

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: January 14, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Not Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Historical Society is having an event on January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Meeting House about the Women's Suffrage Movement for National Rights. The event is free to members and the fee for non-members is \$2.00.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Claire Smith

Ms. Smith wanted to convey to the citizens that she did receive an email from the Mayor of Wareham England sending well wishes and a Happy New Year. She will also be taking a trip to England where she will take a tour of the town of Wareham and the museum as well as meet with the Mayor and Town Clerk. She may be able to attend the Town Meeting as well. She is looking for any ideas of what to bring. She currently has a ledger to be signed by residents and another ledger to be signed by the departments at the Town Hall.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

None.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Council on Aging Board of Directors
 - i. Elizabeth Rollins

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Ms. Rollins has been a resident of Wareham for twenty-five years. She was an administrative assistant for the Council on Aging in Plymouth for 10 years. She is retired and would like to become involved and offer some new ideas.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Elizabeth Rollins as a member to the Council on Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

ii. Carolyn Hynes

Ms. Hynes is currently retired and would like to become involved in the community.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Carolyn Hynes as a member to the Council on Aging Board of Directors for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Election Poll Workers

i. Karen Monteforte

ii. Denise Valenti

iii. Linda Jena Nelson-Bollinger

iv. Jean Alves

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Karen Monteforte, Denise Valenti, Linda Jena Nelson-Bollinger, and Jean Alves as Election Poll Workers for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2020. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. HEARING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 P.M. – Application for a transfer of an existing Year Round Package Good Store All Alcoholic Beverages License from Oak Grove Corporation d/b/a Oak Grove Package Store to Heather Hill Holdings Corp. d/b/a Depot Liquors under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to open the hearing. Selectman Bruce seconded. Poll Vote: Selectman Slavin-yes; Selectman Munise-yes; Selectman Teitelbaum-yes; Selectman Bruce-yes; Selectman Tropeano-yes.

Present before the Board: Shawn McCoy and Megan Bennett

Mr. McCoy stated that this transfer is from father to son. He has strong roots in the community and would like to establish his business here.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to close the hearing. Selectman Bruce seconded. Poll Vote: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application for a transfer of an existing Year Round Package Good Store All Alcoholic Beverages License from Oak Grove Corporation d/b/a Oak Grove Package Store to Heather Hill Holdings Corp. d/b/a Depot Liquors under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Master Plan.

Selectman Tropeano started with Selectman Slavin and asked him to provide his comments regarding the Master Plan. Selectman Slavin stated that because there has been a lack of input from other departments, he will be handing his comments in to the Ken Buckland, Town Planner, who is handling the project. Selectman Slavin stated that he is concerned whether there will be a document ready for Spring Town Meeting.

Selectman Teitelbaum thanked Richard Swenson for his hard work and efforts for the proposal on Wareham Congress.

Selectman Tropeano stated that he would like the departments to submit their comments within two weeks to the office and the office will provide them to Ken Buckland.

b. Update from the Cultural Council.

Present before the Board: Kathy Gleason, Christy Lague, Wendy Brogioli

Ms. Gleason stated that the grant cycle is finished for 2020. There were thirty-nine applications and twenty-six grants which will be disbursed throughout 2020.

c. Update from the Charter Review Committee.

Present before the Board: Judy Whiteside, Nan Evans

Ms. Whiteside updated the Board of Selectmen on the progress for the Charter Review Committee explaining that many of the recommended changes are grammatical, presentation, formatting, and clarity. The most significant recommended change is the position of Town Clerk from being elected to appointed. Other recommendations include rewriting the summary of articles, updating the school committee section and assessors section and removing the Road Commissioners from the charter and adding them to the by laws.

Ms. Whiteside also stated that the Charter Review Committee would like their term extended until after the fall town meeting in order to see that the approved recommendations are properly documented. Attorney Bowen explained that if the Board of Selectmen wanted the committee to continue to function, the way to do that would be not to continue it as the Charter Review Commission as contemplated by the statute, but to recreate and reauthorize the committee as a Charter Review Committee created by the Board of Selectmen.

d. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$7000.00.

e. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$2000.00.

f. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$50.00.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to accept the donations in the amounts of \$7,000.00, \$2,000.00, and \$50.00 to the Wareham Free Library. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

GAF Engineering provided a presentation on the Bike Path.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition had their meeting on the outfall proposed project and discussed the issues that have been brought up.

There was a meeting in Marion where there was a three hour presentation regarding the redesigning of Route 6.

The Swifts Beach light project is moving along.

Selectman Slavin has been asked to get a traffic study on Route 28 and Tihonet Road.

Phase one of the commuter rail is on track and funding is in place for the entire project.

The Veterans Council will be discussing bringing back the Veterans' Day Parade.

Funding for the electronic voting for Spring Town meeting is being funded through the Community Events Committee.

Selectman Slavin has requested a discussion and official vote to be placed on the agenda regarding changing the name from the Board of Selectmen to the Wareham Select Board.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the Wareham Redevelopment Authority will be meeting regarding the issuance of the initial request of proposals for the Littleton Drive property. He is hoping for replies and ideas from developers.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen in the amount of \$15,650.00. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

c. Approval of meeting minutes: December 3, 2019; December 10, 2019

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 3, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

December 10, 2019 minutes were not approved, Selectman Munise will be reviewing them.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

15. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed: 2-25-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2-26-20