

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

Date of Meeting: May 18, 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: Judith Whiteside, Chairman  
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk  
James M. Munise  
Alan H. Slavin

Not Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

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

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Wareham Council on Aging continues to offer free lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please call the Council the week before you want to take advantage of this offer. Pickup for meals has been changed to the rear of Town Hall. Coffee and conversation takes place each Tuesday from 9 to 10 at the rear of the Multi-service center.

Outdoor exercise is every Tuesday at 1 PM in the library courtyard. There is also Chair yoga every Thursday at 2 in front of the library. Both of these happenings are weather permitting.

There is also a tailgate auction fundraiser Wednesday May 23 from 1 to 3:30 in the high school parking lot. More information can be found through the high school website.

Go for a walk on Onset Beach while reading a story at a series of StoryWalk events. The Onset Bay Center and the Wareham Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Council are hosting a series of StoryWalks this spring.

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A StoryWalk is a guided walk with laminated pages from children's books for families to read together along the way. The StoryWalks will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on one Saturday each month. In case of rain, the events will be held the following day. "Boats on the Bay" is the featured book for June 12. No prior registration is required for these free events. For more information, go to [www.onsetbaycenter.org](http://www.onsetbaycenter.org) or email [garofoli@savebuzzardsbay.org](mailto:garofoli@savebuzzardsbay.org).

Free food for children continues at the Gleason Family Y every Tuesday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:30. Food distribution will also be at Brandy Hill Apartments from 12 to 2. No ID is required. Please take advantage of the program.

Staples will laminate your COVID registration card for you for free.

The Wareham Free Library is now open from 9-5 Monday through Saturday. Masks must be worn, and social distancing is required. Bring your own earphones. For those who do not want to enter the library you may still have curbside pickup. When you call you will be given a five-minute pickup window. Please park in front of the main door and open either your trunk or rear door, or passenger side window so that you continue with contact free pickup.

The library is unable to accept donations of books at this time.

The library is holding its May book sale on the following dates and times:

May 20 and 21 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

May 22 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Please bring your own bags. The sale is being held inside the conference room and masks must be worn.

The Veterans' Council will be conducting a ceremony on Monday, May 31st, with the Color Guard from Wareham High School, JROTC, and Wareham Militia. The program will be repeated at each of the following locations:

8:30 am - Town Green

9:00 am - Centre Cemetery

9:30 am - St. Patrick's Cemetery

10:00 am - Agawam Cemetery

10:30 am - Dudley Brown Square

11:00 am - Town Hall

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

Present Before the Board: Catherine Garofoli-Director of the Onset Bay Center  
Registration for Learn to Row, Yoga, and Kayaking for adults has opened. Free kayak tours and stand up paddle tours are also being offered.

Ms. Garofoli also stated that the closure of the Boys & Girls Club has impacted the amount of kids Onset Bay Center has been able to serve on a weekly basis. Onset

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Bay Center is working with Onset Kidz Block to provide temporary enrichment programs two afternoons a week and offering the families of the Boys & Girls Club that have been affected by this closure free half day programs through the summer. The weekly programs will run from 1-4. Ms. Garofoli can be reached at [garofoli@savebuzzardsbay.com](mailto:garofoli@savebuzzardsbay.com) or call 508-999-6363 ext. 227.

Present Before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson suggested that the Board of Selectmen consider changing the Board's name to Select Board because surrounding Towns have made this change. He also stated that Sandwich has a ban starting December 31, 2021 on disposable one use water bottles.

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

Selectman Tropeano stated his concerns regarding new ventilation systems in schools and commercial buildings and the potential problems meeting stretch code regulations.

Selectman Whiteside reminded residents that the 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting and the 2021 Special Spring Town Meeting will be taking place on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Decas Elementary grounds.

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

- a. Wareham Redevelopment Authority
  - i. Peter W. Teitelbaum-term to expire April 30, 2022
  - ii. Judith Whiteside-term to expire April 30, 2022
  - iii. Richard Swenson-term to expire June 30, 2022

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Peter W. Teitelbaum and Judith Whiteside as members to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2022. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Munise-present)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Richard Swenson as a member to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority for a term to expire June 30, 2024. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Munise-present)**

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

- a. Second Hand Dealers License Renewals to expire April 30, 2022
  - i. Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham
  - ii. First Congregational Church, 11 Gibbs Ave., Wareham
  - iii. Gateway Gold & Pawn, 290 Main Street, Wareham
  - iv. Home Depot USA Inc., 2994 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham
  - v. Omega Reign Inc. d/b/a Cranberry Flea Market, 3065 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham

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- vi. South Coast Sport Partners, 2 Tyler Ave., Wareham
- vii. Used Tire Warehouse, Inc., 4 Thatcher Lane, Wareham

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License Renewals to expire April 30, 2022 for Church of the Good Shepherd, 74 High Street, Wareham and Gateway Gold & Pawn, 290 Main Street, Wareham. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License Renewals to expire April 30, 2022 subject to Inspectional Services approvals for: First Congregational Church, 11 Gibbs Ave., Wareham  
Home Depot USA Inc., 2994 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham  
Omega Reign Inc. d/b/a Cranberry Flea Market, 3065 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham  
South Coast Sport Partners, 2 Tyler Ave., Wareham  
Used Tire Warehouse, Inc., 4 Thatcher Lane, Wareham  
Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Pawn Brokers License Renewal to expire April 30, 2022
  - i. Gateway Gold & Pawn, 290 Main Street, Wareham

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Pawn Brokers License Renewal to expire April 30, 2022 for Gateway Gold & Pawn, 290 Main Street, Wareham. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**8. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. COVID-19 update.

