

**ACUSHNET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 30, 2021  
4:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

I call the November 30, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order. I want to remind all present that this meeting is being audio and video recorded. Those present were Chairman David Desroches, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., Selectman David Wojnar.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR JESSICA REGO**

**III. MEETING MINUTES**

**IV. MEETING MAIL**

**V. APPOINTMENTS**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. FIRE ASSESSMENT/JOB POSTING**

Selectman Gaspar moves to table this discussion at this time. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

**2. RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR SLOCUM STREET SPEED SIGNS: \$5,000**

Chair Desroches explains that several weeks ago the Board of Selectmen approved a reserve fund transfer for speed signs on Slocum Street in the amount of \$5,000, however the Chief of Police has informed them that more funding is needed and is requesting an additional \$5,000 transfer from the reserve fund. Selectman Gaspar motions to approve the reserve fund transfer of \$5,000 for speed signs on Slocum Street. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. CYBER AWARENESS COMMUNITY AWARD**

Chief Desroches announces that the Town of Acushnet has been granted a Cyber Awareness Community Award by the Baker & Polito Administration. Selectman Wojnar motion to place the award on file. Selectman Gaspar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

## 2. RESIGNATION LETTER FROM IT DIRECTOR

Chief Desroches reads the resignation letter from Chris Oliver, IT Director for the Town of Acushnet. Chair Desroches thanks Mr. Oliver for his service to the town. Selectman Wojnar agrees and commends Mr. Oliver on his dedication to the town. Selectman Wojnar expresses concern over the shared business model where Town Hall shared the IT Director with the Acushnet School system and stated that this model should be reviewed going further.

## 3. GOLF EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT NEEDS

Mr. Isaac explains that revenues for FY23 to be another banner year for golf, however golf equipment manufacturers have notified them of significant delivery delays. Mr. Isaac requests that the Board of Selectman approve placing an order this November for four replacement vehicles that are critical to maintaining turf quality. Mr. Isaac explains that the four vehicles include a greens roller (\$15,470), a greens mower with wheels (\$63,983), a walk behind greens mower (\$16,400), and a fairway mower (\$61,897), for a total capital cost of \$157,750. Mr. Isaac states that the golf committee can anticipate entering a 5-year lease of \$34,743/year starting in FY23 to purchase this equipment. Selectman Gaspar moves to approve the lease of the vehicles as presented. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

## 4. LAKEVILLE ANIMAL SHELTER AGREEMENT

Ms. Leonard explains the few changes made to the agreement, stating that the animal control officer was in agreement with the proposed rate change. Selectman Gaspar motions to approve the agreement as presented. Selectman Wojnar seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

## 5. SOUTH MAIN STREET DISCUSSION

Chair Desroches explains that South Main Street is controlled by the State of Massachusetts from the Town Hall to the Fairhaven line, and that there are options for the town to consider taking over the road. Chair Desroches explains the options as follows: (1) take the road with cash payment from DOT, estimated time 1 year; (2) take the road with DOT performing all improvements ahead of time, estimated time 2 years. Selectman Wojnar states he thinks these options are worth looking into. Selectman Gaspar thinks it is worth it to have the discussions but expressed concerns about what the cash payments and other expenditures may be. Selectman Gaspar moves to put Selectman Wojnar in charge of discussions with District 5, Chair Desroches seconds the motion. All are in favor, motion passes.

## VIII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

## IX. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

X. INFORMATION ONLY

1. The following boards/commissions have vacancies. Please consider serving your community by submitting a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen:

Agricultural Commission – 2 Alternate Vacancies

- Beautification Committee – 7 Vacancies
- Community Preservation Committee – 1 Housing Authority Vacancy, 1 Residential Vacancy
- Cultural Council – 13 Vacancies
- Open Space Committee – 1 Vacancy

\*Town Moderator needed for May Town Meeting\*

XI. FUTURE BUSINESS

1. NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. "Executive Session under G.L.ch.30A§21(a)(2) to discuss strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct negotiations with non-union personnel if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the position of the public body and the chair so declares and the Board will not return to public session, review of matters presented; votes may be taken."

REGULAR SESSION ADJOURNED AT 4:25 PM

Approved:

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David Desroches,  
Chairman

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Kevin Gaspar, Sr.,  
Member

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David Wojnar,  
Member