

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: November 1, 2022
Date of Transcription: November 3, 2022
Transcribed by: Cassandra Slaney

Remote meeting due to Covid-19

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel (7:21 pm)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Whiteside asked for a moment of silence for Craig Schluter who passed away October 26th and Patricia Cullen who passed away October 24th. *(See attachment that was read into record)*

The VFW will be hosting a Veterans Day event at 10:00 am. Information can be found on the Town website.

The Christmas parade will be taking place on December 3, 2022. More information is to follow.

Selectman Chadwick congratulated new Town Moderator, Margaret Ishihara on a job well done moderating her first Town Meeting.

The Wareham Tigers Homecoming games will be this Saturday, November 5th starting at 6:00 pm.

Edaville Family park will be open for the Festival of Lights this year and will be celebrating the 75th anniversary.

Several locations have been approved for shellfishing in Town. *(See attachment)*

Selectman Whiteside thanked the Key Club for their semi-annual clean-up of portions of Minot Avenue.

Selectman Whiteside read into record the Veterans Proclamation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

There are new FEMA maps which can be viewed at the Planning Board office as well as on the Town website.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-11/1/2022 (CONT'D)

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. **HEARING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 P.M. – Application from AJ C Store, Inc. d/b/a New England Convenience, Kelly Jolin, Manager, 3088 Cranberry Hwy, East Wareham, MA has applied to the Board of Selectmen for an Annual Package Goods Store Wine & Malt Only Beverage License under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2022.**

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to open the hearing. Selectman Wurts seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Present before the Board: Amine Nassif, Owner; Jillian Morton, Attorney
Ms. Morton stated that Mr. Nassif started a smoke shop at 3088 Cranberry Hwy and due to the regulation changes he decided to change the shop to a convenience store. He is seeking approval for a wine and malt license to expand his business. The Board questioned the lease documents provided and the proof of insurance. Selectman Slavin recommended continuing the hearing subject to receiving the full lease agreement and proof of liquor liability.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to continue the hearing on November 15, 2022 subject to receiving proof of liquor liability insurance and reviewing the full lease. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. **Vote to Authorize Veterans Day Proclamation.**

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

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to authorize the issuance of the Veterans Day Proclamation. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **Discussion and possible vote regarding BOS policy No. 13-04. Stabilization and OPEB Trust Fund policy.**

Mr. Sullivan requested the following changes to the Stabilization and OPEB Trust Fund Policy:

1. **"At least"** \$100,000.00 should be transferred from free cash to the Stabilization Fund to maintain reserves at **"a minimum"** of 5% of the current fiscal year's operating budget.
2. **"At least \$300,000.00 should be"** transferred to the OPEB trust fund.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the amendment to BOS policy No. 13-04 Stabilization and OPEB Trust Fund Policy as presented by Mr. Sullivan. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. **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 auction was successful. The East Wareham School sold for \$500,000.00, the West Wareham School sold for \$400,000.00 and 56 Carver Road which abuts the West Wareham School sold for \$160,000.00.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-11/1/2022 (CONT'D)

There were numerous compliments regarding the Trick or Treating event on Main Street by merchants and residents. Compliments were also given to the Wareham Police Department, Wareham Fire Department and the Onset Fire Department.

Registration for the Remembrance Trees has started. There will be 74 trees, the cost will be \$50.00 and the net proceeds will go to Damien's Pantry. In addition, there will be 60 trees in available in honor of veterans and the net proceeds will go to the Kendrick House. Onset Bay Association also has trees available that will displayed along the Onset Pier. For more information please call Onset Bay Association at 508-295-7072.

12. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended an MMA meeting and discussed the CARES Act funds as well as ARPA funds.

There is a bill in process regarding public safety replacement building program. Selectman Slavin stated that this program may be useful for partial funding for future changes being made to the Police station and Town Hall.

Selectman Whiteside read into record the numerous resources offered through the Town for residents. (*See attachments*)

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.**
- b. **Approval of meeting minutes: September 13, 2022; September 20, 2022; September 27, 2022; October 18, 2022.**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2022. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2022. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

The meeting minutes of September 27, 2022 will be approved at the next meeting after corrections have been made.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2022. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-abstained, Selectman Besse-abstained, Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

Mr. Sullivan stated that given the increase in costs that the residents are seeing, he recommended not increasing the fees in the trash program. He also recommended not adding an extra cost to the mattress recycling program when it is up and running. The Board requested a presentation of this request for a future meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Wurts-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-11/1/2022 (CONT'D)

15. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

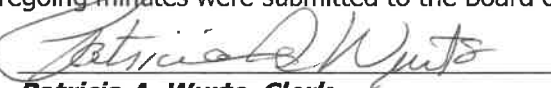
Respectfully submitted

Cassandra Slaney

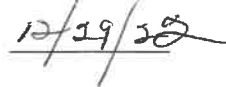
Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

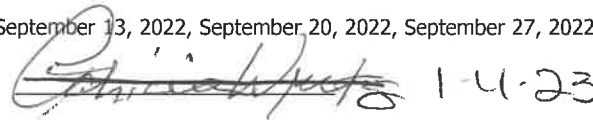
Date Signed:



DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Application from AJC Store, Inc. for a Package Store Wine and Malt Beverges license.
2. Veterans Day Proclamation.
3. BOS Policy 13-04.
4. Meeting minutes for September 13, 2022, September 20, 2022, September 27, 2022 and October 18, 2022.

Date sent to Town Clerk:

 1-4-23

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PATRICIA CULLEN WHO PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 24th

Pat Cullen was an active and well-loved member of our Town, known mostly for teaching so many of our children.

She first started teaching in Northborough as a physical education teacher for nine years but eventually changed to the classroom and taught at the Decas Elementary School in grades 2-6. When the 6th grade moved to the Middle School, which was her favorite grade, she moved with it and finished her career there until she retired in 2001. She taught for a total of 33 years.

One of her co-workers at the Middle School said it best: "She loved her students, and they loved her. Pat didn't just teach the core academics. She taught her students tolerance, patience, fairness, honesty, and self-respect. She always looked for the positives in her students, and she made sure each and every one of them knew that they were special in some way." Pat was also highly respected by her colleagues and the many teachers, and student teachers she helped along the way.

Because of her tenure in our education system, and her love of sports, the gymnasium at the Middle School was named in her honor in a ceremony in 2009.

Many might not know that Pat was a founding member of the Friends of the Wareham Free Library. When the Library was in the original Tobey Library Building on High Street, Pat convinced a group of mothers who regularly brought their children to the library that they should organize into a Friends group. She served as the President of the Friends, was a Lifetime member, and also served as a Library Trustee.

She was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and served for several years on the altar guild and as the publicity chairman for the church.

Pat loved her family, her daughter and son, and her grandchildren. She was thrilled to welcome her first granddaughter, and sadly passed away on the baby's first birthday. We would like to send our condolences to Pat's family and would ask for a moment of silence for this incredible woman and citizen of Wareham.

Craig Schluter, 74

Oct 31, 2022

Craig Schluter was the husband of Pam Schluter, a much loved second grade teacher in Wareham

Mr. Schluter worked for Air New England and New England Telephone and Telegraph. He was also a foreman for A.D. Makepeace, where he worked for 23 years, and a driver for P.A. Landers. He also served as Lieutenant on brush breakers for the Town of Wareham at the White Island Fire Station, and was one of the first EMTs for the town. Mr. Schluter was a Vietnam era veteran and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1968 to 1972.

He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and was a member of the Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) of Cape Cod. Mr. Schluter also served on the Wareham Veterans Council and the Marine Resources Commission. He was a member of the North Shore Clam Diggers Group and enjoyed travelling and camping in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela; a retired second grade teacher.



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October 31, 2022

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the portion of Fisherman's Cove designated as (BB43.4), in the Towns of Wareham and Bourne, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on the NSSP Marina Policy now meets established criteria for the harvest of shellfish. As a result, the status of this area has been changed to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of November 1, 2022.

The below defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

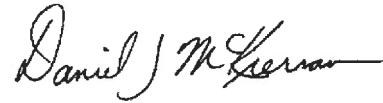
CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Open to Shellfishing
November 1 - April 30
All Dates Inclusive

BB43.4
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"The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Fishermans Cove, in the Towns of Wareham and Bourne, south of a line drawn along the Route 6 Bridge and north of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #39 Buttermilk Way to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the western end of the stone wall approximately 300' southwest of the railroad bridge and west of a line drawn across the mouth of the Bourne Marina."

The status of the above conditionally approved area, BB43.4, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2023 unless the Division changes the area's status prior to said date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

cc: P. Moran, C. Baker, OLE
J. Kennedy, DMF
R. Amidon, DFG
J. Hobill, DEP
FDA, DPH
G. Buckminster, Wareham Shellfish Constable
C. Southwood, Bourne Shellfish Constable



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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of East River and Broad Cove (BB42.2), in the Town of Wareham, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes and the NSSP Marina criteria. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on November 1, 2022.

