

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD

Date of Meeting: March 21, 2023
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Remote meeting due to COVID 19

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Not Present: Rich Bowen, Town Counsel
Ronald S. Besse

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chadwick congratulated the Wareham Boys Basketball for the State championship Division 4 win.

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. RECONVENED HEARING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 P.M.—Application for renewal of Shellfish Grant W-1 for Philip Chiaraluce.

Present before the Board: Philip Chiaraluce

Ms. Whiteside explained that the hearing has been reconvened for public comment which was not provided during the first hearing. Mr. Chiaraluce's Shellfish Grant was approved at the first hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to reconvene the hearing. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

No one appeared before the Board for public comments.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to close the hearing. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. RECONVENED HEARING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:20 P.M.- Application from Pankaj Corp. d/b/a PK Liquors, 3074 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham, for a Seasonal Package Goods Store All Alcoholic License, under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2023.

Present before the Board: Rikin Patel, owner

Ms. Whiteside explained that the hearing has been reconvened for public comment which was not provided during the first hearing. The application for a Seasonal Package Goods Store All Alcoholic License was approved at the first hearing.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to reconvene the hearing. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

No one appeared before the Board for public comments.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to close the hearing. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses under the provisions of Chapter 138 of MGL for the year 2023.

- i. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Sterling Golf Management, Inc., d/b/a LITTLE HARBOR GOLF COURSE, 2 Little Harbor Road, Wareham.
- ii. Club All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Point Independence Yacht Club, Inc., d/b/a POINT INDEPENDENCE YACHT CLUB, 15-17 Independence Lane, Onset, MA.
- iii. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Project Half Shell, Inc., d/b/a QUAHOG REPUBLIC, 197 Onset Avenue, Onset, MA.
- iv. Package Goods Store All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to NAP Liquors, Inc. d/b/a THE JUG SHOP, 219 Main St, Unit G, Wareham.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to approve the renewal of the above Seasonal Liquor Licenses under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2023. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Seasonal Liquor License Extension Request from NAP Liquors, Inc. d/b/a The Jug Shop, 219 Main Street, Unit G, Wareham from December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to approve the Seasonal Liquor License Extension Request from NAP Liquors, Inc. d/b/a The Jug Shop, 219 Main Street, Unit G, Wareham from December 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. Application from the Kat Jones, Onset Bay Association, to place signs on Town Property.

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to approve the application from Kat Jones, Onset Bay Association to place signs on Town property. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible vote to renew/authorize Elementary School BAN. (John Foster, Town Treasurer)

Mr. Foster explained that this is a Bond Anticipation Note of \$2,600,000.00 that was issued last year and must be renewed. Four bids were received on the bonds and the lowest bid was Piper Sandler and Company with net interest costs of 3.1847%, interest total of \$82,573.11.

MOTION: Mr. Slavin moved to affirm the votes Ms. Wurts read into record.
(See attached Vote of Select Board)

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Mr. Slavin moved to authorize Clerk to sign the Vote of the Select Board. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Presentation of the EMS Budget article. (Presented by Dave Evans)

Mr. Evans explained that the EMS budget is set up as an offset receipt account authorized through Chapter 44 section 53e of the Massachusetts General Laws which takes estimated receipts from user fees for the department and uses the fees to operate the department. Anything in excess at the end of the year goes into the general fund as free cash and any deficit will have to be made up by the Town through funds that they have available or through taxation for the next fiscal year.

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c. **Presentation of the Upper Cape Regional Technical School Budget article.
(Presented by Robert Fichtenmayer and Dominic Cammarano)**

Present before the Board: Roger Forget, Superintendent; Dominic Cammarano

Mr. Forget presented the Upper Cape Regional Technical School Budget article explaining the increases in contractual obligations, health insurance increase, vocational supply cost and social/emotional services as well as administrative cost increases.

(See attachment)

d. **Confirmatory vote to authorize the Chair to send a letter of support regarding Damien's Pantry application for a \$500,000.00 grant under the Community Project Funding Program.**

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to confirm the vote to authorize the Chair to send a letter of support regarding Damien's Pantry application for a \$500,000.00 grant under the Community Project Funding Program which was voted on under 48 hour business during the meeting of March 14, 2023. Mr.

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. **Accept funds to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$30,000.00 from The Wareham Library Foundation, Inc. to be used for salaries of part-time employees at the library and if needed to cover utilities through the remainder of FY2023 and into FY2024.**

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to accept funds to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$30,000.00 from The Wareham Library Foundation, Inc. to be used for salaries of part-time employees at the library and if needed to cover utilities through the remainder of FY2023 and into FY2024. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

f. **Discussion and possible vote to recommend action on articles for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant.**

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on Article 1-Election of Officers for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on Article 3-Compensation of Certain Elected and Appointed Officials for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on Article 5-Occasional Reports for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on Article 9-Upper Cape Regional Technical School Budget for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on Article 16-Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account for the 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

g. **Discussion and possible vote to adopt the Social Media Policy and Email Communication Policy for committee members.**

MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to adopt the Social Media Policy and Email Communication Policy for committee members. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

h. **ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification for 2023.**

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MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to approve the ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification for 2023. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Swifts Beach Road project has been pushed back to 2025

Showcase Wareham will be taking place on Thursday, March 30th at the Wareham Town Hall Auditorium. There will be presentation from Wareham Redevelopment Authority along with three musical acts. Local businesses have been invited to introduce themselves and to promote their businesses.

9. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS/BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Slavin stated that the Swifts Beach Road project and traffic light has been moved into fiscal year 2025.

Ms. Whiteside gave a presentation to the Council on Aging. There were many questions regarding the programs and Jacqui Nichols, Director of Assessing was present to answer questions about tax abatements and the Senior Work Off Program.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

11. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Chadwick-no, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 3-1-0 (Mr. Chadwick opposed)

Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

Department Assistant

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

Attest:  Date Signed: 7/11/23
Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Application from Philip Chiaraluce for Shellfish Grant renewal (hearing reconvened).
2. Application from PK Liquors for Seasonal Liquor License (hearing reconvened).
3. Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses.
4. Seasonal Liquor License extension.
5. Application to place signs on Town property.
6. Elementary school BAN.
7. Upper Cape Regional Technical School Budget presentation.
8. Wareham Free Library funds acceptance.
9. Votes for 2023 Annual Spring Town Meeting.
10. Social Media Policy and email Communication Policy.
11. ABCC Seasonal Renewal Certification for 2023.

Date sent to Town Clerk: _____