

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: March 10, 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
James M. Munise
Peter W. Teitelbaum

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Slavin requested a moment of silence for Julio Roderick's wife, Juliette Roderick who passed away on March 4th.

Onset Bay Association will be hosting a chili contest at the Stone Path Malt on March 14th from 5:30-8:30. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. The grand prize is \$250.00. This event is to raise money for the fireworks.

The Wareham Historical Society is hosting a show and tell on March 16th at the Methodist Meeting Hall. It's an invitation to the public to bring a treasured item to share and tell a story of how it is connected to your family history.

New Bedford will be celebrating 50 years of earth day called Earth Day 2020 on April 22nd from 3:30pm to 8:00pm.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Claire Smith
Mrs. Smith is going to Wareham England and wanted to remind residents in Wareham to sign the book she will be taking with her. She encouraged anyone to sign it and write a greeting.

Mrs. Smith discussed the alternatives to moving the date of the Town Meeting if the current state of emergency is still in place due to COVID-19.

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6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin stated that meetings in Boston have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus and the MMA has cancelled all meetings going into Boston for the next three to four weeks.

Selectman Slavin also wanted to clarify that Organa Brand is not opening in Wareham because there were issues with the application process requested by the Cannabis Control Commission.

Selectman Teitelbaum also added that the ban of vape pens may have had an effect on their business decision and potential growth since one of their major products was the manufacturing of vape pens and cartridges.

Selectman Teitelbaum also wanted to thank the people who showed up at the primary elections. He volunteered at the fire station and feels the precinct should be changed because the building is inadequate and the parking is a challenge. Mr. Sullivan stated that this was a temporary location for the smaller elections.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

Present before the Board: Richard Semple

Mr. Semple is a carpenter and resident of Wareham. He is interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals because he would like to become involved in Town politics and felt this was a good place to start. He also said he had not attended any meetings to be interviewed by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Selectman Munise stated that applicants generally must attend three meetings and at present, there are three interested parties. He would like to see the people who are interested take the initiative to attend a meeting and introduce themselves. At this time, he would also prefer to interview the other applicants before making any decisions. The Board of Selectmen also agreed as well.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

None.

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Request to place signs on Town property from Church of the Good Shepherd.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the request to place signs on Town property from Church of the Good Shepherd. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Discussion and possible vote on Stone Path Malt liquor issue.
- Present before the Board: Mark St. Jean – Owner of Stone Path Malt.

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Mr. St. Jean is seeking approval to obtain a liquor license that allows Stone Path Malt to sell packaged goods off premises. Selectman Teitelbaum explained that the current license was approved under special legislation, the procedure would be to amend the existing license to add the ability to sell packaged goods made with Stone Path Malt's malt.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to add Stone Path Malt as an article in the Special Spring Town Meeting warrant to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a petition for special legislature. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Continued discussion of trash disposal for Town after CMW contract. Mr. Sullivan stated that this has been added as an article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. He explained that this would be amending town by law division 1, Article 6, section 4.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include this article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Continued discussion and possible vote of warrant articles to include in the 2020 Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting.

Present before the Board: Judith Whiteside, Charter Review Committee

Ms. Whiteside was asked explain the article for the 2020 Special Spring Town meeting. She explained that the Town Collector position changed from elected to appointed. This change was approved by the Attorney General's office. The article submitted is requesting section 4-5 of the Charter be stricken in its entirety because the Town Administrator makes the appointments, and therefore doesn't apply.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Charter Review Committee Request article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Budget Transfer article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to include the Fund Parking Program article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Spring 2020 Capital article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Transfer of Available Funds article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the PEG Access Receipts to Wareham Community TV article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Accept Gift of Land from Paul Volpe Estate article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Accept Gift of Land from Eleanor M. Elicone Trust article in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the remaining articles as presented in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. Continued discussion and vote on articles for 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

Present before the Board: Kenneth Buckland, Planning Director
Mr. Buckland provided an explanation pertaining to the updates to the FEMA floodplain by laws article. He explained that the amendment is necessary to conform to changes in the Building Code. He reiterated the amended version will allow reconstruction in a velocity zone as well as new construction. Selectman Tropeano recommended the amendment to allow reconstruction as long as it meets FEMA requirements but to prohibit any new construction in a velocity zone. Mr. Buckland agreed to submit a new article.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include the Harbor Services Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account article in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan mentioned the article for the health insurance for the spouse of police officer Christopher Argentinas who was killed. One more action needs to be taken and the Board of Selectmen need to vote to petition the legislature.

Mr. Sullivan also discussed the declaration of the state of emergency by Governor Baker. Mr. Sullivan has been meeting with the department heads and the Board of Health about the continuity of operations and seeing what jobs employees can do from home. He is asking residents to pay online, also reminding people to limit human contact to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. The virus is said to possibly last for days and the Town is taking the necessary steps needed such as wearing gloves, providing hand sanitizer, wiping down counters, door knobs, and doors. This is being taken very seriously and employees are using the necessary precautions.

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Mr. Sullivan also asked for a vote to ratify the appointment of the COA director.
MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to ratify the appointment of the COA director. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended the MMA breakfast for Selectmen.

Selectman Slavin also mentioned the following House Bills pending:

House Bill 2115-grants for fire and police stations.

House Bill 2388 for mattress recycling.

House Bill 796 for paint recycling.

House Bill 750 for packaging-packaging of items to be disposed of easier.

Selectman Slavin was at the State House discussing the transportation bill and bond bill.

Selectman Munise attended the Affordable Housing Trust meeting and discussed the close out funding portion of the home on Great Neck Road and discussed 19 Puritan Ave as an affordable unit.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the Redevelopment Authority will be reviewing three proposals and each proposal calls for at least fifty units.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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Date Signed: 4-20-20

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