There are sixteen new cases and eight probable. Since March, 2020 the total number of confirmed cases is 1724 and the number of deaths is 68. The Southcoast mobile unit was at the Onset Pier giving the Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Walk ins at the Multi-Service Center are for the Alberta vaccine.

- b. Accept donation from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$240.00 for the needs of the Spinney Memorial Branch Library given in memory of Anne Campbell.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$240.00 for the needs of the Spinney Memorial Branch Library given in memory of Anne Campbell. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- c. Accept donation from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the operating expenses of the Spinney Memorial Branch Library.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation from the Friends of the Wareham Free Library to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the operating expenses of the Spinney Memorial Branch Library. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

d. Quarterly review of Constable Remittance.

Selectman Munise stated that number of reappointments is becoming better managed and the administration costs are now being covered by the cost collected.

*(See attachment)*

e. Discussion and possible vote of assignments/reassignments of Liaisons.

*This agenda item will be discussed and possibly voted on at the next meeting.*

f. Request to place signs on Town property from Wareham Public Schools Art Department.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the request to place signs on Town property from the Wareham Public Schools Art Department. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

g. Ratify hiring of Gregory Geagan and Andrew Flory for the Seasonal Deputy Harbormaster positions.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to ratify the hiring of Gregory Geagan and Andrew Flory for the Seasonal Deputy Harbormaster positions. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Munise present)**

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

*This agenda item will be discussed and recommended at the next meeting.*

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

*This agenda item will be discussed and recommended at the next meeting.*

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

Present Before the Board: Tim Richmond-Representative for the Harvest Triathlon  
Mr. Richmond was before the Board on behalf of the Harvest Triathlon taking place on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. and seeking approval for use of the Town roads.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Use of Town roads for the Harvest Triathlon taking place on Saturday, June 12, 2021 beginning at 7:00 a.m. and ending at approximately 9:30 a.m. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated that there is an RFP in process for an energy generation facility at Tremont Mill Dam. He also stated that Littoral Power Systems will be doing a feasibility study at no cost to the Town for tax credits which could potentially fix the dam as well as the gates.

Mr. Sullivan also asked the Board of Selectmen to vote in favor of applying for CPC funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 for Fall Town Meeting to rebuild the Swifts Beach Playground. Selectman Whiteside stated this will be discussed at the next meeting.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

As of May 29<sup>th</sup> the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted and as of June 15<sup>th</sup> the emergency order will be lifted. Businesses will be able to set their own restrictions and guidelines if they choose.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: November 17, 2020; December 15, 2020; April 27, 2021; May 4, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes for November 17, 2020, December 15, 2020, April 27, 2021 and May 4, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (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:

  
**Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk**

Date Signed: 6-1-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk:

6-3-21

CONSTABLE REMITTANCE 2020 - 2021

Attachment to  
May 18 2021  
minutes

	Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
Karen Blair	4/1/21	\$0.00	1/2/21	\$7.50	09/30/20	\$67.50
Richard Coletti						
Steven Coughlan	3/31/21	\$43.75	1/12/21	\$74.25	09/28/20	\$0.00
Ian Daley	4/1/21	\$0.00	12/31/20	\$25.00	(for July-December)	
Charles Devlin	3/29/21	\$0.00	1/5/21	\$0.00	09/30/20	\$0.00
David DiCenso	4/10/21	\$25.00	1/11/21	\$20.00	10/12/20	\$20.00
Cynthia Follis						
Gregory Kamon	3/20/21	\$0.00	5/6/21	\$0.00	05/06/20	\$0.00
Joseph Latimer						
George Morse	4/17/21	\$56.25	12/29/20	\$0.00	10/21/20	\$0.00
Robert Short	4/9/21	\$32.50	1/19/21	\$25.00	11/01/20	\$0.00
Joel Thomas	3/31/21	\$0.00	12/31/20	\$0.00	10/13/20	\$15.00
Robert Tirrell	4/5/21	\$20.00	12/31/20	\$5.00	10/06/20	\$5.00
Herve Vandal	3/30/21	\$20.00	(I haven't received		10/15/20	\$0.00

NO application received

NO application received

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his report yet, but  
guessing he did no services

Totals 197.5 156.75 107.5 461.75