

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

Date of Meeting: October 12, 2021  
Date of Transcription: October 20, 2021  
Transcribed by: Cassandra Slaney

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

*Remote meeting due to COVID 19*

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman  
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk  
James M. Munise  
Alan H. Slavin  
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

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

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wareham Community Associates is currently looking for new business members.

The Veterans Council will have a Veterans Day parade. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

There will be no executive session after this regular session meeting.

The Board of Health is currently reviewing hotel regulations and the homeless issues in Town.

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

*None.*

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

GATRA has reinstated the route to Shangri-La.

The Community Events Committee has extended the deadline for applications for financial assistance for Town events until the end of the year.

Selectman Teitelbaum attended the dedication to the McFadden Discovery Center.

Selectman Whiteside pointed out that the Town's bond rating is AA+ and this is due to well organized monetary management.

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

- a. Solar Bylaw Study Committee-term to expire at the completion of the 2022 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

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i. Wendy O'Brien

Present before the Board: Wendy O'Brien

*Selectman Slavin did not participate in this appointment.*

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to not appoint Wendy O'Brien to the Solar Bylaw Study Committee. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call: Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Discussion and possible vote for the Re-Precincting Plan for the Town of Wareham.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts reviewed the precincts by population and made updated changes. *(See attachment)*

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Re-Precincting for the Town of Wareham. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

b. Discussion and possible vote on Besse Park Rain garden.

Present before the Board: Garry Buckminster, Department of Natural Resources Director

Mr. Buckminster expressed his concerns pertaining to the Besse Park rain garden project which included possible issues with the bulk head and auger. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the Board would like to revisit the presentation and address these concerns.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to invite the engineers to a future meeting to provide the Board with the presentation of the rain garden project and address the above mentioned concerns. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

c. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Trade Winds LLC for the Library Gift Account.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Trade Winds LLC for the Library Gift account. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

d. Ratify the hiring of Michael Buckley-Operator Grade 3 at WPCF and Catherine Farrington-PT Department Assistant for the Board of Selectmen.

*Michael Buckley will not be ratified.*

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to ratify the hiring of Catherine Farrington-PT Department Assistant for the Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Teitelbaum seconded.

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

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

e. Discussion and vote to recommend articles for the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Present before the Board: Jody Santagate

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Ms. Santagate presented the explanation for the Zoom Meetings article.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to not recommend the Zoom Meetings article for the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

Present before the Board: Brenda Eckstrom

Ms. Eckstrom presented the explanation for the Change the Make Up & Manner of Selection to the WRA article

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to not recommend the Change the Make Up & Manner of Selection to the WRA article for the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

Present before the Board: Barry Cosgrove

Mr. Cosgrove presented the explanation for the Collection of Fees & Penalties for Earth Removal in the Town of Wareham article.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to not recommend the Collection of Fees & Penalties for Earth Removal in the Town of Wareham article for the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

Present before the Board: Leslie Edwards Davis

Ms. Davis presented the Repurpose the John W. Decas for Uses to Benefit the Community article.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to not recommend the Repurpose the John W. Decas for Uses to Benefit the Community article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Munise moved to recommend the WAHT-Modify Quorum Requirement article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to reconsider recommendation to the Warrant Article Submission Amendment to Current Procedure-Citizens Petition Article. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Slavin opposed)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to not recommend the Warrant Article Submission Amendment to Current Procedure-Citizens Petition article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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**VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Slavin and Selectman Munise opposed)**

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated that bids were provided for repairing the ornamental plaster, wiring, repairing and repainting the auditorium ceiling at a cost of \$34,000.00. He also stated that this would provide functional space and it is something the Board should discuss in the future regarding utilization of this space.

Mr. Sullivan would like to set up an auction in December on a property taken through tax title. He recommended adding the Everett School as well as the West School.

HVAC work is being done at the Town Hall funded by the CARES Act. Heating and cooling exchanges are being installed throughout the building to improve air quality.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

*Nothing to report.*

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: September 21, 2021.

*Approval of meeting minutes will take place at the next meeting.*

- c. Approval of executive session meeting minutes: October 5, 2021.

*Approval of the executive session meeting minutes will take place at the next meeting.*

**13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M.G.L. 30A §21 (6) Re: Little Harbor-purchase of property

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

*No executive session took place.*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. Selectman Munise seconded.

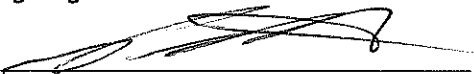
Roll call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Respectfully submitted  
**Cassandra Slaney**  
Department Assistant

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

Attest:  Date Signed: 11-10-21  
**Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk**

Documents reviewed and/or used in meeting.

1. Application of Wendy O'Brien.
2. Information for the affirmation of voting precincts-Re-Precincting Plan letter of approval.
3. Donation acceptance request from the Wareham Free Library.
4. Request to ratify hiring of Catherine Farrington-PT Dept. Asst. for BOS.
5. Citizens Petition warrant articles.
6. Meeting minutes of September 14, 2021.
7. Executive session minutes of October 5, 2021.

