

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: February 26, 2019
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Alan H. Slavin, Chairman
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Anthony Scarsciotti
Mary Bruce

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator, absent
Richard P. Bowen, Town Counsel, absent

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Town Meeting will be held on Monday, April 22, 2019 and the Town Election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. Please remember to register to vote if you have not done so already.

A corned beef & cabbage dinner will be held at the Wareham American Legion Post 220, 777 Main Street, W. Wareham on March 16th at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$14, reservations are required and can be made by calling Joe at 508-995-4481.

The Stonebridge in Onset will be having a celebrity bartending night on Friday, March 15th starting at 7 pm; Selectman Bruce will be serving as well as Jessie Pitts. All proceeds will benefit the Onset Bay Association.

A moment of silence was held in memory of George Decas.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

The Community Events Committee is accepting applications for assistance with special events.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-2-26-19 (CONT'D)

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion and votes to recommend warrant articles.

Present before the board: Ken Buckland

Mr. Buckland spoke about article #11 on the Town Meeting Warrant – Front Yard Storage. He stated that the article had to be very specific otherwise a Judge could throw it out. He said that this was before the town at the last Town meeting however it was taken back for additional changes and has been modified. He also stated that all zoning articles need a 2/3 vote to pass at Town meeting. Selectman Bruce stated that this is long overdue.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend this article. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Mr. Buckland spoke about article #12 on the Town Meeting Warrant – Temporary Signs. He stated that the added section is more specific such as replacing “displayed on public or private way” with displayed on privately owned property with permission of said owner. Also add “traffic signs” after “light poles” in the next section.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend this article. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin was before the board to talk about the 2 articles for CPC. The first was article #18 FY2020 CPC reserve funds, this is a housekeeping article and the board voted to recommend.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

The second article was article #19 – Anderson Field Track Resurfacing, Storage & Fence project.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend article 1-Election of Officers; article 2-Recurring Business; article 3-Compensation of Certain Appointment or Elected Officials; article 4-FY20 Revolving Fund; article 5-Occasional Reports. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend article 13- State Mandated Real Estate & Personal Property Revaluation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend article 14 – Delete Charter Review Committee. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend article 15 – Town Meeting Process. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend article 17 – Littleton Drive. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-2 (Selectman Bruce & Teitelbaum abstained)

b. Discussion with lead petitioners re: petition articles.

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin was before the board to talk about her petition article #23 Charter Change-Inclusion of Town Meeting Warrants. She would like to see that all CPC articles automatically be placed on the warrant without the approval of the Board of Selectmen. She would like to have the residents be able to decide on the articles. She said that one of the articles submitted for the past 3 years have been denied, she feels the voters should decide how the CPC funds are spent. Ms. Slavin also brought up that the charter isn't updated.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to not recommend article #23. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Request to place a Memorial Bench on Onset Pier.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the bench request from Jayne Allison for a DuMor Grey Slat, Black Frame 6' Recycled Plastic Slate Bench with 4x6 Zinc Plaque installed at the time of manufacturing. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Accept donation from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library Inc., in the amount of \$5,000 and from Margit Price in the amount of \$100 for the Wareham Free Library.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation in the amount of \$100 from Margit Price to the Wareham Free Library. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation in the amount of \$5000 from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library Inc., to the Wareham Free Library. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan wasn't present at the meeting.

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11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Tropeano attended the drop in center last week and stated that people were there from the hospital and was speaking with one of the volunteers and found out that they were a Trauma Surgeon at the hospital. He did thank everyone on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for all they do.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the Wareham Redevelopment Authority will be going after the Massachusetts Cultural Facilities grant again this year.

Chairman Slavin stated that a new bill is expected from the Governor on the Housing Choice Program.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: February 19, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 19, 2019. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to adjourn. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest: _____

Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk

Date Signed: 3-5-19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-6-19