

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

Date of Meeting: May 31, 2022  
Date of Transcription: June 2, 2022  
Transcribed by: Cassandra Slaney

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

#### ***MEETING REMOTELY HELD DUE TO COVID***

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Slavin thanked the Veterans Council, VFW, ROTC and Wareham Militia for a great Memorial Day event throughout Town.

Selectman Slavin also thanked everyone who attended the SRPEDD awards ceremony and he appreciated the support.

The Weweantic River area between Marion and Wareham will be closed for shellfishing.

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Wareham Elementary School located at 63 Minot Avenue Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm. There will be food trucks, music and guided tours.

Parker Mills Bond Dam Assessment project is starting to move forward and the first virtual meeting is on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Meeting after that will be in September and October.

Chair Whiteside congratulated the Wareham Class of 2022 as well as the nine fire fighter recruits who graduated from the fire academy.

The Spinney Memorial Branch of the Free Library will be open Tuesdays from 9-1 and Thursdays from 1-5. As of June 6<sup>th</sup> the Wareham Free Library will be open Monday 9-5, Tuesday 1-8, Wednesday 9-8, Thursday 9-1, Friday and Saturday 9-3 and Sunday-closed. The library will also be closed on Saturdays during the months of July and August.

### **5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

### **6. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. **Application from Parkwood Beach Association, c/o Suzanne Burke, 2 Ash St., Wareham, MA. requesting road closure for Community Get Together Event, taking place on Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 12-6 PM (Rain date July 4, 2022).**

Present before the Board: Suzanne Burke

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**MOTION:** Selectman Wurts moved to approve the application from Parkwood Beach Association, c/o Suzanne Burke, 2 Ash Street, Wareham, MA. requesting road closure for Community Get Together Event taking place on Sunday, July 3, 2022 from 12-6pm (Rain date July 4, 2022) subject to receiving the insurance binder and catering information. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

### **7. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. **Continued discussion and possible vote on the creation of a Renewable Energy Study Committee.**

*This item will be discussed at the June 14, 2022 meeting.*

- b. **Proclamation – Race Amity Day.**

Selectman Besse read the proclamation into record. *(See attachment)*

- c. **Proclamation – Pride Month.**

Selectman Chadwick read the proclamation into record. *(See attachment)*

- d. **Discussion and possible vote to accept FY22 Curbside Commitment (omitted bills) in the amount of \$4,047.24.**

**MOTION:** Selectman Wurts moved to accept the FY22 Curbside Commitment (omitted bills) in the amount of \$4,047.24. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

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

### **8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Town Administrator had nothing to report.*

### **9. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Wareham Community Associates will be hosting their annual lobster bake. The funds raised will be used for scholarships to Wareham students. The event will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> taking place at Zecco Marine. Tickets will be available at Legacy Insurance on Main Street.

### **10. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- b. **Approval of meeting minutes:** May 2, 2022; May 3, 2022; May 10, 2022.

**MOTION:** Selectman Wurts moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 2, 2022. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-abstained, Selectman Besse-abstained, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-2 (Selectman Chadwick and Selectman Besse abstained)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Wurts moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2022. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

*Meeting minutes of May 3, 2022 will be approved at a future meeting.*

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:24 pm. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

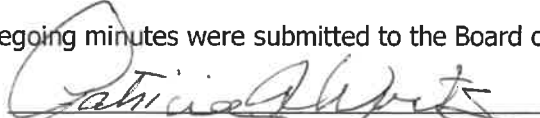
### **12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-5/31/2022 (CONT'D)

Respectfully submitted  
**Cassandra Slaney**  
Department Assistant

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

Attest:

  
**Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk** (*out of necessity*)

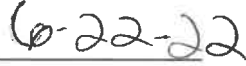
Date Signed:



**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.**

1. Application from Suzanne Burke for Use of Town Roads.
2. Race Amity Day Proclamation.
3. Pride Month Proclamation.
4. FY22 Curbside Commitment.
5. Meeting Minutes: May 2, 2022; May 3, 2022; May 10, 2022.

Date sent to Town Clerk:





**TOWN OF WAREHAM  
54 MARION ROAD  
WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02571**

## **Proclamation RACE AMITY DAY**

- Whereas:* Wareham supports the Great Seal of the United States of America which bears the inscription, E Pluribus Unum, which translates from Latin as “Out of many, one”;
- Whereas:* The greatest asset of the Town of Wareham is its people;
- Whereas:* The Town of Wareham is comprised of multicultural, multiethnic, and multiracial citizens;
- Whereas:* Friendship, collegiality, civility, respect, and kindness are commonly shared ideals of the collective citizenry of the Town of Wareham;
- Whereas:* The National Center for Race Amity has invited communities across the United States of America to join in introspection and reflection on the beauty and richness of the diverse peoples of this great nation while reaching out with a spirit of amity toward one another annually on the second Sunday in June; and
- Whereas:* H 2745, Chapter 163 of Acts of 2015 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts establishes the Second Sunday in June Annually as Race Amity Day,
- Therefore:* Be It Resolved that the Wareham Board of Selectmen do hereby proclaim the second Sunday in June to be,

### **RACE AMITY DAY**

And urge all the citizens of the Town of Wareham to take cognizance of this event & participate fittingly in its observance.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, We the Wareham Board of Selectmen have hereunto set our hands and caused the OFFICIAL Seal of the Town of Wareham to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2022.



#### **BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

Judith Whiteside, Chair  
Patricia Wurts Clerk  
Ronald Besse  
Jared Chadwick  
Alan H. Slavin



TOWN OF WAREHAM  
54 Marion Road  
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

## Proclamation PRIDE MONTH

- Whereas:* Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends" and it is only right and moral that we identify, condemn, and stand against all forms of racism, discrimination, and hatred; and;
- Whereas:* The month of June was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place in Manhattan in June of 1969 at the Stonewall Inn;
- Whereas:* The United States Supreme Court ruled in June 2015 that same-sex couples can marry nationwide, as a civil right;
- Whereas:* Gay, lesbian, and bisexual Americans can serve their country openly, honestly, and without fear of losing their jobs because of whom they love;
- Whereas:* The Town of Wareham recognizes that our Nation was founded upon the principles that all people are created equal and that each person has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;
- Whereas:* The Town of Wareham understands that LGBT rights are human rights; and
- Whereas:* The Town of Wareham is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our Town;
- Therefore:* The Town of Wareham proclaims that June of 2022 shall be known as

### PRIDE MONTH

SO PROCLAIMED this 31<sup>ST</sup> day of May 2022.



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