

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

Date of Meeting: May 4, 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: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator  
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Moderator will be releasing a declaration to postpone the Annual Spring Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting to Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Decas School.

The Friends of the Wareham Free Library will be accepting used book donations on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The volunteers will be outside in front of the Main Library. They are unable to accept textbooks or encyclopedias.

The Wareham Council on Aging continues to offer free lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays courtesy of the Old Colony Elder Services and may be picked up outside the Multiservice Center from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The lunch menu is on the COA Facebook page and in the Senior Beacon found on the Town's COA website page. Please call the Council at least three days ahead of the scheduled delivery date. The phone number is 508-291-3130.

Hip hop dance exercise for seniors has been changed from May 19<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> because Southcoast will be using the gym for COVID vaccinations. Space is limited so call 508-291-3130 to register.

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The COA is also looking for volunteers who can provide services for seniors at no or reduced cost. The Center keeps a list and senior can call for help. Some examples of services are: yard work, small repairs, house cleaning, personal services, and shoppers. Call 508-291-3130 to be added to the list.

The Onset Bluffs Cleanup will take place on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. For more information contact [onsetbluffscleanup@gmail.com](mailto:onsetbluffscleanup@gmail.com). Park at the town Pier and bring your own tools and gloves.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Wareham High School Key club members along with their advisor Matt Stanton performed their spring semester community service for Don't Trash Wareham by cleaning Minot Avenue. Photos of the group and their haul was posted on several Facebook groups and the positive comments and thanks from the citizens and locals was wonderful.

Congratulations to the Wareham Tigers Association Cheerleaders. Their Spirit and Pride teams both won at the US Finals 2021 at Ocean City and brought home two first place trophies.

### **5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

### **6. BOARD'S COMMENTS**

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

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

### **9. TOWN BUSINESS**

#### **a. COVID-19 update.**

Mr. Sullivan there have been 31 new confirmed cases and seven probable cases.

#### **b. Trash Disposal Update.**

Currently the residents are having issues with ABC picking up old barrels. This issue has been addressed and should be settled within the next few weeks.

#### **c. Vote to authorize negotiation of Marijuana Courier Host Community Agreement with Trade Winds, LLC, 6 Thatcher Lane, Wareham.**

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize negotiation of Marijuana Courier Host Community Agreement with Trade Winds, LLC, 6 Thatcher Lane, Wareham. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

#### **d. Discussion regarding Boys & Girls Club closure and alternatives.**

Present Before the Board: Jared Chadwick-Wareham Tigers President, Jowaun Gamble-Community Youth Empowerment CEO, Pastor David Ferrari-Lead Pastor for the Bridge Church, Shayla Tavares-Boys & Girls Club Program Director

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Mr. Chadwick stated that upon hearing about the closure of the Wareham Boys and Girls Club, he reached out to the president of the Boys & Girls Club of America New England to see about whether Wareham can go to the Cape Cod Chapter or Nantucket Chapter. He also stated that the Bridge Church opened their doors to provide care for the next six weeks until school is over.

Ms. Tavares stated that the YMCA is working with them to deliver meals and she is also working with the school to provide tutoring. The biggest challenge currently is trying to provide transportation from the Boys and Girls Club to the Church. She has started a Facebook group called Onset Kidz Block and will be posting what is needed.

Mr. Gamble stated that he would like to be involved in assisting the community with future plans for the Boys and Girls Club to provide support and guidance for the children. He explained that the Boys and Girls Club was a site CYE used prior to COVID for educational workshops for middle school and high school students.

Ms. Tavares proposed that an independent facility would be more beneficial for the community because picking a Charter would not allow enough time to set something in place for the kids.

- e. Discussion and vote to approve the MVP Grant Program for Swifts Beach Resiliency Improvements and Downtown Wareham Flood Resiliency Improvements.

Present Before the Board: Russ Kleekamp-GHD Senior Project Manager

Mr. Kleekamp explained that the MVP grant for Swifts Beach involves potentially relocating the parking area to help with the flow of traffic.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the MVP Grant for Swifts Beach Resiliency Improvements. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

Mr. Kleekamp stated that this grant would involve implementing improvements to downtown Merchants Way and Besse Park both of which have been identified as critical areas subject to potential damages due to storm events, sea level rise, or climate change.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the MVP grant for Downtown Wareham Flood Resiliency Improvements. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

- f. Discussion and vote to approve the Coastal Resilience Grant Program for the Elevated Generator Platform, Salt Works Sewer Pump Station.

Mr. Kleekamp explained that this grant will offset some of the construction costs involving the replacement of the generator at the Salt Works station and the Terry Lane pump station as well as placing them on elevated platforms above the flood zone. This grant will not fund routine maintenance but will help fund the elevated platforms.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Coastal Resilience Grant Program for the Elevated Generator Platform, Salt Works Sewer Pump Station. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

- g. Discussion and vote to approve the Abatement Recommendation for Curbside Billing FY21.

Mr. Sullivan stated this is not an Abatement Recommendation, it is an Opt-out Recommendation.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Opt-out Recommendation for Curbside Billing FY21 in the amount of \$11,056.25. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

- h. Continued discussion and vote to recommend articles for 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

*No articles were discussed.*

- i. Continued discussion and vote to recommend articles 2021 Special Spring Town Meeting.

*No articles were discussed*

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Town Administrator had nothing to report.*

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin wanted to thank all of the Town employees for the last fifteen years. He has enjoyed working for them and with them.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

- b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- c. Approval of meeting minutes: April 20, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 20, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:19 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:  Date Signed: 5-18-21  
*Judith Whiteside, Clerk*

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 5-20-21