

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M. by Chairman Garry L. Rawcliffe, Selectman Kevin Gaspar, Sr., & Selectman Michael Cioper- Meeting Minutes Approved November 17, 2016 Regular Session & December 16, 2016 Regular Session

MEETING MAIL

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM RICHARD FORAND-received correspondence from Richard Forand letting the BOS know that he is resigning from his position after being on the Planning Commission for over 23 years. Selectman Cioper motioned to accept the resignation and bring Mr. Forand in to give him a citation, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

RESIGNATION LETTER FROM KRISTEN TAVARES-received correspondence from Police Officer Kristen Tavares I have decided to take a job with the Mattapoisett Police Department, I will miss Acushnet. Selectman Cioper motioned to accept the resignation with regret, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

LETTER FROM RICHARD MIRANDA ASKING TO BE APPOINTED TO THE AG COMMISSION-Mr. Miranda would like to have an appointment to the AG Commission, originally we didn't realize that there are no current openings other than an alternate spot. We will ask if he is ok with that and appoint at our next meeting.

LETTER FROM PLANNING BOARD TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER-with the resignation of Mr. Forand the Planning Comm. & BOS need to hold a joint meeting to make the appointment. The Selectmen's next meeting will be held on January 24th at 5:00 p.m. we will place the meeting on the agenda. Selectmen Cioper mentioned to make sure cable advertise the vacancies. We already have a letter of interest for the position.

LETTER FROM HOUSING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER- with the resignation of Mr. Madruga the Housing Authority & BOS need to hold a joint meeting to make the appointment. The Selectmen's next meeting will be held on January 24th at 5:00 p.m. we will place the meeting on the agenda. Selectmen Cioper mentioned to make sure cable advertise the vacancies. We will see if we receive any letters of interest for the position.

APPOINTMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

LNG BALLOT QUESTION-at this time Chairman Rawcliffe proposes holding off on placing a question on the April Election ballot due to the fact that the project may be changing we don't have any real information to give to the voters. Selectman Gaspar would like to have the fire chief come in and give any updates he has from Eversource.

NEW BUSINESS

LIQUOR LICENSE MANAGER TRANSFER BONVILLE'S MARKET-Bonville's Market has made a request for a new manager from Alfred Bonville to Bonville's Market LLC, Richard Bonville location at 142 S. Main Street, Bonville's has been in town for a lot of years and has a solid reputation. They have not had any violations in years. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the change in manager and send the application to the ABCC, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT- Town Administrator, Brian Noble has drafted an acknowledgement of receipt of the open meeting law violation filed by Patrick Higgins in regard to 3 meeting agenda's that he feels violated open meeting laws. Mr. Noble's response has been read by town counsel and approved. We will send the response in by the date the Attorney General gave the extension to. Selectman Gaspar motioned to have Mr. Noble send the response to Mr. Higgins and the Attorney General, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS REQUEST-the golf committee is requesting to decrease line item gasoline by \$2,500 to increase seed & top dressing, Selectman Cioper motioned to approve the request, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. The Fire Chief is requesting to decrease quality assurance by \$123.63 & increase the travel line item. Selectman Cioper motioned to approve the request, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes. Selectmen would like to have the golf employees in to talk about their budget and give a 6 month update.

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION SCHEDULE-Nomination papers available Thursday, January 5th, last day to take out papers is February 9th, last day to submit nominations papers is February 13th, last to withdraw is March 1st, last to register as a voter is March 14th, last day to post warrant is March 27th. No motions were made.

ADA COORDINATOR APPOINTMENT-the Building Commissioner Jim Marot has been asked to take on the role of ADA coordinator, he has accepted. Selectman Gaspar motioned to appoint, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT RATE FEE ADOPTION-Mr. Marot has requested to increase the building dept. fees to be in comparison with other towns. Please see the attached fee schedule. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

LICENSE & RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT-the town has been losing water due to homeowners not being able to hire contractors to fix their pipes to the street. Mr. Menard feels that the town could properly handle the work and charge the homeowner the fee. Town Counsel has written up an agreement for homeowners to sign this will allow the town to inspect and do such work to correct leaks resulting in municipal water loss. Selectman Cioper motioned to approve the agreement, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD NOTIFICATION OF UTILITY BILLING CHANGES- received correspondence from the City of New Bedford regarding their updating their current billing method. Currently your billing is generated on the 8th of every month with water usage that carry dates from the 24th of one month to the 24th of the following month. Starting January 2017 your utility bill will be generated on the 15th of every month. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the request, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

FINAL WATER/SEWER CHARGES- FINAL WATER CHARGES-Final water bill charges due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the water department accounts receivable for the month of 31st of December amounting in the aggregate to \$57.25 and final sewer bill charges due the Town of Acushnet as posted in the water department accounts receivable for the month of December 2016 amounting in the aggregate to \$280.05. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve, Selectman Cioper seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

I have in front of you and memo with selected dates for town meeting, I have selected June 5, 2017. The warrant will close on March 13th, April for the BOS to hold article hearings, May 5th warrant to press.

Since the Police cruiser that was supposed to be donated to the COA had to be put back in police service because of another cruiser blowing an engine. I propose that we donate the crown vic that the building dept. has been using.


INFORMATION ONLY

ACUSHNET FIRE EMS SETS RECORDS, ADDS NEW AMBULANCE- see attached

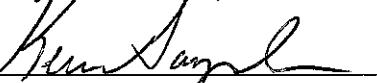
EVERSOURCE NOTIFICATION REGARDING THE INTENTION TO APPLY HERBICIDES ALONG THE POWER LINE RIGHT OF WAYS.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.

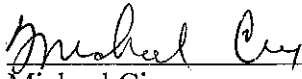
Approved:



Garry L. Rawcliffe, Chairman



Kevin Gaspar, Sr.,



Michael Cioper
Acushnet Board of Selectman