

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: April 13, 2021
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

This meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Not Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Oakdale Community, Avenue A will be doing a cleanup on April 24th at 10 a.m. and Onset has announced a cleanup for May 15th.

Town Meeting has been rescheduled to take place at Spillane Field, Saturday, May 8th at 11 a.m.

On the 15th of each month, Wareham Helping Wareham helps to provide meals for families in need. Meals can be made and donated or people can call a restaurant and pay for a donated meal for up to a family of four. Details can be found on Wareham Helping Wareham's Facebook page. Charlie's Place is the restaurant for May 15th.

Friends: The used book sales will be held in the Meeting Room of the Main Library at 59 Marion Road. Access to the sale is from the Meeting Room door only (NOT through the library). Masks and social distancing will be required, and the number of shoppers at one time may be limited.

Each month the Friends will have a theme. They have plenty of books in all genres and for all ages. The month of April, our theme will be CHILDREN'S BOOKS. Dates and times are as follows:

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April 22--Thursday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

April 23--Friday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

April 24--Saturday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm

Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags if possible. The Friends are still unable to accept used book donations at this time due to their storage space being filled.

Virtual Story time with the Children's Librarian is posted each week on Facebook and on the Library website.

To date, Miss Marcia has filmed 43 weeks' worth of virtual children's story times, activity videos, and children's/YA book talks. The Library archived most of these videos online and they can also be found in the archives on the website.

Council on Aging reminder: Applications for Fuel Assistance deadline has been extended to April 30th. Call 508-291-3100 x3133 to determine your eligibility and to schedule an appointment.

Chair Yoga with Pam begins April 22 on Thursdays at 2:00 pm outdoors at the Wareham free Library weather permitting. Call 508-291-3130 to register.

Volunteer drivers are still needed for the Meals on Wheels program. There is a mileage reimbursement. Call 508-291-3100 x6514 for more information or to join.

Beginning April 20 from 9-10 am at the rear of the Multi service Center weather permitting, the COA will have Coffee and Conversation Sessions. All seniors are invited to attend.

Information regarding free meals is posted on the Town's website.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson talked about the amount of residents who attended the Town Meeting and also stated that if the infrastructure bill passes, there are many opportunities for the Town to take advantage of.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Elections for the Wareham Water and Fire District is Saturday, April 17th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Selectman Whiteside wanted to make the Board aware that the Massachusetts Audubon has agreed to sign a purchase and sales agreement for the purchase of Little Harbor golf course. Their plan is to restore the coastal forest and do some salt marsh

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restoration and conservation. Part of their fundraising efforts will include a municipal vulnerability preparedness grant in partnership with the Town.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Council on Aging
 - i. Melissa Kauranen

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Melissa Kauranen to the Council on Aging for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2025. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 update.

The Town of Wareham is in the red. Residents are encouraged to continue wearing masks and social distancing.

- b. Trash disposal update.

Selectman Munise stated the numbers of vehicles going to the transfer station has dropped. He also stated that the call volume has decreased as well. Selectman Whiteside asked that residents be patient during this transition process.

- c. Discussion and vote to select The Bentley Companies as Tremont Nail Factory Master Developer.

This will be discussed and voted on at a later date.

- d. Discussion and vote to execute lease of steel building at Tremont Nail Factory, 8 Elm Street to Aspen Blue, LLC, for the purpose of marijuana products manufacturing.

This will be discussed and voted on at a later date.

- e. Discussion and vote to execute Marijuana Host Community Agreement with Aspen Blue, LLC, Tremont Nail Factory, 8 Elm Street.

This will be discussed and voted on at a later date.

- f. Discussion and vote to recommend articles for 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

No votes at this time.

- g. Discussion and vote to recommend articles for 2021 Spring Special Within Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

No votes at this time.

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator not present at meeting.

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11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

The American Rescue Plan of 1.9 trillion dollars is still waiting for final details.

The American Jobs program of 2.3 trillion dollars has been signed. This is an infrastructure program that will include transportation, electrical, and water.

A new bill has passed requiring Police Departments to submit disciplinary records of current police officers by September 30, 2021 and former police officers by December 31, 2021 to a state agency. This Commission will investigate claims of police misconduct, create certification standards for police officers and departments, and certify and revoke certification for police officers and police agencies.

An updated video of the new elementary school has been posted on Facebook.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: March 30, 2021; April 6, 2021.

Discrepancy discovered on minutes and will be approved at the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. 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: *Judith Whiteside*
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 4-28-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4-29-21