

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Mary Bruce, Clerk
Alan H. Slavin
Peter W. Teitelbaum
James M. Munise

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectmen Slavin wished a Rosh Hashanah to the Jewish residents of Wareham. It is number 5780 of the Jewish New Year.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin explained that the issue between Southcoast Hospital and Blue Cross Blue Shield was due to BCBS insufficiently funding the hospital for services provided. When comparing reimbursement to other area hospitals, Southcoast Hospital's reimbursement is a substantially lower percentage rate. He also spoke to someone from Harvard Pilgrim and it is confirmed that Harvard Pilgrim and Tufts Medical will be merging.

Selectman Slavin also stated that WCTV had their annual meeting and they are going to exercise their option to purchase the old town hall.

Selectman Slavin said that Atlantic Boats celebrated thirty years of being in business and he hopes that John Cornish will be in business another ten to fifteen years before retiring.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Interview/Appointment to the Library Board of Trustees

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Joanne Robertson to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. Selectmen Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Appointments to the Charter Review Committee

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Holli Van Nest to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Judy Whiteside to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Slavin seconded.

Discussion: Selectman Munise discussed that Judith Whiteside had not been interviewed.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Peter Dunlop to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Slavin seconded.

Discussion: Selectman Teitelbaum feels that elected officials should not serve on any boards. Selectman Tropeano agreed.

VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Teitelbaum and Selectman Tropeano opposed)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Sandy Slaivin to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 2-2-1 (Selectman Teitelbaum and Selectman Tropeano opposed. Selectman Slavin abstained)

Motion does not carry

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Mary Ann Silva to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Robert Fichtenmayer to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Nan Evans to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to appoint Lisa Morales to the Charter Review Committee. No one seconded.

VOTE: MOTION DOES NOT CARRY

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Kimberly Shaver-Hood to the Charter Review Committee. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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Discussion: Selectman Slavin asked Town Counsel if there would be a conflict of interest to appoint Kimberly Shaver Hood to the Charter Review Committee because she is the Superintendent of Schools. Town Counsel indicated that if appointed, she would have to file a disclosure with the Town Clerk and appointing authority. If there was a situation that pertained to the superintendent directly as opposed to general matters, she would have to abstain from participating in that particular matter.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Application for a Change of Beneficial Interest from Red Robin International, Inc., d/b/a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the change of two officers from Red Robin International Inc., d/b/a Red Robin Gourmet Burgers. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Application from Wareham Village Association, PO Box 486, Wareham, MA. 02571 for a One Day Liquor License for the Fall Festival to take place on October 5, 2019.

Present before the board: Tracy McGraw and Kat Jones

Kat Jones explained that this will be the first Fall Food Truck Festival organized by both the Wareham Village Association and Onset Bay Association. There will be fourteen food vendors, twenty-seven various vendors, and two bands.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the one day liquor license for Wareham Village Association, PO Box 486, Wareham, MA. 02571 for the Fall Festival to take place October 5, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Application from Trevor S. Watson for a One Day Liquor License for October 5, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the One Day Liquor License for Trevor Watson, 144 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. 02558 to take place on October 5, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and vote whether to recommend or not on fall town meeting warrant articles.

No articles discussed at this time.

- b. Discuss and vote on ratification for Town Administrator appointment of Town employees.

Selectman Slavin explained that once the Town Administrator makes the official offer to an employee, the Selectmen have fifteen days to ratify. He suggested modifying the fifteen days due to fewer meetings in the summer and holidays.

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Selectman Teitelbaum wants to retain what has been done. The Town Administrator is responsible for the employees and with additional personnel actively involved in the hiring process, he feels there is no reason for the Selectmen to be involved in the day to day operations.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Town Administrator to appoint town employees below the department head level. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0(Unanimous)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan wants to have an executive session meeting on October 15, 2019 regarding collective bargaining.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended the SRPEDD meeting. He explained that the Town of Wareham qualified for the MVP program which offers many opportunities the Town can take advantage of.

Selectman Slavin said there will be an event at UMass Dartmouth regarding marine based technology in businesses and promoting all businesses in the area. A \$600,000.00 grant has been received to start which will be a major financial input.

Selectman Munise will be attending a Department of Local Services program on October 10, 2019 which will be covering changes in law and how it effects the Town.

Selectman Teitelbaum said that the Redevelopment Authority continues to make progress towards things that must be done before creating a redevelopment plan.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: September 10, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 10, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0(Unanimous)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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Respectfully submitted
Cassandra Slaney
Department Assistant

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

Attest: _____

Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed:

10.22.19

Date sent to the Town Clerk:

10.23.19