

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

Date of Meeting: October 19, 2021  
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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**

The Veterans Council will have a Veterans Day celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Library participates in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library which is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five.

The Library is also having a sale on jewelry, scarves, and purses this month.

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

Present before the Board: Jared Chadwick, President of the Wareham Tigers Athletic Association; Tracy McWilliams, parent

Mr. Chadwick stated there was an incident concerning an individual taking pictures outside the window of Hammond School during a cheerleading practice. Mr. Chadwick notified police and ordered a no trespassing order on the individual.

Ms. McWilliams, requested further information from the Board regarding the incident.

Selectman Whiteside stated that while citizen's comments involve no discussion or answering any questions, the Board would investigate this further.

Present before the Board: Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Mrs. Smith reminded Town voters that Town Meeting is taking place October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Wareham High School Auditorium.

She also stated that the trip to the Town of Wareham's sister Town, Wareham, England was a success and added that she and Mr. Smith were treated with the utmost respect and kindness.

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**6. BOARD'S COMMENTS**

None.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

None.

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**MOTION:** Under 48 Hour Business: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the One Day Liquor License application from Steven Curry, 745 Main Street, Wareham MA for October 24, 2021 from noon to 6:00 p.m. for beer and wine only. 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)**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, School Department news.

Ms. Shaver-Hood stated that the central office will be relocating to the East Wareham School in the near future.

Ms. Shaver-Hood also stated that on November 5<sup>th</sup>, the new elementary school will be turned over to the Board of Selectmen and will then be turned over to the School Committee.

- b. Discussion and possible vote to declare Everett School surplus and to dispose of it.

Mr. Sullivan stated that a tax title auction is scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> and suggested to the Board that this property be added as well.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to declare Everett School surplus and to dispose of it. 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)**

- c. Continued discussion and possible vote regarding the new proposed GATRA routes.

Present before the Board: Angela Constantino, GATRA Mobility Manager;

Ms. Constantino was before the Board to provide an explanation for removing Shangri-la from the GATRA route schedule. She explained that in 2019 the Mass DOT commissioned a third party contractor to do a comprehensive regional transit update for all fifteen transit authorities. In 2020 documentation was issued based on ridership and demographics which led to the suggestion of eliminating Shangri-la from the route. She also explained that if the Town wants to continue the route to Shangri-la based on the struggles and need for bus service in that area, GATRA will not make the change. GATRA will have a hearing and a revision of the proposal will be provided.

- d. Discussion and possible vote for Amended and Restated Agreement Carver Marion and Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District.

Selectman Munise provided an amended and restated agreement and asked for any comments or suggestions. There were no comments or concerns by the Board at this time.

- e. Request to place signs on Town property.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the request from The First Spiritualist Church of Onset to place signs on Main Street in front of Tobey Hospital and Lillian Gregerman Bandshell only. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

*Selectman Tropeano was not present for the vote.*

f. Discussion and possible vote to recommend articles for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Present before the Board: Leslie Edwards Davis

Ms. Davis asked that the Board revisit the revised Repurpose the John W. Decas School to Benefit the Community article and to reconsider for recommendation. *(See attachment)*

Discussion ensued and Selectman Teitelbaum suggested including a member of the Finance Committee as an ex-officio.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to recommend the revised Repurpose the John W. Decas School to Benefit the Community article as presented for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. 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)**

Selectman Whiteside called for a Roll Call vote to see if the Board would consider a recommendation to include a member of the Finance Committee as an ex-officio to the Decas School Steering Committee. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-no.

**NON-BINDING VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Whiteside opposed)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Approve and Fund FY22 Capital Plan article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

*Selectman Tropeano was no longer present for the meeting.*

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Town Administrator had nothing to report.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin requested an update on the Town finances and upcoming grants from the Town Administrator after Town meeting.

The COA will be providing information regarding utilizing extra space in the Multi-Service Center and upcoming programs.

The Wareham Redevelopment Authority is currently looking for suggestions to the changes for Wareham Village rezoning.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

b. Approval of meeting minutes: September 21, 2021; September 28, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 and September 28, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of October 5, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**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.

M.G.L. 30A §21 (3) Re: Litigation-K Shaver-Hood vs Town of Wareham

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

*There was no executive session.*

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

Respectfully submitted

***Cassandra Slaney***

Department Assistant

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

***Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk***

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Documents reviewed and/or used in meeting.

1. Everett School article and motion.
2. Wareham Week article for GATRA routes and memorandum disputing route changes.
3. Amended and restated Carver Marion and Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District agreement.
4. Application from The First Spiritualist Church of Onset to place signs on Town property.
5. Amended Citizens Petition article to recommend.
6. Approve and Fund FY22 Capital Plan article to recommend.
7. Meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 and September 28, 2021.
8. Executive session minutes of October 5, 2021.

Date sent to Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

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October 28, 2021

The following is a true copy attest of the vote on Article 20 of the Annual Fall Town meeting held on October 25, 2021

**ARTICLE 20 - REPURPOSE THE JOHN W. DECAS SCHOOL FOR USES TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY**

I move that:

- (a) Upon the transfer of care, custody, management and control of the John William Decas Elementary School pursuant to Article 10 of the 2020 Fall Town Meeting, held on December 12, 2020, the Town shall maintain legal title and oversight to the land and buildings thereon, unless otherwise authorized by a future vote of Town Meeting.
- (b) There shall be a Decas School Steering Committee, consisting of seven residents of the Town, who shall be voting members thereof, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, three of whom shall be appointed from among the nominations made by the body of the petitioners, one who shall be appointed from among the nominations made by the Council on Aging Board; one who shall be appointed from among the nominations made by the Capital Planning Committee; one who shall be appointed from among the nominations made by the Community Preservation Committee; and one who shall be appointed from among the nominations made by the Select Board.

In addition to the voting members, the Town Administrator, the Council-on-Aging Director, and one member of the Board of Selectmen shall be invited to be non-voting, *ex-officio* members. A quorum for this Committee shall be four voting members. The committee will make recommendations to the body no later than fall Town Meeting 2022.

- (c) The Steering Committee shall provide recommendations on the use of space in the John William Decas Elementary School building for and by the residents of the Town and other members of the public. Such recommendations may include but shall not be limited to Council-on-Aging and associated programming, a senior center, municipal meeting space, adult education, public library, training and enrichment programs, Veterans' services, senior affordable housing, passive and active recreation, youth programming and sports, daycare, co-working flex-space, health and wellness services, or other such uses to benefit the Wareham community.
- (d) The Town vote to transfer a sum of \$15,000 from free cash for a study to investigate the costs and requirements of transforming the John William Decas Elementary School into a center to benefit the community as referenced above; said sum to be spent under the direction of the Steering Committee.

Sponsored by Leslie Edwards Davis

**Motion passes unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by:



Michèle Bissonnette  
Town Clerk

TRUE COPY ATTEST:



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