

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: May 5, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Mary Bruce, Clerk
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin
James M. Munise

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

Due to the circumstances regarding COVID-19 and the rules and guidelines implemented, this meeting was held remotely.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin stated that the state is giving a ten-million dollar fund for cranberry owners for exit funding and said he is concerned about the status of the cranberry industry and the effects it will have on revenue.

He also stated that this is a difficult time for the Governor and the responsibility for the safety of people as well as the economic effect this has on businesses and potential loss of employment. Every decision he makes comes down to public safety and Selectman Slavin supports all of the Governor's efforts.

On May 18th, the Advisory Board will present an opening plan for businesses. This does not mean businesses will be open for business. Openings will take place in phases.

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A state order is in effect as of May 6th that requires masks to be worn when out in public. Selectman Slavin talked about how discouraged he was after seeing people in Plymouth not wearing masks and not practicing social distancing.

Chairman Tropeano stated that if enforcement isn't followed properly, the Board of Selectmen can condition licenses that would require masks are worn and if this condition isn't met, the license will be taken away. He said if rules are followed and people protect themselves and others, it will prevent another lockdown in the future.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses under the provision of Chapter 138 of MGL for the year 2020.

i. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Papantoniadis Pizza Inc. d/b/a Stash's Onset Beach, 182 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. 02558.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the renewal of the Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Papantoniadis Pizza Inc. d/b/a Stash's Onset Beach, 182 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Renewal of Second Hand Dealers License.

i. Gateway Gold & Pawn

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License for Gateway Gold & Pawn. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Renewal of Pawnbrokers License

i. Gateway Gold & Pawn

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Pawnbrokers License for Gateway Gold & Pawn. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update on COVID-19.

Mr. Sullivan will be providing an update reminding residents about the Governor's order to wear masks as of May 6th. As of this date, the Town of Wareham has 143 cases of Coronavirus, 108 active cases (45 general, 62 in nursing homes, and 1 in assisted living), 26 recoveries and 29 deaths.

- b. Vote to change date for Wareham Oyster Festival to September 6, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve changing the date for the Wareham Oyster Festival to September 6, 2020 pending updated department approvals.

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Request to place memorial bench at Swifts Neck Beach.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the request to place a memorial bench at Swifts Neck Beach. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Mr. Sullivan wanted to mention that this is not a new location for the placement of the above mentioned bench. This is for an existing location.

- d. Possible term extension of Charter Review Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding extending the term for the Charter Review Committee and Selectman Tropeano would like to see the term extended because the Committee hasn't met due to COVID-19. Mr. Bowen explained that currently, the Charter Review Committee has to report to the first annual town meeting at which point the Committee is done. Terms are not extended. However, he did state that the Board can create a new Charter Committee and charge them with making a report for the fall annual town meeting. This would require posting the opening and obtaining applications from anyone interested.

- e. Vote to move Precinct 6 from the Fire Station to the Town Hall.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to change Precinct 6 from the Fire Station to the Wareham Town Hall. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-abstained, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Teitelbaum abstained)

- f. Discussion and possible vote on re-notification of Town Meeting and Town Election.

Mr. Bowen stated that with the precinct change, the warrant must be re-posted. Selectman Tropeano also stated that he would like this advertised in the paper.

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Mr. Sullivan also wanted to extend his appreciation to the Wareham Fire District and Chief Rowley for allowing the use of their location for the elections for the last couple of years.

g. Vote on articles for 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting.
To be voted on at a later meeting.

h. Vote on articles for 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting.
To be voted on at a later meeting.

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan gave an update on the FY21 budget. He has also requested the Board of Selectman to approve to freeze or furlough his annual salary for fiscal year 2021.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to freeze or furlough the Town Administrator's annual salary for fiscal year 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended an MMA meeting and stated that the advisory board is meeting with many organizations to get input on reopening businesses and what issues will lie ahead.

The retail industry has asked if non-essential businesses could have employees in place for online business and filling orders. This was discussed with the possibility of having three employees in the workplace.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

c. Approval of meeting minutes: March 24, 2020; March 31, 2020; April 7, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 24, 2020. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 31, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman

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Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 7, 2020. Selectmen Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-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: 
Mary Bruce, Clerk/Judith Whiteside (out of necessity)

Date Signed: 6-30-19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-1-19