

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: July 31, 2018
Date of Transcription: August 27, 2018
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Alan H. Slavin, Chairman
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Anthony Scarsciotti, arrived at 7:12 p.m.
Mary Bruce

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard P. Bowen, Town Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meet me at the Tremont will be held on Saturday, August 25th – Please visit the Gallery Consignment Shop on Main Street for tickets to the event.

5. BOARDS COMMENTS

6. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin stated that she was reading the Las Vegas times and it mentioned that there was a nationwide ban on smoking within 500 feet of a public housing project and wanted to know if anyone else saw this. Ms. Slavin also said that she was happy to see the crosswalks have been painted.

Present before the board: Diane Yarrington

Ms. Yarrington was before the board with concerns about the road conditions in Onset. She would like for the board to take a ride through the streets and let her know what they think.

Present before the board: Holly Hootarian

Ms. Hootarain was before the board with concerns about the bath house plans that the Buzzards Bay Coalition is working on.

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7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Wareham Redevelopment Authority

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Richard Swenson as a member to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

9. HEARING – 7:15 pm. – Vote on the intention to layout the way re: Windsor Drive, Woodville Way & Melwood Drive.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to open the public hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Scarsciotti-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes.

Several residents came before the board to speak in favor of getting the streets in The neighborhood accepted.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Scarsciotti-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to vote on the intention to layout the way of Windsor Drive, Woodville Way & Melwood Drive. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

10. 7:30 p.m. Dog Hearing –

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to open the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Poll vote: Selectman Scarsciotti-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to take administrative notice of the file. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

Attorney Bowen asked that anyone who will be testifying raise their right hand so that Town Counsel could swear them in.

Selectman Tropeano read into the record the complaint received from Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill, Wareham Animal Control Officer (as attached).

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Selectman Teitelbaum explained that this is a continuation of the hearing and that going forward they will let the Crossman's speak first. He stated that the only complaint that can be discussed this evening is the ones in the letter from the Animal Control Officer and others cannot be discussed.

Present before the board: Sandra & Walter Crossman and Jennifer a certified dog trainer.

Ms. Crossman started out by saying they have hired a dog trainer to work with Daisy for the past six weeks. She also stated that this was the first time in a year and a half that the dog got out of the yard and at no time was the dog running around the neighborhood. She said that on May 29, 2018 Daisy took advantage of the door not being properly latched and left the property in which she takes full responsibility for this action and her husband immediately went to get her. She said that she cannot walk her dog without people yelling at her to keep her dogs away as they are deemed dangerous. Ms. Gorgeatt-Dill hand delivered to Ms. Crossman the following conditions on July 12th and asked that the dog be humanely restrained, the dog be confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen and when the dog is removed from the premises of the owner, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a chain not to exceed 3 feet and the dog only be walked by an adult of 18 years or older. She went on to say that she hasn't received any complaints since July 12th. The trainer explained that the dog has a good personality and she is a herding dog and she brought her dog over to the Crossman's and the dog never showed aggression towards her dog. Jennifer stated that when she first met Daisy she barked a lot and was very bossy and stated that her personality has changed since the training began and she does listen and is much more focused.

Before the board was Christine DeCoursy who's dog was bitten by Daisy, she explained that she did take the dog to the Vet on the advice of the Animal Control Officer and that the dog was bit in the neck not in the ear as Mr. Crossman had stated earlier. Selectman Teitelbaum asked if the Crossman's reimbursed her for the vet bill, Mr. Crossman stated that one was never presented to him. Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the bill was for \$139.90. Before the board was Joseph Warshauer who witnessed the attack and stated that Daisy wasn't playing and went aggressively for the dog's neck. Mr. DeCourcy stated that the fence the Crossman's have is basically chicken wire. Selectman Tropeano asked if the Crossman's had their dog on a leash at the time and they indicated that they didn't and the dog is allowed to roam between the three houses. Before the board is Angela Didier who stated that Daisy has come after her on numerous occasions. Ms. Gorgeatt-Dill stated that Angela Didier had called her on several occasions prior to this incident and expressed her concerns about the dog and mentioned that the dog has been off the property and she didn't want to file a complaint and she just wanted to make Animal Control aware of the situation. She stated that she went to the Crossman's property a couple of times and wasn't able to make direct contact with them and she did see the dog in the yard however, the dog didn't seem aggressive to her. Selectman Teitelbaum asked Ms. Gorgeatt-Dill why would she deem the dog dangerous and not at risk, she responded that the dog inflicted injury to another animal unprovoked.

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MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Bruce seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Scarsciotti-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes.

