule: Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the increase in permit fees as presented, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

BUZZARDS BAY NEP & BUZZARDS BAY COALITION REQUEST TO INSTALL A SURVEY MARKER ON TOWN PROPERTY-Buzzards Bay NEP & Buzzards Bay Coalition are collaborating on a study of salt marsh loss, sea level rise, and habitat change around Buzzards Bay and requested permission to install a Survey Marker on Town owned property in the area of Beech Street & Lawson Avenue. This will reference elevation benchmark monuments in uplands adjacent to selected marshes. Selectman Gaspar motioned to allow Buzzards Bay NEP & Buzzards bay Coalition to install a survey marker on town owned property as presented, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

2019 LICENSE APPROVALS-Every year the Board of Selectmen must approve the following licenses: Common Vic, All Alcohol Club, All Alcohol Section 15, All Alcohol Package Store, Restricted Music, Automatic Amusements, Class II Used, Class III Junk. See Attached List Selectman Cabral read the list needing approval.

Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the Licenses as read and the Licenses that are held are approved pending payment of taxes and the Fire & Building Dept. site approvals, Selectman Gaspar seconded, Chairman Cioper abstained on Ted's Class II License, all others were approved unanimously. Please see attached list.

OLD COLONY DISTRICT AGREEMENT-Old Colony Regional is updating their charter, also known as the "District Agreement". All member towns have been asked to have their municipal counsel review the proposed changes. The documents have been forwarded to KP Law. The intent of the update is ensure up-to-date language that accurately identifies current operation of the district. They are asking for approval of the document as presented, or recommendations for changes, no later than December 17, 2018. KP Law has asked that the Board sign the "informed consent" before they review the proposed changes. All four Towns represented by KP Law also have to sign the consent form.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve and sign the determination letter as presented and request Town Counsel's opinion of the proposed District Agreement, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

(2) CITIZEN INTERESTS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE CULTURAL COUNCIL (LISA LEONARD & MICHELLE WATTS)

Ms. Leonard & Ms. Watts requested to be appointed to the Cultural Council. At this time the Council is short on members. The local cultural council shall consist of at least 5 members and no more than 22 members and shall be appointed for a term of three years.

Selectman Cabral motioned to appoint Ms. Leonard & Ms. Watts to the Cultural Council for a three year term, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works on occasion needs to make repairs to water pipes on the premises of a town resident. Before undertaking the work to minimize disruption in water service the DPW is required to enter onto the resident's property and make the necessary repairs. This agreement is required so the owner understands and agrees that the Water Division is not responsible for damages to the property and the owner is responsible for the fees incurred to make the repairs to 4 Archers Way.

Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the Right of Entry Agreement for 4 Archers Way as presented, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY

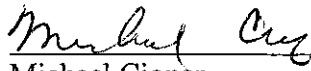
Letter from KP-Law regarding 396 Middle Road and the Sanitary Code.


Letter from FEMA letting the Town know that the Town was only approved for \$1,527.16 for disaster relief for a storm in 2013.

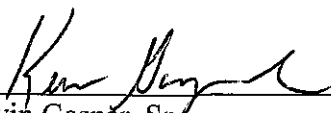
The Fire Department/EMS have been approved for a needle collection program. This identifies Acushnet as having need in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.


Michael Cioper


Roger A. Cabral



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.
Board of Selectmen

2019 License Renewals

CommonVic

Amanda McQuillan	Country Whip	1173 Main Street
Manuel Correia	Seafood Hut	2 South Main Street
Thomas O'Brien	Rochelle's	590-594 Main Street
Lynn Baker	Pop Casey's	141 S. Main Street
Carlos Rodrigues	TC Donuts (Dunkin Donuts)	150 S. Main Street
Jeffrey Pereira	Jeffrey's Pizza	161 S. Main Street
Joe Marmelo	The Mill	156 S. Main Street
Joe Marmelo	Captain's Place	162 S. Main St.
JJ Pereira	Silver Brook Farms	934 Main Street
Lionel Demars	American Legion	71 Hope Street
En Fan Li	Kam's Cuisine	132 Main Street
Manuel Goulart	Century House	107 S. Main Street
David Riccardi	Blue Point Rest.	6 Dayton Street
Paul Hipolito	Blue Lantern Café	605 Main Street
Deborah Leonardo	VFW	28 Roosevelt Street
Steve Koczera	Ponderosa	242 Robinson Road
Sue DeSilva	River's End Café	7 ½ Tarklin Hill Road
Kevin Gonsalves	JTS	77 Slocum Street
Keith Santos	Keith's Orchards	1149 Main Street
Doug Coray	Acushnet Creamery	264 Main Street

All Alcohol Club

Lionel Demars	American Legion	71 Hope Street
Deborah Leonardo	VFW	28 Roosevelt Street

All Alcohol License

En Fan Li	Kam's Cuisine	132 Main Street
Joe Marmelo	Captain's Place	162 S. Main St.
Manuel Goulart	Century House	107 S. Main Street
David Riccardi	Blue Point Rest.	6 Dayton Street
Paul Hipolito	Blue Lantern Café	605 Main Street
Sue DeSilva	River's End Café	7 ½ Tarklin Hill Road
Steve Koczera	Ponderosa	242 Robinson Road
Kevin Gonsalves	JT'S	77 Slocum Street
Dana Pryzybyszewski	Acushnet River Valley	685 Main Street

