

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

Date of Meeting: March 6, 2018  
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Transcribed by: Janet Wilson

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Selectmen Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Chairman  
Alan H. Slavin, Clerk  
Patrick G. Tropeano  
Anthony Scarsciotti

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator, absent  
Rich Bowen, Town Counsel

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Tropeano wanted to thank Eversource for restoring power to the town quickly during the recent storms.

Selectman Tropeano spoke about someone who recently commented on a story in Wareham Week about the Selectmen placing an article about shopping carts on the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano stated that the board works very hard and that if someone has time to write and complain about something they should get out and do something to solve it not complain online.

The Wareham Firemen's Association will be holding a Chicken Bake & Surprise Auction to benefit the Scholarship fund on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Redman Hall.

Selectman Slavin read a list of vacancies to boards, committees and commissions. A complete list can be found on the Town's website at [www.wareham.ma.us](http://www.wareham.ma.us)

A raffle drawing will be held for three lucky winners and their guest to enjoy a three course colonial dinner with General George Washington on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to be held in the Marion Music Hall. This is presented by the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies, Inc.

## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-3-6-18 (CONT'D)

A visit from General George Washington will be held on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Wareham High School Auditorium. This is presented by the Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies, Inc.

Selectman Slavin read an article from Pollack: Time to build consensus on South Coast Rail (as attached).

The Special Town Meeting will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> re: Retail Marijuana Establishments. The Town must vote by April 1<sup>st</sup> to limit the establishments. Chairman Teitelbaum explained that a no vote next Monday is a yes vote so that we would not be overrun by the establishments.

Chairman Teitelbaum wanted to thank all the hard work by the Municipal Maintenance Department, the Wareham and Onset Fire Departments and the Board of Health as well as the Wareham Police Department and the Harbormaster as well as the YMCA who offered free showers and also gave people a place to warm up and also charge their cellphones.

Deputy Chief Osswald from the Onset Fire Department wanted to mention that due to the rapid response and quick transport by EMS he believes that helped save the life of the firefighter that was hit by a hit and run driver during the storm.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin said that she recently picked up trash around Pezzoli square and stated that even though a trash barrel was in the area she still picked up about 2 dozen nips. She also stated that she did pick up some trash along Stillman and Indian Neck and actually found \$11 in one of the bags. Ms. Slavin spoke about one of the bylaws regarding smoking and would like to see the police issue a \$300 fine to anyone who would decide to light up in public as they are leaving one of the marijuana establishments.

### **6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

### **7. LICENSES AND PERMTIS**

### **8. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Request from Wareham Village Association to place signs on town property.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the placement of signs on town property. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

## SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES-3-6-18 (CONT'D)

- b. Vote to accept donation from the Wareham Library Foundation, Inc.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to accept the \$5000 donation from the Wareham Library Foundation, Inc., Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

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

- c. Continued discussion and possible votes to include articles on Special Town meeting warrant.

Attorney Bowen will forward to the Board a copy of the Shopping Cart bylaw.

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

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

### **10. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Tropeano attended the school building committee meeting in which they discussed the cost of the rehab of the Minot Forest School and also talked about going to visit other locations to look at the school renovation projects.

Selectman Tropeano urged everyone to vote in support of the article on spending the \$10 million on the sewer project. He said that it will be money in the bank in the long run.

Selectman Slavin spoke about proposition 2 ½ and debt exclusions and how they work.

Chairman Teitelbaum spoke about the costs that the town is facing. He said that the town is facing a lot of big ticket items.

Chairman Teitelbaum stated that the ZBA held the opening round of Woodland Cove 40B hearing and the hearing has been continued until March 21<sup>st</sup>. Selectman Tropeano stated that the Town will not be able to afford this project with the children that would be in the school system.

The Cemetery Commissioners will be having a hearing re: Cemetery Rules & Regulations in the Auditorium tomorrow at 6 pm.

### **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

***Janet Wilson***

Department Assistant

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

Attest:

  
***Alan H. Slavin, Clerk***

Date Signed: 4-3-18

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4-4-18

## Pollack: Time to build consensus on South Coast Rail

[southcoasttoday.com/news/20180221/pollack-time-to-build-consensus-on-south-coast-rail](http://southcoasttoday.com/news/20180221/pollack-time-to-build-consensus-on-south-coast-rail)

DARTMOUTH — It's time to build consensus on South Coast Rail, Massachusetts Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack told a largely sympathetic audience Wednesday at a meeting hosted by business and community leaders.

Agreement on station locations, use of the Middleboro route, and use of non-electrified trains would help the project meet its promised Phase 1 delivery date of 2022, she said.

"We are really at a critical moment," Pollack said.

She said the plan needs to get specific fast, because you can't secure permits for a conceptual idea.

"We, collectively, need to make some decisions," she said. "And if we can reach consensus in the weeks and months ahead on what the 'it' is, then the Baker-Polito administration is completely committed to funding and building and putting in service this project. But we need complete consensus."

Pollack spoke at UMass School of Law at the invitation of the business-led Rail to Boston Coalition and the SouthCoast Development Partnership. The Rail to Boston Coalition has endorsed the Middleboro route as a way to bring trains to the region sooner.

"We step forward in unity because we can see the benefits that are coming," coalition chairman Paul Chasse said in his opening remarks.

"We believe that restoring rail service is critical to linking jobs, housing, tourism, specialty health, college campuses and so much more," he said. And that doesn't include "tens of millions of dollars" of economic growth expected in and around the train stations, according to Chasse.

About a year ago, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation announced it was considering doing South Coast Rail in phases, with service via Middleboro as Phase 1.

The previously selected Stoughton route would offer shorter rides, but building it would cost more and require traversing the Hockomock Swamp. The plan for Stoughton also includes electric trains, which the Middleboro route does not.

The state is still pursuing the Stoughton route as Phase 2, and Pollack said Massachusetts needs to keep the Stoughton route on the table to avoid starting over with federal permitting.

When consultants determined that the Stoughton route would take longer to build and cost more than anticipated — \$3.2 billion — the Baker administration could have taken the easy way out and continued permitting a project that would take 12 or 13 years, she said. But Gov.



Charlie Baker wanted to get it done faster, so they started looking at options, and found other states had broken their projects into phases.

New stations in Phase 1 are projected to attract 41 percent of the ridership of Phase 2 for one-third the cost, she said. The ride would be about 91 minutes from New Bedford to Boston. Phase 1 is estimated at \$935 million.

A spokesman for New Bedford Mayor Jon Mitchell said earlier Wednesday that Mitchell had secured an agreement from the state to design a multimodal station for trains, buses and more at the Whale's Tooth parking area on the New Bedford waterfront instead of the platform-style station that was included in a recent environmental report on Phase 1.

Asked about that commitment, Pollack said it will come in the form of a grant for feasibility and design analysis, and not as part of the main project.

"I've heard the mayor's request," she said. The planning grant will "sit in coordination with South Coast Rail, but on the side."

At the meeting, Middleboro Board of Selectmen Chairman Allin Frawley said that although he believes Pollack when she says she wants to build consensus, no one representing the town was invited to attend.