

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 13, 2022
Date of Transcription: October 6, 2022
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Remote meeting due to Covid-19

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman
Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk
Jared S. Chadwick
Alan H. Slavin

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

Not Present: Ronald S. Besse

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Whiteside asked for a moment of silence in honor of Queen Elizabeth who passed away on September 8th at the age of 96.

Selectman Whiteside asked for a moment of silence for the lives lost during the attack of 9/11.

The Wareham Tigers will be playing at Spillane Field on Saturday, September 17th starting at 5:00 p.m. with the last team playing at 8:00 p.m.

Royal Crest Mobile Home Park had a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 10th to celebrate becoming a resident owned community.

The Harvest Moon Festival will be taking place on Saturday, September 24th in Onset from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a car show, food vendors, craft vendors and activities for children. Fireworks will also be displayed at 7:15 p.m.

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. **Wareham Historical Commission-term to expire June 30, 2025**
 - i. **Leonard Boutin (R)**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to reappoint Leonard Boutin as a member to the Wareham Historical Commission to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2025. Selectman

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Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Conservation Commission-term to expire June 30, 2023

i. Jessica Parr (Associate)

Present Before the Board: Jessica Parr

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to appoint Jessica Parr as an associate member to the Conservation Commission to a term to expire June 30, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Liquor License Extension request from Project Half Shell Inc. d/b/a Quahog Republic, 197 Onset Ave., Onset, MA.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the liquor license extension request from Project Half Shell, Inc. d/b/a Quahog Republic, 197 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. from December 1, 2022 through January 15, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Application from Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA. for a One Day Liquor License on October 30, 2022 from 1pm-4pm at Onset Bay Center, 186 Onset Ave, Onset, MA. for a wedding ceremony.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the application from Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA. for a One Day Liquor License on October 30, 2022 from 1pm-4pm at the Onset Bay Center, 186 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. for a wedding ceremony. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Ratify hiring of Sharon Rice - COA Director.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to ratify the hiring of Sharon Rice-COA Director. Selectman Wurts seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Discussion and possible vote to approve the opt-out and reduction fee applications for Curbside Billing FY23 in the amount of \$1,215.00.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the opt-out and reduction fee applications for Curbside Billing FY23 in the amount of \$1,215.00. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Request and presentation from citizens to create an Alternative Energy Committee.

(Presented by Carl Schulz, Sherry Quirk)

This item will be presented at a future meeting.

d. **Discussion and possible vote on Policy No. 03-3 regarding Class 2 license holders.**

This policy was amended in 2014 to restrict the amount of Class 2 license holders to twenty. Because the policy is not binding, Selectman Slavin recommended dissolving and discarding this policy because the Board of Selectmen are the local licensing authority and there is no reason to have this policy on file.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to dissolve and discard Policy No. 03-3 regarding Class 2 license holders. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-abstained, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Wurts abstained)

e. **Discussion and possible vote regarding the Marijuana Delivery System Quota.**

Discussion ensued regarding the marijuana delivery system quota and the Town's bylaw limit of three. Selectman Slavin is questioning whether this restriction is allowed because this program is aimed at improving the industry with social equity.

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

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that the rates for the transfer station and curbside pickup must be set in October.

Mr. Sullivan also suggested making a change to policy #13-04, Stabilization and OPEB Trust Fund Policy. He recommended replacing 25% of the remainder of certified free cash should be transferred to the OPEB Trust Fund to a fixed amount of \$300,000.00.

9. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Nothing to report.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

a. **Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.**

b. **Approval of meeting minutes: August 20, 2019.**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 20, 2019. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-abstained, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Selectman Wurts seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted
Cassandra Slaney
Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

Date Signed:

11/3/22

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Appointments for Wareham Historical Commission and Conservation Commission.
2. Liquor license extension from Quahog Republic.
3. One Day liquor license for Buzzards Bay Coalition.
4. Ratify hiring of Sharon Rice.
5. Curbside billing \$1,215.00.
6. Policy number 03-3.
7. Meeting minutes for August 20, 2019.

Date sent to Town Clerk:

11-2-22