

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: February 15, 2022
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Remote meeting due to COVID 19

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk
James M. Munise
Alan H. Slavin
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were approximately 120 patients at Southcoast Hospitals with Covid. Within a week the number of patients went down to 30.

The presentation provided by Tricia Wurts for the Wareham Redevelopment Authority was recorded and will be up on Youtube. She interviewed sixty people and will be providing a second presentation.

Selectman Teitelbaum wrote a letter of resignation and will no longer be in office as Selectman as of May 3rd. He thanked the Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Town employees.

5. TOWN RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin thanked Selectman Teitelbaum for his years of service.

The traffic and parking issues at Verilife are being addressed.

The MBTA is continuing with the commuter rail project and there was discussion how it could potentially affect Wareham and zoning.

Selectman Slavin stated that there are multiple funding opportunities available.

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Funding for an engineering study for Merchants Way and railroad track issues is currently being researched.

Chair Whiteside thanked Selectman Teitelbaum for his service as Selectman.

Chair Whiteside also stated that there are several Board and Committee vacancies and the vacancies are posted on the Town's website.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Application from Sal y Limon LLC d/b/a Casa Cancun, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Ste 426, Wareham, MA. for a Change of Hours.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the application from Sal y Limon LLC d/b/a Casa Cancun, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Ste 426, Wareham, MA. for a Change of Hours. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Accept donation from Shaw's Give it Back Where it Counts Program in the amount of \$18.00 to the Wareham Free Library Gift Account.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation from Shaws Give it Back Where it Counts Program in the amount of \$18.00 to the Wareham Free Library Gift Account. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Discussion and possible vote to apply for CPC funds to remove and store Tremont Nail Factory sign.

Mr. Sullivan explained that there are concerns pertaining to the signs and the bell tower. One of the signs has partially blown down from a storm and the bell tower is not in good shape. The approximate cost would be \$16,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to apply for CPC funds to remove and store the Tremont Nail Factory sign. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the application for the CPC funding. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Discussion and possible to appoint Shellfish Constable.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to appoint Rollin Buckminster the position of Shellfish Constable effective February 16, 2022 to a term to expire February 16, 2025 in not terminated sooner under M.G.L. 130 Section 98. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call:

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Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to appoint Eva Golden, Michael McGuire and Morgan Mattioli the position of Deputy Shellfish Constables effective February 16, 2022 to a term to expire February 16, 2025 if not terminated sooner under M.G.L. 130 Section 98. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The school department has officially vacated the Decas School and it is now considered a Town building.

There were forty-three confirmed Covid cases and three deaths.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Town's S&P bond rating is AA+ and he credited the Town's staff for an outstanding job.

11. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin stated that the Buzzards Bay Coalition has a new general manager and suggested inviting him to a future meeting to introduce himself and provide an update on the programs being offered at the Onset Bathhouse.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: January 11, 2022.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 11, 2022. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Approval of executive session meeting minutes: May 14, 2019; July 30, 2019; September 10, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of May 14, 2019, July 30, 2019 and September 10, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.


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:  Date Signed: 3-22-22
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Casa Cancun application for Change of Hours.
2. Donation to the Wareham Free Library.
3. Shellfish Constable appointment.
4. Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2022.
5. Executive session meeting minutes for May 14, 2019, July 30, 2019 and September 10, 2019.

Date sent to Town Clerk: 3-23-22