The below defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Open to Shellfishing

November 1 - April 30

All Dates Inclusive

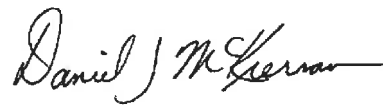
BB42.2

East River, Broad Cove

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of the East River and Broad Cove, in the Town of Wareham, north of the Onset Avenue Bridge; east of a line drawn southwesterly from the big rock located at the southeastern end of the Main Avenue Bridge parking lot to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at #61 East Boulevard and east of a line drawn northeasterly from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the southern end of the East River Boat Ramp to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located at the stone steps in the stone wall at the eastern end of #35A East Boulevard."

The status of the above conditionally approved area, BB42.2, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2023 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined portions of the waters of Onset Bay (BB40.3 & 40.6) in the Town of Wareham, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes and NSSP Mooring Area criteria. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined areas now meet the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on November 1, 2022.

The below defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: Open to Shellfishing

November 1 - April 30

All Dates Inclusive

BB40.3 Onset Bay

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Onset Bay, in the Town of Wareham, north of a line drawn northeasterly from the big rock on Onset Beach to the Red Buoy #14 to the southern tip of Point Independence and south of a line drawn across the bridge, excluding BB40.4."

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Open to Shellfishing
November 1 - April 30
All Dates Inclusive

BB40.6
Onset Bay

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Onset Bay, in the Town of Wareham, east of a line drawn southeasterly from the southern tip of Point Independence to the Red Buoy #8 to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Groveland Street, excluding BB40.5."

The status of the above Conditionally Approved Areas, BB40.3, and B40.6 shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2023 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,



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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of Sunset Cove (BB41.0), in the Town of Wareham, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status based on rainfall. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined area still meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and the status shall remain "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" seasonally as of sunrise November 1, 2022.

The below defined area may remain open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL CHANGE

Status: Open to Shellfishing

November 1 - April 30

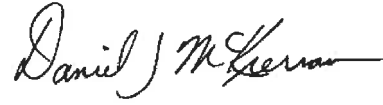
All Dates Inclusive

BB41.0
Sunset Cove

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of Sunset Cove, in the Town of Wareham, south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the end of Gladstone Road to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the opposite shore and north of a line drawn from #21 Over Jordan Road to the southern end of Shell Point."

The status of the above conditionally approved area, BB41.0, shall remain "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2023 based on rainfall as agreed upon by the Town of Wareham and Division of Marine Fisheries.

Sincerely,

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SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

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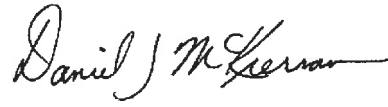
BB41.2

Sunset Cove

"The waters and flats and all tributaries of Sunset Cove, in the Town of Wareham, north of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at Gladstone Road to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the opposite shoreline."

The status of the above "Conditionally Approved" area, BB41.2, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2023 unless the Division changes the areas status' prior to said date.

Sincerely,

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Town of Wareham

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Wareham, MA 02571

VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The 11th of November 1918 marked the end of WW I, and was commemorated starting in 1919 with the celebration known as Armistice Day;

WHEREAS: In 1954 Armistice Day was officially renamed Veterans Day in recognition of the intervening wars and conflicts fought valiantly by American Veterans, men and women, on foreign soils, on the sea, and in the air to preserve our heritage of Freedom;

WHEREAS: Our great Nation was founded on the belief that all Americans are created equal, and that all Americans are granted the undeniable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;

WHEREAS: The Freedom we enjoy as Americans does not come without a price. Our Nation's Veterans have sacrificed to preserve and protect our country and our Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic, with the hope for peace not only on the battlefields, but also around the globe.

WHEREAS: Our Nation's Veterans have given willingly and unselfishly of themselves, some giving their lives, serving with distinction in the defense of the Democratic Principles of this great Nation, in the most demanding of circumstances, in the most dangerous corners of the Earth;

WHEREAS: As we pay tribute to our Veterans, we are ever mindful that neither speech, nor ceremony, neither parade nor monument, can repay the debt owed those men and women who have worn the many uniforms throughout the generations to safeguard the Republic with integrity, dedication and distinction;

WHEREAS: We acknowledge that the cost of Freedom continues even after the guns fall silent. We acknowledge that many of our Veterans, scarred mentally and physically, returned from war unheralded, without a grateful Nation's thanks. We acknowledge that our debt to our Veterans does not end the day their uniform is retired. Nor should our gratitude be expressed only one day a year;

WHEREAS: The greatest acknowledgement of our Freedom is to honor our Armed Forces Veterans who have sacrificed for that Freedom;

NOW THEREFORE: We, the Board of Selectmen, do proclaim November 11, 2022 as Veterans Day, and we call upon all citizens to observe a moment of silence on November 11, 2022, at 11 AM, in remembrance of all our Veterans who fought to safeguard our heritage. Let us proudly and with dignity display the Flag of The United States of America throughout our Town of Wareham to honor our Veterans, and humbly give thanks. Let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting enduring peace, so that our Veteran's efforts shall not have been in vain.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of November, 2022.

