

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

Date of Meeting: January 22, 2019  
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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  
Mary Bruce

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

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Sewer Commissioners will be holding a meeting on Saturday, January 16, 2019 at 10am in the Town Hall Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to update residents on a project that will impact travel in the Swift's beach area to Minot Avenue.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin asked if the Treasurer's Office was planning on being open on February 1<sup>st</sup> since that is the date that taxes are due and the Town Hall is normally closed; Mr. Sullivan stated that as in the past the Treasurer's office will be open to accept payments. Ms. Slavin also asked if there were any updates on getting Wareham out of the Boston housing grid, she also asked where she could find an updated copy of the Town Charter and if it could be placed online for all to see. Ms. Slavin also wanted to inform the residents that since the board is proposing an article to do away with the Charter Review Committee at the Spring Town meeting then citizens should be submitting articles to make any changes in the charter.

### **6. BOARDS COMMENTS**

Selectman Teitelbaum met with the Town Moderator, Town Counsel, Finance Committee Chairman as well as the Town Administrator about the Town Meeting

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process. He asked that Town Counsel to come up with a draft to move the Town elections to the month of May.

Chairman Slavin stated that the MLK breakfast held at the Boys and Girls club was a great event; the club received a donation of just under \$10,000.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Update from the Wareham Cultural Council on the recipients of the 2019 Cultural Council grants.

Present before the board: Kathy Gleason & Mary Beth Cormier

Ms. Gleason stated that the council awarded \$9138 in grant money; they received 29 applications and were able to award 20 recipients.

- b. Discussion and vote to include articles on Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to include the following articles on the warrant: Election of Officers, Recurring Business, Compensation of Certain Appointed or Elected Officials, FY20 Revolving Fund, Occasional Reports, FY20 Capital Plan, FY20 Budget, EMS Budget, Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School WPCF Enterprise Fund. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

- c. Vote on proposed Warrant Article for Town Meeting to amend the Charter Review Committee.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to place article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

- d. Consider and vote to sunset the Bike Path Committee.

Chairman Slavin stated that since the Bike Path Committee hasn't been meeting, even at the regional level he recommends sun setting this committee.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to sunset the Bike Path Committee. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

- e. Discuss and vote on filling Wareham Fence Viewer position.

The Town doesn't have anyone filling this vacancy and a resident is having an issue with a neighbor and is requesting a fence viewer. Mr. Sullivan stated that they will post a vacancy.

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan has been working on the budget and is hoping to get the figures for the Chapter 70 funds from the Governor's office this week.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the Redevelopment Authority will be coming before the board with 2 proposed articles, the first is to propose an overlay district in the Wareham Village. The second would be to transfer ownership of a parcel of land on Swifts Beach Road to possibly develop into senior housing.

Selectman Tropeano spoke about the Sewer bylaw that has a defect, they would like Town Counsel to review this bylaw since they currently have 89 properties that have not connected to the sewer and they would like to send out letters to get this resolved. He also stated that there is still an ongoing issue with the Town of Bourne that needs to be resolved.

Chairman Slavin spoke about the possibility of marijuana delivery is still up in the air right now and that the Social clubs are still in question and don't think the Governor will be in support of these.

Chairman Slavin spoke about the state putting a deferral program on property taxes.

They are looking to have an Air BNB tax of 2.75% and the towns in the Cape are very happy because this tax would go toward Water Pollution issues.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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

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Respectfully submitted

***Janet Wilson***

Department Assistant

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

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

***Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk***

Date Signed: 2/19/19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2/20/19