Selectman Teitelbaum asked Ms. Gorveatt-Dill if she was comfortable with the fence that the Crossman's had and she stated that she was not.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved that the dog be humanely restrained and the dog be confined outdoors in a securely enclosed and locked pen and cannot leave the property unless accompanied by a controlling person over the age of 18 and on a leash not more than four (4) feet having a minimum tensile strength of three hundred (300) pounds, used in conjunction with a muzzle and must be microchipped. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Update from the Buzzards Bay Coalition re: Bathhouse
Present before the board: Mark Rasmussen & Sam Grey
Mr. Rasmussen stated that so far they have raised \$3 million for the bathhouse between government funds and private donations. They still have \$1.7 million to raise. Mr. Rasmussen stated that an RFP is out now for the rebuild of the stone pier on Wickets Island and also for rebuilding the staircase among other things to be done with the work to start at the end of September. Wickets Island will be safe and open to the public for next summer. They purchased 21 acres at Burgess Point which they have been doing a lot of improvements to clean up that forest area with all support from the Conservation Commission. They have added a float to the dock for the boats. Two months ago they added 50 acres of salt marsh at the head of Shellpoint bay. Mr. Rasmussen touched on the summer programs and working with the Gleason Family YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club. The Onset bathhouse rehab permits are in place and they are planning to break ground in September. He said that the roof is going to be 26 feet and the park is 28 feet leaving 2 feet to look out onto the water. The design is made to be able to look out over the building as well as over the cupola. The first floor would be designed for boat storage and the second story would be more designed for classes and the plan is to be able to use this year round.

b. Board votes to establish dates for fall town meeting warrant and notice of intent.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved and read into record the process for calling town meeting (as attached). Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

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12. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

13. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Tropeano said that the Sewer Commissioners will be meeting on Thursday with an update on the change in sewer rates.

Selectman Slavin attended the tail end of the electronic voting meeting and they are looking to come up with a program that is reasonable to have in place by hopefully the fall town meeting.

14. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes of: June 12, 2018.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2018. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to adjourn. Selectman Scarsciotti seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

16. 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: 

Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk

Date Signed: 11-6-18

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 11-7-18

Attachment 7.31.18
meeting minutes

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Complaint of Vicious or Barking Dogs
Section 157, Chapter 140, General Laws

RECEIVED

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TOWN OF WAREHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 1, 2018

I hereby make complaint hereon, that dogs owned or harbored by:

Sandra Crossman
198 Greatneck Rd
Wareham, MA

Is a nuisance by reason of:

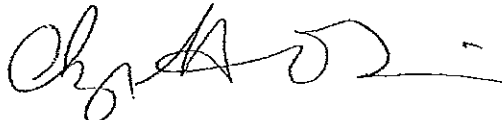
1. Vicious, disposition

On May 29, 2018 at around 5:00 PM Joseph Warshauer, 30 Lydia's Island Rd, reported that a dog owned or cared for by the residents of 198 Greatneck Rd, later identified as Sandra Crossman, attacked another dog, unprovoked and inflicted injury. The dog, owned by Christine DeCourcy, was later treated at Marion Animal Hospital for a couple of puncture wounds to the neck.

On May 22, 2018 I, Wareham Animal Control Officer Gorveatt-Dill received a complaint from Angela Diller, of aggressive behavior by this same dog, described as a female, Australian Shepard, named Daisy, when running loose in the area of Lydia's Island. I spoke with Sandra Crossman about the complaint and was told the dog was in the process of professional training. Mrs. Crossman was made aware of the aggressive complaint and informed that if the dog was to have any future issues a dog hearing would be requested.

This complaint is made under the penalties of perjury.

Complainant's signature and address:



Cheryl Gorveatt-Dill

Wareham Animal Control Officer

54 Marion Rd, Wareham



**TOWN OF WAREHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

Attachment to
7.31.18 meeting
minutes

PROCESS FOR CALLING A TOWN MEETING

October 22, 2018 General Business

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| TUESDAY, July 31, 2018 | Board of Selectmen establish all dates for completion of a Warrant for the Fall Town Meeting. |
| MONDAY, August 27, 2018 | Last day to post in at least one public place in each precinct, Notice of Intention of Board of Selectmen to call the Fall Town Meeting for October 22, 2018. (By-Law Div. I, Art. I, Sec. 3.) - 10 days notice before Warrant closes. |
| THURSDAY, September 6, 2018 | Last day for articles and/or petitions to be inserted in the Warrant. (WHRC Section 2-4 (c) - 45 days or more before Town Meeting convenes. |
| TUESDAY, September 11, 2018 | Board of Selectmen officially close the Warrant. |
| THURSDAY, September 13, 2018 | Last day to post in each precinct and deliver a copy of Warrant to the Town Moderator and to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Planning Board & Capital Planning Committee established by Section 2-5 of WHRC. (WHRC Section 2-4 (d) - Within 3 days of closing of Warrant |
| MONDAY, September 17, 2018 | Last day to submit articles to the Finance Committee to be included in the Warrant. (By-Law Div. I, Art. I, Sec. 1.) - No later than 35 days before Town Meeting convenes. |
| THURSDAY, October 4, 2018 | Last day to publish entire Warrant in a local newspaper. (WHRC Section 2-4 (d) - Not less than 14 days before Town Meeting. |
| MONDAY, October 22, 2018 | Commencement of Fall Town Meeting. (By-Law Div. I., Art. I, Sec. 1.) - Fall Town Meeting shall be held on the fourth Monday of October. |