

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: January 28, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Mary Bruce, Clerk
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin
James M. Munise

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Not Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a CMW on January 29th at the Marion Town Hall at 5:00 p.m.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin stated that in order to receive funds from the Community Events Committee for electronic voting, the Town Moderator has to provide the request in writing. The funds can also come from the Town Clerk's budget as well. He has received a lot of positive input from electronic voting at the Fall Town Meeting and would like to see it happen.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Election Poll Worker – Stephanie LaBlanc

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Stephanie LaBlanc as an Election Poll Worker for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

None.

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion & actions relating to FY 2020 MA CDBG Grant.

Present before the Board: Peter Sanborn, Community Development Programs Manager

Mr. Sanborn went over the FY2020 Mini-Entitlement Plan Grant application and is looking to recommend the following:

Wareham Housing Rehabilitation Program - \$225,000.00

Public Improvements/Onset - \$212,000

Public Social Services (up to 5) - \$165,000

Program Delivery & General Admission - \$223,000.00

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the filing of the FY2020 Massachusetts CDBG program grant application in the amount not to exceed \$825,000 and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator to take all actions required relating to the submission of said grant application; and to designate Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator, as Environmental Certifying Officer, with such designation in effect for the next year. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Discussion & vote on the accelerated repair program for the MS roof and HVAC.

Present before the Board: Kim Shaver-Hood and Joyce Bacchiocci

Ms. Shaver-Hood is asking for an approval to submit a statement of interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for accelerated repair on the Middle School HVAC as well as the High School HVAC. She stated that the cost for fiscal year 2019 and 2020 between the two schools was \$131817.00 in repairs and it has been an ongoing problem due to poor conditions. The accelerated repair would take care of these concerns and if it is approved, it may take the MSBA to respond by spring of next year. Selectman Slavin's concern was this was not mentioned in the Capital Planning report. Mr. Sullivan stated that there will be a Capital Planning meeting to attend and bring it up.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the accelerated repair program for the MS roof and HVAC. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to authorize the statement of interest vote: resolved: having convened in an open meeting on January 28, 2020, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Board of Selectmen of Wareham, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts school Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated 2/14/20 for the Wareham Middle School located at 4 Viking Drive, Wareham which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

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MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to authorize the statement of interest vote: resolved: having convened in an open meeting on January 28, 2020, prior to the SOI submission closing date, that Board of Selectmen of Wareham, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated 2/14/20 for the Wareham High School located at 7 Viking Drive, Wareham which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

c. Discussion of trash disposal for Town after CMW contract.
Not discussed.

d. Discussion & vote on proposal to change name of Board of Selectmen to Wareham Select Board.

Selectman Slavin stated that the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association officially changed their name to the Massachusetts Selectboard Association and they are asking individual towns that have Board of Selectmen to change the name as well. It is not required, it is the decision of the Board.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to discuss changing the name of the Board of Selectman to Wareham Selectboard. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that he doesn't see a need to change the name because the Board has been the Board of Selectmen since 1839 and does not want to see this tradition change.

Selectman Munise stated that with the change, it becomes gender neutral and it is politically correct.

MOTION: Motion failed.

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

e. Discussion and vote on articles for Spring Town Meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to include the Wareham School Committee article re: Transfer of the John William Decas Elementary School located at 760 Main Street, Wareham. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Joyce Bacchiocchi was present before the Board to explain the article to change the new elementary school located at 63 Minot Ave. to Wareham Elementary School. She explained that Decas and Minot Forest Elementary are being combined into one school and by changing the name, it brings both schools together. Referencing the names of Decas and Minot Forest will be included within the school in some way.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to not include the Wareham School Committee article re: Naming of the New Elementary School located at 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the placement on the warrant of the article re: making the position of Town Clerk an appointed position rather than an elected position with the inclusion of a preface to be written by Town Counsel that the Charter changes be obtained by a petition for Special Legislation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the placement on the warrant of the article re: to amend the Charter Section 3-1 (a) to add the words 'Sewer Commissioners' after the words, 'a board of assessors' with the inclusion of a preface to be written by Town Counsel that the Charter changes be obtained by a petition for Special Legislation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the placement on the warrant of the article re: to amend the Charter Section 3-9 Board of Road Commissioners by striking it in its entirety with the inclusion of a preface to be written by Town Counsel that the Charter changes be obtained by a petition for Special Legislation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

- f. Appointment of Town Counsel.
Appointment of Town Counsel will take place in March.
- g. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that the rebranding effort has launched and went out to the media and said this is not replacing the gateway. The rebranding effort is to point out all of the good things the community of Wareham has to offer.

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended the MMA event. The discussions included updates on the policies for the Massachusetts transportation system, the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Technical Assistance Program, and updates from the ABCC. (*attachment*)

The Onset Bay Center had a presentation at Glen Cove and provided tour of the Onset Bathhouse.

Selectman Munise attended the Planning Board meeting and they voted to approve and endorse the Master Plan.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated the Charter change from last year has made it through the House and Senate and is currently waiting to be signed by the Governor. Once received, the time frame for submitting warrant articles will be expanded.

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Selectman Tropeano attended the Sewer Commissioners meeting with the Town of Bourne and discussed the outflow plan. At present, no official votes have taken place.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

15. 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:


Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed: 2-11-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2-12-20