Date sent to Town Clerk: 11-15-21



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## Board of Selectmen

Judith Whiteside, Chair  
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Alan H. Slavin  
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

October 13, 2021

Local Election Districts Review Commission  
Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
c/o Elections Division  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705  
Boston, MA 02108

RE: TOWN OF WAREHAM - 2020 RE-PRECINCTING

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at a meeting held on October 12, 2021, the Wareham Board of Selectmen voted to accept as presented by the Town Clerk the 2020 Re-Precincting Plan for the Town of Wareham.

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Judith Whiteside, Chair

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Patrick G. Tropeano

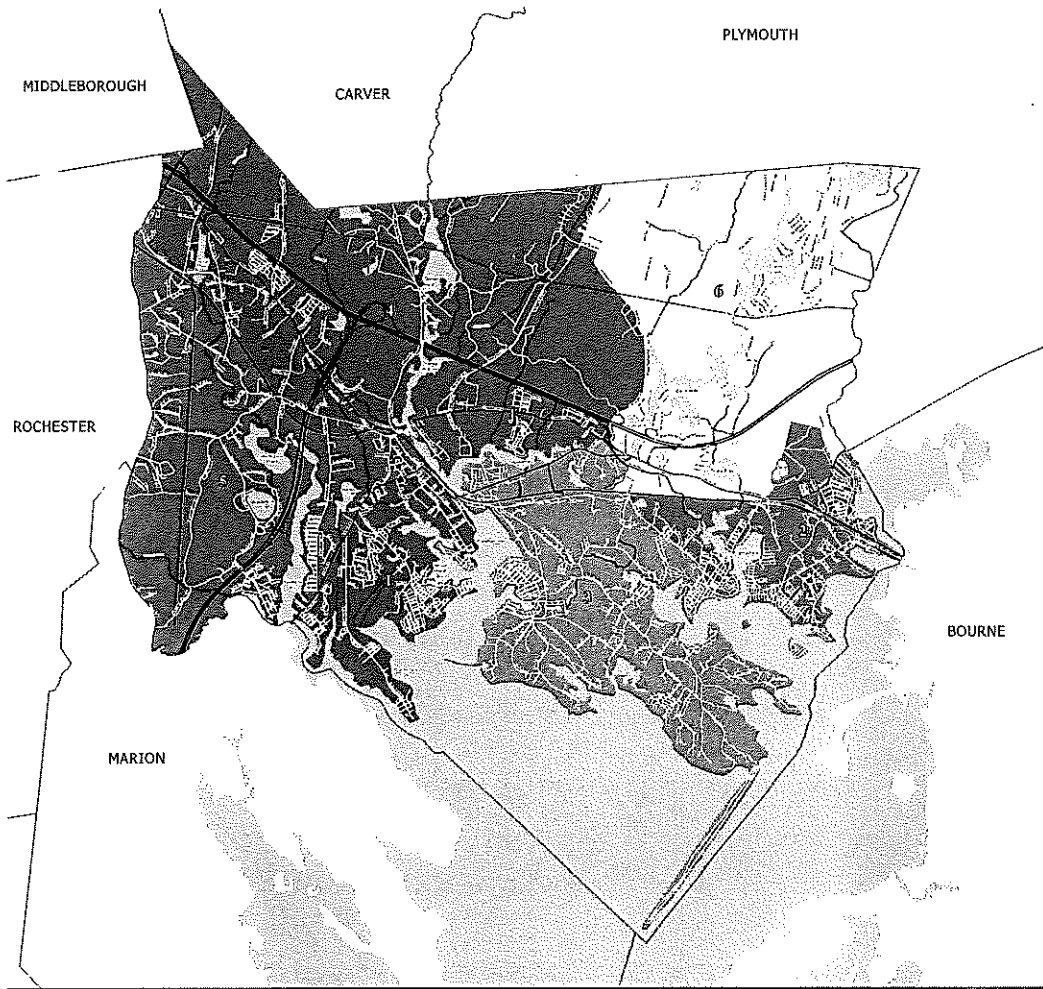
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James M. Munise

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Alan H. Slavin

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Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

A true copy. ATTEST:

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Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk



# Town of Wareham



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Map Prepared for the Town of Wareham  
 Courtesy of William F. Galvin, Census Liaison  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth

2020 Population -- 23,303

Precinct	2020 Population	Variance
1	3,735	-3.95
2	3,727	-2.24
3	3,912	-0.77
4	3,881	-0.26
5	3,992	2.76
6	3,978	2.42

Population based on the official U.S. 2020 Census block-level data.  
 Boundaries effective December 31, 2021

**Legend**

- Municipal Boundary
- Geographical Features
- Major Road
- Local Road
- Railroad
- Other Municipal Features
- Stream, River
- Coastal Water, Lake, Pond, Major River

