

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

Date of Meeting: June 1, 2021  
Date of Transcription: June 3, 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

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Not Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.  
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Free freshwater fishing will be taking place Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>. A license is not needed. Information can be found on the Massachusetts Wildlife website.

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

Present Before the Board: Nancy McHale

Wareham Land Trust is holding a trail clean up at the Fearing Hill conservation area on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome and can sign up through the events page of the Wareham Land Trust website.

Present Before the Board: Shayla Tavares

Ms. Tavares provided an update regarding the Onset Kidz Block. The program is going well with many activities and continues moving forward working closely with families for the summer.

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

None.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. Application from Dudley L. Brown, Onset VFW Post #2846, 4 Gibbs Ball Park Road, Onset, MA. for four One Day Liquor Licenses to take place at the Onset VFW Pavilion on:
  - June 12, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm
  - June 19, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm
  - June 26, 2021 from 3pm to 7pm
  - July 3, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the application from Paul Rose for four One Day Liquor Licenses for June 12, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm, June 19, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm, June 26, 2021 from 3pm to 7pm and July 3, 2021 from 2pm to 6pm to take place at the Dudley L. Brown Onset VFW Pavilion, 4 Gibbs Ball Park Road, Onset, MA. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**8. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. COVID-19 Update.

*No update at this time.*

- b. Ratify hiring of:
  - i. William Melcher for the open Laborer position at WPCF.
  - ii. Rachel Edwards-Principal Dept. Assistant in Accounting.
  - iii. Priya Tait and Johnna Fredrickson - part-time Library Assistants.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to ratify the hiring of William Melcher for the open Laborer position at WPCF. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to ratify the hiring of Rachel Edwards-Principal Dept. Assistant in Accounting. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to ratify the hiring of Priya Tait and Johnna Fredrickson-part-time Library Assistants. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

- c. Proclamation – Race Amity Day.
- d. Discussion and possible vote to appoint Plymouth County Advisory Board representative for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Alan Slavin as representative to the Plymouth Advisory Board for fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 35, section 28b. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

- e. Discussion and possible vote to approve the opt out and reduction fee applications for Curbside Billing FY21 (Abatement Recommendation 3).

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the opt-out and reduction fee applications for Curbside Billing FY21 in the amount of \$7,778.75. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

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

*This item was not discussed.*

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

Selectman Whiteside stated that she received an Open Meeting Law complaint regarding the Board's policy of not recognizing actual and threatened litigants during public comment and was seeking authorization from the Board to provide a written response to the open meeting law complaint.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to authorize the Chairman to provide a written response to the Open Meeting Law complaint. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Town Administrator not present*

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Munise attended a solar vs forest webinar and stated it was very informative.

The Affordable Housing Trust is currently reviewing possible changes to the quorum and may be presenting those changes for Fall Town Meeting.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

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

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

b. Approval of meeting minutes: May 18, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes for May 18, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-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: 6-15-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 6-16-21