All Alcohol Package Store

Gary Hathaway	Scuttlebutts	590 S. Main Street HOLD
David Cardoso	Chuck's Liquors	172 S. Main Street
Murli Manohar	Bonville's Market	142 S. Main Street
Manuel Gonsalves	Town Liquors	1 Middle Road
Mario Silveira	Jason's Variety	270 Main Street

Restricted Music

Lionel Demars	American Legion	71 Hope Street
Deborah Leonardo	VFW	28 Roosevelt Street
En Fan Li	Kam's Cuisine	132 Main Street
Joe Marmelo	Captain's Place	162 S. Main St.
Manuel Goulart	Century House	107 S. Main Street
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Automatic Amusements

Lionel Demars	American Legion	71 Hope Street
Deborah Leonardo	VFW	28 Roosevelt Street
Paul Hipolito	Blue Lantern Café	605 Main Street
Sue DeSilva	River's End Café	7 ½ Tarklin Hill Road
Steve Koczera	Ponderosa	242 Robinson Road
Kevin Gonsalves	JT'S	77 Slocum Street

Class II License (Used Car)

Robert Sylvia	Rep/Weld Corp.	734 Main Street
Raymond White	White's Auto	211 Middle Road
Frank Knox	Hayes Street Realty	3 Hayes Street
Ted Cioper	Ted's	308 Middle Road
Luke Niemic	South Coast Premium	127 S. Main Street
David Farland	Shawmut Auto	118 S. Main Street
Kevin Murray	Murray's Auto Sales	75 Lambert Street
Tony Faria	Tony's Service Station	158 Main Street
Dennis Caplette	South Main Street Enter.	HOLD 16 S. Main Street

Class III (Junk)

Robert Sylvia	Rep/Weld Corp.	734 Main Street
Marc Cenerizio	Riverside Auto Salvage	1 Beech Street
Raymond Leblanc	Ray's Sales & Service	4 Morton Lane
James Laycock III	Laycock Auto	1256 Main Street
Alfred Bonville	Fred's Collision	36 Slocum Street

SUMMARY OF BUILDING PERMITS FEES: RESIDENTIAL 2017

BUILDING PERMITS:

	Current:	Proposed		Current:	Proposed		Current:	Proposed
Roofing	\$50.00	\$ 75.00	Residential Plumbing Fee	\$40.00	\$ 50.00	Additional Wiring	\$50.00	\$ 60.00
Siding	\$50.00	\$ 75.00	add'l per fixture	\$8.00	\$ 10.00	Alarm System	\$100.00	\$ 120.00
Window/Door	\$25.00 each (max of \$50.00)	same	RE-INSPECTION FEE	\$25.00	\$ 50.00	New Dwellings	\$200.00	\$ 240.00
Insulation	\$30.00	\$ 50.00	Residential Gas Fee	\$30.00	\$ 40.00	New House w/underground.	\$250.00	\$ 300.00
Pellet/Wood Stove	\$75.00	\$ 100.00	add'l per fixture	\$15.00		Travel Trailers	\$50.00	\$ 60.00
Chimney	\$40.00	\$ 80.00	Replacement Gas/Plumbing	\$40.00	\$ 50.00	Heating Systems	\$50.00	\$ 60.00
Swimming Pools:						Underground Service (w/out new house)	\$100.00	\$ 120.00
above ground	\$50.00					Service Renovations	\$50.00	\$ 60.00
in-ground	\$100.00		Sewer Tie-In	\$50.00		Temporary Service	\$50.00	\$ 60.00
Dormition:			add'l per added fixture	\$8.00		Additions	\$100.00	\$ 120.00
whole house	\$100.00					Swimming Pools:		
shed	\$30.00		Gas Test ONLY	\$20.00	\$ 40.00	above ground	\$100.00	\$ 120.00
Solar Permit:			Generators	\$45.00	\$ 60.00	in-ground	\$150.00	\$ 180.00
ground mounted	\$200.00		Pool Heaters	\$40.00	\$ 50.00	Solar:		
roof mounted	\$200.00					ground mount <25 kW	\$200.00	\$ 240.00
Signs:			OTHER PERMITS:			roof mount < 25 kW	\$150.00	\$ 180.00
temporary	\$30.00/ 6 mo		FOUNDATION	\$150.00	\$ 200.00			
signs as allowed	\$50.00	\$ 60.00	TRENCHING PERMIT	\$50.00				
Larger signs by Special Permit	\$125.00		ZONING PERMITS	\$40.00				
Building fees (minimum)	\$100.00		OCCUPANCY PERMITS	\$50.00				
new building/dwelling	0.40 per sq ft		TEMP. OC per 30 DAYS	\$50.00	\$2/DAY			
addition/alteration	0.40 per sq ft		MECHANICAL PERMIT	\$50.00				
shed/non residential	0.20 sf/\$80 min		SHEET METAL PERMIT	\$50.00				
Re-inspection fee	\$50.00		TENT	\$40.00	\$ 60.00			
			STORAGE CONTAINER		\$ 80.00			

PLUMBING & GAS PERMITS:

ELECTRIC PERMITS:

General Rule: ELECTRIC PERMITS

One Inspection \$50.00 \$ 60.00
Two Inspections \$100.00 \$ 120.00

*FIELD CARD REPLACEMENT \$40.00 \$ 50.00