

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: January 12, 2021
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

This meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19.

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq., Chairman
Judith Whiteside, Clerk
Alan H. Slavin
Patrick G. Tropeano
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Claire Smith, Town Moderator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Residents should have received notification from the Community Aggregation Program which is a program in conjunction with Eversource that offers savings on bills. Currently the savings is at approximately 12%. This program will run for thirty-five months and anyone can opt out.

The Family Pantry at Damien's Place allows two visits per household each month. The Pantry will provide a carriage of food, about nine bags, every Thursday and Saturday from 9 to 11:30 AM. People must fill out a simple application and provide proof of residence (either a gas or electric bill will do), so the Pantry avoids providing food to the same household twice.

The Gleason Family YMCA has a twice a month food distribution program in conjunction with the Greater Boston Food Bank. This month food will be available on January 15th, as well as January 29.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has a food pantry as well as hot meals. On the first Tuesday of each month from 3 to 5 PM the Church offers families pre-assembled packages of food. Also, every Thursday the Church offers take-out meals between 3:30 and 4:30. The distribution is first come, first served and will last only until all food has been distributed.

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The St Vincent DePaul Food pantry is open at St Patrick's Church every Wednesday from 3-7 PM.

The Council on Aging provides Meals on Wheels for seniors over the age of 60 or individuals with disabilities. Meals are delivered 5 days a week to anyone who is qualified and who has signed up. Also available is a free boxed lunch on Tuesdays and Thursday. You must register ahead of time, and pick your lunch between 9 and 9:30 am. To sign up call 508-291-3130.

The Wareham public schools distribute free grab and go meals for children under the age of 18. The meals consist of one bagged breakfast and one bagged lunch, Monday through Friday except Federal Holidays. Distribution sites are:

Wareham Middle School front entrance	10:30 - noon
Decas Elementary school cafeteria	10:30 - noon
Shangri-la playground	10:30 - noon
The Woods at Wareham apartments	10:30 - noon
The Onset Bandshell	10:30 - noon

The child does not have to be present for parent or guardian to pick up the meals. The Friday meals consist of three days of meals, to help ensure children have enough to eat over the weekend.

Both the Congregational Church and the Methodist Church have Thrift stores selling clothes and some household good. Their hours are posted on the bulletin boards outside their parish.

The Wareham Land Trust is offering free mindfulness walks on the following dates and locations:

Sunday January 31	1-2 pm Agawam River Trail East Wareham
Sunday February 21	1-2 pm The Tweedy and Barnes location West Wareham
Sunday March 14	1-2 pm Mark's Cove Wareham.

The number of participants is limited so please register at warehamlandtrust.org/category/events/

These trails are open to the public from dawn to dusk all the time, and offer some fabulous family friendly walks.

And another shout out to those who post their spectacular pictures of Wareham and Onset on different social media sites. There is a lot to be grateful for.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

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6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin stated that he received good reviews from residents regarding the Transfer Station and stated that many of the residents complimented the work of the staff.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Application from Kool Kone, 374 Marion Road, Wareham, for a Common Victualler License pending the receipt of the business certificate.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the application from Kool Kone for a Common Victualler license, 374 Marion Road, Wareham. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 Update.

Mr. Sullivan stated that in October, there were 55 confirmed cases, November, 181 confirmed cases, and since December 1st, 468 confirmed cases.

- b. Trash disposal update.

Transfer Station stickers can now be purchased online with the option to opt out of curbside pickup. Anyone wanting to sign up in person will be able to by January 15th. Scrap metal materials can be brought to the Municipal Maintenance Department on the second and fourth Saturday of each month starting January 23rd.

- c. Accept donation from Gretchen M. Grundstrom in the amount of \$500.00 to the Town of Wareham Gift Account for the medical care of stray animals.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to accept the donation from Gretchen M. Grundstrom in the amount of \$500.00 to the Town of Wareham Gift Account for the medical care of stray animals. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Vote to authorize negotiations of a Marijuana Host Community Agreement/Cultivation and Manufacturing with Trava, Inc., LLC, 3119 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham.

Selectman Slavin stated that he would not be in favor of this negotiation until he sees a list of investors involved.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize negotiations of a Marijuana Host Community Agreement/Cultivation and Manufacturing with Trava, Inc., LLC, 3119 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham subject to seeing a list of investors. Selectman Tropeano

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seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 3-1-1 (Selectman Slavin opposed and Selectman Munise present)

- e. Vote to approve Affordable Deed Restriction for Latham Center, 165 Great Neck Road, E. Wareham.

Paperwork needed, will be on a future agenda.

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan discussed the current marijuana retail license applications pending. One applicant is waiting for two approvals and should be fully licensed by the end of next month.

In house COVID testing should be available to Town employees on January 13th and 14th.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin stated that the Mass. Municipal Selectboard re-elected him for a two year term as the Region Four Representative for Plymouth County Cape and Islands. He was also elected to the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Municipal Association and appointed to the local government advisory council to the Governor.

Selectman Tropeano attended the Police Study Committee meeting and stated that the RFP is in process and progress is being made.

Selectman Teitelbaum took a tour of the Trade Routes marijuana facility. He stated that the tour was impressive as well as informative and urged the Board to tour the facility as well.

The Wareham Redevelopment Authority is continuing to monitor the process and progress of the Littleton Drive project through the ZBA.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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c. Approval of meeting minutes: December 1, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for December 1, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-abstained, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. 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: 
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 2-2-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2-3-21