

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

Date of Meeting: January 26, 2021  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

#### ***REMOTE MEETING 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: Rich Bowen, Town Counsel  
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Governor will be discussing the infrastructure of the state budget and the 3.5% increase for local aid.

Covid vaccines will be available for senior citizens that are 75 years or older.

The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on February 1<sup>st</sup> to go over the zoning articles.

Selectman Tropeano asked that the Board authorize lowering the flag in honor of Dennis Damata who passed away on January 19<sup>th</sup> and David Wahlstrom who passed away on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to authorize the Board to lower the flag for three days in honor of Dennis Damata and David Wahlstrom. 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)**

The Council on Aging offers several programs to the community. In addition to the five day a week Meals on Wheels program, the COA also offers twice weekly pick-up lunches. To reserve a Tuesday or Thursday lunch call 508-291-3130 the week prior to reserve your meal. The Council is also offering Garden Therapy, a do-it-yourself garden kit donated by the Wareham Garden Club. To reserve your kit please call 508-291-3130 ASAP, as the number of kits is limited. Pickup will be on February 12.

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AARP tax preparation help is available on Fridays, starting in March. You must call to reserve an appointment, being held at the Wareham Multi service center. Masks and social distancing are required.

Also available is the Sheriff's Safety Assurance Program to all Plymouth County residents. Each day a computerized telephone call is placed to the participant at a specific time between the hours of 6 am and noon. This is a wellness check. To enroll in this program please call 508-830-6200.

The Gleason Family YMCA is holding a food distribution event on January 29th at 11am, as well as February 12th at 11am until the food is gone. Drive into the parking lot and the trunk of your car will be loaded with free food by volunteers. Because this is a very popular program, the YMCA suggests you plan to get there early. Location is 33 Charge Pond Road. The YMCA has also instituted a new food distribution program. This program will start January 29th, and is available Tuesdays and Thursdays. Fresh prepared food will be distributed from 3:30 to 5:30 or until the food is gone. The program is open to children 18 and under.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, High Street, has a food pantry on Feb 2nd from 3-5. There will be no meal on Thursday Jan 28th. The food pantry and meals will resume in February. Thursday evening meals are available from 3:30 to 4:30.

The Onset Foursquare Church has a soup kitchen every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:00. Please pull up to the ramp to receive your meal.

Other food programs have been mentioned in announcements many times, and are now posted on the Town's website. If you have a friend or relative who does not have a computer, please print the information out for him or her.

The community of Wareham is a very caring and generous community, and these programs will help those with food insecurity.

A reminder that dog licenses are available at the town clerk's office. Most residents have received information about licensing their dog. Registration can be completed by mail, by providing a SAS and a copy of the current rabies certificate, as well as the fee per dog. Spayed dogs are \$10, and non-spayed dogs are \$13 through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Penalties will be charged for late filing. Individuals ages 70 or older may register one dog for free. Any other dogs are the usual price.

### **5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

*None.*

### **6. BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Vaccinations can be scheduled through the state website and locations for the vaccinations are provided as well.

### **7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

*None.*

### **8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

*None.*

### **9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. COVID-19 Update.

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Mr. Sullivan stated that there have been fifteen deaths in seven weeks and the number of positive cases have been declining.

b. Trash Disposal Update.

Letters regarding the new Trash Disposal have been sent to the residents. As of January 25<sup>th</sup>, 695 residents have signed up for curbside, 673 residents have signed up for transfer station stickers and 174 transfer station stickers have been purchased by Carver residents.

Mr. Sullivan reminded residents that four or more unit properties as well as condominium associations are not eligible for this program.

c. Discussion regarding Marijuana Host Community Agreement procedure.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the process of Cannabis licenses. The Board agreed to invite Town Planner, Ken Buckland and continue the discussion at a future meeting.

d. Ratify hiring of Timothy Bernardo-Mechanic for Municipal Maintenance; Steven Cannucci-Laborer for Municipal Maintenance; Chris Rebhan-Laborer for Municipal Maintenance; Laurence Tagger-Jr. Paramedic.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify the hiring of Timothy Bernardo-Mechanic for Municipal Maintenance, Steven Cannucci-Laborer for Municipal Maintenance, Chris Rebhan-Laborer for Municipal Maintenance and Laurence Tagger-Jr. Paramedic. 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)**

e. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library from Noah Young in the amount of \$50.00.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to accept the donation to the Wareham Free Library from Noah Young in the amount of \$50.00. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated that he has received the budget information needed, however, the state's initial budget hasn't been provided which affect the local aid.

**11. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

COVID restrictions and guidelines will be reviewed on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Southcoast Rail will be meeting January 27<sup>th</sup> to talk about the new station project.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: January 12, 2021

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 12, 2021. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-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:  Date Signed: 2-3-22  
***Judith Whiteside, Clerk***

**Documents reviewed and/or used in meeting.**

1. Information to ratify hiring of Timothy Bernardo-Mechanic for Mun. Maint., Steven Cannucci-Laborer for Mun. Maint., Chris Rebhan-Laborer for Mun. Maint. and Laurence Tagger-Jr. Paramedic.
2. Donation from Noah Young to the Wareham Free Library.
3. Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2021.

Date sent to Town Clerk: 2-3-22