

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: June 18, 2019
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Absent from meeting: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Historical Society is having an event on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the Methodist Meeting House, 495 Main Street, Wareham. Join the Historical Society to hear part of the history of Wareham Dorset England by John Wright who is an expert on the history of Wareham England. He will be staying here for the summer and is interested in learning more about the history of the town of Wareham so he can do a presentation of the town in England. This event is free to Historical Society members. The fee for non members is \$2.00.

There will be a car show at the Tremont Nail Facility on June 29th sponsored by the Historical Society.

There will be another car show at the Onset VFW on July 13th sponsored by the OBA. There will be a pig roast and entertainment as well.

There will be a trail clearing at the Douglas S. Westgate preserve on June 29th from 10 a.m. – noon. It is a volunteer work day if anyone is interested.

Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse District is having a meeting on June 26th at 5:00 p.m. at the Carver Fire Station.

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The Wareham Garden Club is having its bi-annual garden tour on July 13th. It will start at the Wareham Free Library where a map is given. Box lunches are for sale and must be pre-ordered. Please see the paper for details.

The Drop In Center will be open Wednesday night at 5:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd on High Street.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin commented on the fact that there was a pile of trash in front of the gate of the Town dump.

She also commented on the Charter Review. She thought when they did the charter change, it was to change the Spring Town Meeting because of the election. Selectman Tropeano explained that all the dates are effected in general and suggested that the sooner articles are submitted, the better, because electronic voting is going to be used as a sample for the first time and everything must be in and up for the camera.

Ms. Slavin commented on the fact there has been no mention of The Charter Review Committee being formed. Selectman Tropeano explained the committee hasn't been formed because there aren't enough members. There must be nine members to form the committee. As of this date, there are seven.

Ms. Slavin voiced her concern about the safety of the Minot Forest Trail because there have been fallen trees in the trail for fifteen months.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin had a meeting with Mass DOT and was told that the Town cannot do anything about Swifts Beach Road and Route 6 because it is a state road. The Town would need to get a permit from the state. He spoke with Chief Walcek who has provided a letter asking for a meeting to see what can be done.

Selectman Slavin said that Cranberry Cottage is having a soft opening this week and has invited the Board of Selectmen to stop by.

Selectman Slavin also spoke about the fact that the sign by laws are not being followed. He is asking the newspaper to print what was passed at town meeting which states that signs are not permitted on public trees, poles, light poles or traffic signs. The fine is \$250.00 per sign per day.

Selectman Slavin spoke again about the mailing that went out on the Community Electricity Aggregation Program. He explained this program offers a savings long term

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and the state set this program up. The rate is fixed over a seventeen month period and offers a long term savings. There are twenty eight communities participating in this program. If you don't want to be enrolled you can opt out and this is how the state set it up.

Selectman Tropeano said that people have been talking about the Bathhouse in Onset. He said that the building is going to be the same size as the original footprint and the height will actually be lower. He also said that this new building is a good thing because there will be different events offered to kids.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Appointment of Election Poll Workers

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint all poll workers as presented in the file. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- a. Cemetery Commission

- i. Jack Silva

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Jack Silva for the Cemetery Commissioners for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Hearing at 7:15 p.m. for Project Half Shell Inc. d/b/a Quahog Republic for an Alteration of Premises of a Seasonal Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages License, under the provision of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Law for the year 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to open the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes. *Munis - yes*

Present before the board: Erik Bevans

Mr. Bevans would like to expand the dining area where the ice cream shop was. He is hoping to add approximately thirty more seats.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to close the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes. *Munis - yes*

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Alteration of Premises of a Seasonal Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages License, under the provision of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Law for year 2019 to the Project Half Shell, Inc. d/b/a Quahog Republic. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Application for a Change of DBA from Gourmet Garden Wareham, Inc. d/b/a Gourmet Garden to Gourmet Garden Wareham, Inc. d/b/a Ginger, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA. 02571

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application for a Change of DBA from Gourmet Garden Wareham, Inc. d/b/a Gourmet Garden to Gourmet Garden Wareham, Inc. d/b/a Ginger, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA. 02571. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Vote on pay raise for Election Poll Workers

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the pay raise for Election Poll Workers as presented. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Application from Wareham Village Association, PO Box 484, Wareham, Ma. 02571 and Onset Bay Association, 196 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. 02558 for use of Town Road for their WVA & OBA Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2019 (Rain date October 6, 2019).