Judith Whiteside, Chair

Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

Ronald S. Besse

Jared S. Chadwick

Alan H. Slavin

Want to say a word about COMMUNITY OFFERINGS in Wareham:

Feasibility studies should contain two important components:

1. What are the needs of a community? AND
2. What does the community ALREADY OFFER that fits those needs?

This helps to prevent duplication of services, while making sure that taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

WHAT DOES WAREHAM ALREADY OFFER?? We offer many services at little or no cost to our citizens.

1. WAREHAM FREE LIBRARY:

In addition to books and materials, Museum passes, CDs, computers, etc.

MONTHLY CALENDAR available on their website: Programs for ALL ages at different times of the day. Look at October:

Lecture on the American Revolution, Adult book Clubs with an Author Talk

Music: Concert on Music of the West African Kora

Science: Exploring Leaves, Pumpkins and Seeds at 10 am in November topic is Cranberries—Wild Beginnings

6:30 every Tuesday-- FAMILY Story hour. And a special Family Game Night—Trivia with the Ooch Brothers

Story times for Toddlers

A special NOT SO Scary Stories with the Story Teller Big Ryan

****November calendar now available.**

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOMS IN THE LIBRARY:

Three meeting rooms available for use—applications online to reserve these rooms for groups or organizations to meet in.

1. Community Room—capacity 75
2. Activity Room—capacity 30
3. Conference Room-capacity 15

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:

Make an appointment with the Reference Librarian or drop in for simple questions or issues. Classes are offered regularly.

ADULT EDUCATION:

Reading Partners:

Free one-on-one tutoring to Wareham adults and out of school youth age 16 and over.

Test preparation for HiSET that replaced the GED in Mass.

English as Second Language education technical support, checkbook balancing etc.

2. COUNCIL ON AGING

New Director, new ideas

Will be moved to Decas all on one floor which was MAIN CONCERN. Will have kitchen, exercise area, classroom space. All basic requests will be met there.

Offers meals, programs, classes, movies, exercise programs, health programs, entertainment, social games such as bingo, card and board games, and much more. Has a Senior Day Care unit also.

3. EXERCISE/ATHLETIC TYPE OPPORTUNITIES

Most community centers have full athletic/gym services for all ages FULLY STAFFED. Look online at many other centers. That's not possible here due to space and it is cost prohibitive to staff and insure, HOWEVER, Wareham offers many free, or affordable programs in different areas.

1. All ages can use these facilities.

Many neighborhood parks and playgrounds in town. Many have been renovated or are in the process of being renovated. Playground equipment, tennis courts, pickleball courts, basketball courts etc.

Public/residential beaches and areas with boat and kayak access/ramps. Minot Forest Trails.

Fields at Decas School.

Town-owned Golf Course

Dog Park coming soon

Public Fishing Piers at Besse Park, Narrows, Agawam Mill Pond, Onset Pier and several others.

Also: PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Wareham Tigers Athletic Association

Wareham Girl's Softball

YMCA programs for all ages. Financial support for those in need.

Buzzards Bay Center in Onset—programs for youth, families, adults and seniors: sailing, swimming, how to dig clams etc.

Wareham Land Trust Trails, Mass Audubon Trails/Conservation areas

Bay Pointe Golf Course

Community Gardens

4. Children and Youth Groups (social interaction)

CYE-Youth empowerment

Boy and Girl Scout programs

After School programs through the school system

School Groups such as DECA, Key Club (note the cleanup of Minot Ave on Friday) JROTC

5. Adult Groups (social interaction)

Historical Society, Garden Club, Elks, Redmen, Friends of the Wareham Free Library

Onset Bay Association, Cape Verdean organizations, many church groups

Many others.... Do wonderful acts for our town, scholarship programs, beautification, activities such as festivals etc.

We may not have one building that acts as a complete community center that can fulfill all the needs, but our Town offers our community a wide and exceptional variety of offerings and opportunities.