

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Date of Meeting: February 11, 2020  
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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: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator  
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Historical Society has a program by Linda Ames. It's a tribute to Black History month and Wareham History on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Meeting house, 495 Main Street, Wareham. Admission is free to members and \$2.00 for non-members.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None.

### **6. BOARDS COMMENTS**

Selectman Slavin spoke about the House Bill 4398, which is an act relative to Host Community Agreements. There is concern about this act and the Cannabis Control Commission gaining more control. There is consideration to lobby the state to remove the host 3% fee and go to a 6% total fee.

There is a possibility of a bill for vocational schools to switch to a lottery system.

Selectman Slavin stated that the MMA is going to revisit the policies that concerns county government.

Selectman Slavin has also been appointed to the Local Government Advisory Commission for one year.

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Selectman Slavin reached out to GATRA regarding picking up patients at the front door of the nursing home per Jack Sylvia's request before the Board. GATRA will not pick up at the front door, but Dial-A-Ride will.

Route 28 and Tihonet Road qualifies for a traffic study. Funding is an issue and Selectman Slavin suggested looking into the original agreement with Planning in the development of that area to see if there is any mention for lights when traffic hit a certain number.

Selectman Slavin will be meeting with Destination Plymouth to plan on when the committee can speak with the Board.

### **7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

#### **8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. Application from Nouria Energy Retail Inc. d/b/a Amato's, 2501 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA for a Common Victuallers license.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application from Nouria Energy Retail Inc. d/b/a Amato's, 2501 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA for a Common Victualler License. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Application from Nouria Energy Retail, Inc., 2501 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA for a Common Victuallers license.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application from Nouria Energy Retail Inc., 2501 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA for a Common Victualler License. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

#### **9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the FY2020 CDBG Grant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to open the hearing. Selectman Slavin seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Chairman Tropeano-yes.

Present before the board: Peter Sanborn

DHCD has informed the Town that it is eligible to apply for \$825,000 for its FY20 grant under the Mini-Entitlement (ME) Plan Fund. The grant submission deadline is March 6, 2020. Mr. Sanborn spoke about the Community Development Block Grant and provided the board with a list of requests for funding public social services. They issued a Request for Proposals soliciting funding requests. The RFP was posted on the Town's website and advertised in the Wareham Week. It received more requests than it can fund, both in total number and funding amount. Two persons in his office reviewed and scored the proposals. Mr. Sanborn met with the reviewers to discuss

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them. (Memo is attached) He is recommending the following funding: Boys & Girls Club (Wareham unit) \$40,000, The Family Pantry-Damien's Place \$22,500, GATRA Transportation Assistance \$37,000, Wareham Area Committee on the Homeless/Turning Point \$35,500 and the Christopher Donovan Day School for pre-k and kindergarten scholarships for low income families \$30,000 for a total of \$165,000. Because of budget limitations, the recommended funding levels are less than the amounts requested by each organization. Mr. Sanborn provided the board with a report on the progress of current and prior grants which was summarized in a handout he provided to the board and handed out to the public.

Mr. Sanborn stated that the project activities being recommended for the application also includes a refunding of the housing rehabilitation program which provides financial assistance to lower and moderate income homeowners throughout the Town. The program is not funded under the current grant but there is demand for it by residents.

Mr. Sanborn also spoke about the investment needs in Onset as a result of the Slums & Blight inventory. Several department heads and he toured Onset to look at potential projects. After discussing various ones, the proposal is to reconstruct the sidewalks along the perimeter and through the park in Onset. The concrete paver blocks are either sinking, raising, or falling out. The proposal is to remove those and replace them with concrete sidewalks. Mr. Sanborn stated that he is working with BETA Engineering and still working on the cost estimate. The grant proposes to pick up the construction cost and Dave Menard, Municipal Maintenance would pay for the design with Chapter 90 funds.

Mr. Sanborn said that all of the projects being proposed are consistent with the Commonwealth's Sustainable Development Objectives and address clear needs of residents. Based on past history, the Town should receive the grant late Summer. Most of the activity will occur in 2021.

At this time the board asked if anyone from the audience had any questions or comments.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Chairman Tropeano-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the filing of a FY 2020 Massachusetts CDBG Program grant application in an amount not to exceed \$825,000. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to take all actions required for the submission of the grant application. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

b. WPCF project presentation by GHD.

Present before the Board: Russ Kleekamp, Sr. Project Mgr of GHD, Marc Drainville, PE, Principal, Guy Campinha, Director of Water Pollution Control Facility  
Mr. Kleekamp provided a presentation on the project for the Water Pollution Control Facility and proposals for improvements on the capacity, denitrification filters, and controlling the odor issue. He also discussed the findings after an evaluation of the WPCF. He provided an update on the final design of the third equalization basin which is scheduled to be completed in June 2020. A grant will be submitted in April to help fund the construction.

Mr. Kleekamp discussed the cost of the denitrification filters as well as discussing various options for controlling the odor issue.

*(see attachment for complete presentation)*

Mr. Campinha explained

c. Discussion of trash disposal for Town after CMW contract.

*This issue was not discussed.*

d. Update on Task Force and discussion on Town enforcement.

Present before the Board: Robert Ethier, John Kelley, Richard Sniger, David Morris, and Richard Bowen, Members of the Task Force

Mr. Ethier stated that the Task Force is seeking permission for further compliance in Superior Court pertaining to three particular properties. There are many compliance issues at 16 Wareham Ave and it's been a real problem for the neighbors as well as the neighborhood. 2838 Cranberry Hwy is operating a business in a residential neighborhood. 198 Main Street is in a state of disrepair, it is falling down during rainstorms and windstorms and falling debris is damaging vehicles. Calls from the Task Force are not being returned and there has been no response to letters from the Building Commissioner.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to authorize further compliance in Superior Court pertaining to the properties presented. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Mr. Bowen stated complaints will be filed in Superior Court with the appropriate affidavits and will seek temporary restraining orders and also preliminary injunction and hopefully permanent injunction requiring that these particular property owners come into compliance with respect to their properties.

Selectman Tropeano thanked the Task Force for all of their hard work and efforts.

Mr. Sullivan also thanked the Task Force for their additional time and effort.

e. Vote to establish dates and Notice of Intent for 2020 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the established dates and Notice of Intent for the 2020 Spring Special Town Meeting Warrant. (see attachment)  
Selectman Slavin seconded.

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Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Chairman Tropeano-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

f. Continued discussion and possible vote on articles to be placed on 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Articles 1 through 10 (see attachment) to be placed in the 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Non-Binding Resolution: Endorse 2020 Master Plan article to be placed in the 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Teitelbaum moved to include the Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account article to be placed in the 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

g. Close 2020 Spring Town Meeting warrant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to close the 2020 Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

h. Request to place signs on Town property.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve as presented the Onset Village Association to place signs on Town property. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

**11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan presented an overview of the Town Budget Summary.

Mr. Sullivan met with the Council on Aging Director and Council on Aging Board. He stated that Pam Dudley has retired and has done a nice job. This does afford the town to go with a full time director and there have been interviews.

**12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

None.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

b. Approval of meeting minutes: December 17, 2019; January 28, 2020.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the minutes for January 28, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the minutes for December 17, 2019.  
Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Teitelbaum 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: 3-3-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-4-20