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application from Wareham Village Association, PO Box 484, Wareham, MA. 02571 and Onset Bay Association, 196 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. 02558 for use of Town Roads for their WVA & OBA Fall Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2019 (Rain date October 6, 2019). Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- e. Application from Wareham Village Association, PO Box 484, Wareham, MA. 02571 for use of Town Roads for their annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application from Wareham Village Association, PO Box 484, Wareham, MA. 02571 for use of Town Roads for their annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7, 2019 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- f. Application from Wareham Village Association for temporary sign permit.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the application from Wareham Village Association for a temporary sign permit. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update from the Community Preservation Committee

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Present before the board: Barbara Smith, Joan Kinniburgh, Sandy Slavin, Jean Connaughton, and George Barrett.

Ms. Slavin stated that at present, the Community Preservation funds are in excess of one million dollars. Their responsibility is to accept and review grants received and make recommendation to the Selectmen that they be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant for the approval on the disbursement of funds. Money cannot be spent until it is approved by the Town. CPC watches over particular projects. They review and approve for payment as expenses are submitted. Nothing gets paid until CPC approves payments and two signatures are required to release funds. Selectman Munise asked about that status of the CPC grant for Historical Preservation on the boathouse and how that stands moving forward. Ms. Slavin explained that it does stand as historic preservation not recreation. The grant was that the building would be restored to what it looked like prior to the demo. It was granted for \$215, 000.00 and those funds have been disbursed.

Selectman Teitelbaum asked about outstanding funds on projects that never took place, if those have been cleaned up or if there are any outstanding. Ms. Slavin said there may be a couple left. The only one she is aware of is approximately \$200.00 for the Oakdale, but they are still trying to an outdoor light so it might be accommodating that. There may be some funds left over for the Lopes project. CPC is waiting to receive confirmation that there will be no more engineering expenses on this project. Ms. Slavin said that they work hard to look at all projects and where they stand. They know the Historical Society has two grants outstanding for the restoration of two of their buildings. Invoices have been received for the bike path engineering and for historic district mapping. Two projects have been submitted for Fall Town Meeting which include \$40,000.00 being requested out of the \$70,000.00 project for completing five soccer fields on Westfield and Shangri-La is looking for \$220,000.00 to build a playground from scratch.

Selectman Tropeano asked about the Agawam project. Jean Connaughton said it's in the preliminary stages, They are looking at procurement and talking to the state about that. An infrastructure committee has been set up and there will be an update in a couple of months.

- b. Vote to accept a parcel of land on 50 Pond Street, Map 50D, Lot 87 from the Estate of Paul Volpe.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that voting and accepting land must go through process of Town Meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include a parcel of land on 50 Point Street, Map 50D, Lot 87 from the Estate of Paul Volpe as a warrant article for Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin said there is a meeting scheduled to discuss the commuter rail for Wareham.

Selectman Slavin also said regarding the Cannibus Control Commission, there has been no movement whatsoever on the delivery process for cannibus control or on the social clubs. They are still on hold.

Selectman Slavin stated that there is an issue regarding hemp products. Robert Ethier, Town of Wareham's Health Agent had provided a letter from the state. There is confusion due to the fact that one paragraph contradicts the other and there is no direction on what he can and cannot do. The only thing he found was the state does not authorize hemp in food. He is doing further research on clarifying this.

Selectman Slavin attended a SRPEDD meeting. The project on Route 6 from Wareham to Fairhaven, changing the highway from four lanes to two lanes is still in process and should have a report to Mass DOT by December.

SRPEDD Commission has voted Selectman Slavin as Chairman for two years.

Selectman Slavin attended the Plymouth County annual meeting and said the budget proposals were done through 2029. However, by 2024 there will be a loss of revenue vs. expenses and by 2029, there could be a deficit of four million dollars. State deeds receipts went from 50/50 sharing to 90/10 sharing. He stated that this is not working due to increasing costs and he feels it should be 80/20. He will be working with MMA to pass a bill regarding this.

Selectman Slavin attended the MMA meeting and the topic was the crisis on trash throughout the state and finding alternatives to deal with it.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Sign borrowing documents

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to adjourn. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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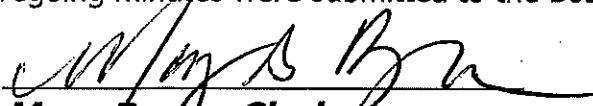
Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest:


Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed: 7-16-19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-17-19