

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2021
Date of Transcription: March 16, 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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The library is open by appointment only allowing sixteen patrons in at a time. To make an appointment call 508-295-2343. When an appointment is made, computers can be used, as well as browsing for books, picking up reserved books, or making photocopies. Curbside pick-up is also still available. Books can be returned at the main library or the Spinney Memorial branch and when returned, will be quarantined for three days.

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.

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

The Gleason Family YMCA is holding a food distribution event February 12, starting at 11 a.m. until the food is gone. You simply drive into the parking lot, and the trunk of your car is loaded with the free food by volunteers. Because this is a very popular

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program the Y suggests you plan to get there early. Location is the Y at 33 Charge Pond Road.

The YMCA has also instituted a new food distribution program. This program started January 29, and is available Tuesdays and Thursday. 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. On Tuesday the recipient will get 3 meals, and on Friday 4 meals. These meals are meant to supplement the meals being distributed to children by the Wareham Public Schools

The Church of the Good Shepherd, High Street, has a food pantry the first Tuesday of every month. From 3-5. 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 our 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. You may complete the registration by mail, by providing an SAS, 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 31st, and thereafter there are penalties for late filing. If you are age 70 or older you may register one dog for free. Any other dogs are the usual price.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Sullivan provided an update regarding the Trash policy ahead of citizen's comments. He stated that to date, 2,323 stickers have been sold, 926 were for curbside and transfer station and 1053 were for transfer station only. Other stickers that have been sold were for non-residents or additional vehicles.

He also stated that he is aware of the issues and is reviewing methods to offer some relief to seniors, seasonal residents, and homeowners that have other means of disposal. The Board recommended seeing a presentation of various programs to come up with the best solution.

Present Before the Board: Judith Robinson

Ms. Robinson asked about seasonal contracts for trash services for seasonal residents and hopes that there will be a resolution to this.

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Present before the Board: Tom McManus

Mr. McManus currently has his trash picked up every other week and asked if there was a plan in place for seniors who do not generate enough trash to be picked up on a weekly basis. Mr. Sullivan stated that at this time that is not an option and there is no guarantee it will be an option.

Present Before the Board: Lisa Collins

Ms. Collins asked if there is a penalty if no decision is made before other options become available. Mr. Sullivan explained that the due date for the bill is April 1st. and unpaid bills will be treated as any unpaid bills such as the water bill or taxes.

Present Before the Board: Lisa Morales

Ms. Morales voiced her concerns regarding the lack of emergency services in Town and issues regarding the new trash services.

Present Before the Board: Tabitha Pierce

Ms. Pierce stated that she currently disposes her trash in a commercial dumpster. She has no need for curbside pick-up or the transfer station sticker and wanted to know what she can do to opt out of both services.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that there are methods being reviewed to come up with a solution to resolve the issues and concerns of the residents and homeowners. He also informed residents that the deadline to opt out has been extended from February 8th to February 15th.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Appointments can be made for the COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals 75 or over. To make the appointment, call Southcoast, leave a message, and someone will call back to schedule the appointment. There will be 2-4 locations in each region and will start February 7th or 8th.

There is an article written by Carl Siboran in Wareham Week about Joe Campinha who was Cape Verdean descent who broke the color barrier for the Cape Cod League. This article will be published throughout Cape Cod.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. **7:15 p.m. Hearing** – Application for renewal of Shellfish Grant W-3 for David Paling.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to open the hearing for the application to renew Shellfish Grant W-3 for David Paling. 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)

Selectman Whiteside stated that the paperwork needed to approve this shellfish grant is incomplete and requested to continue the hearing.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to continue the hearing until the proper paperwork is submitted. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-

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yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **7:15 p.m. Hearing** – Application for renewal of Shellfish Grant No. 6 for Dennis Pittsley and Dylanger Pittsley.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to open the hearing for the application to renew Shellfish Grant No. 6 for Dennis Pittsley and Dylanger Pittsley. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Application from 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 40 Rosebrook Way, Wareham, MA. for a Change of Manager.

This item will be placed on a future agenda when all paperwork has been received.

10. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 Update.

No update given at this time.

- b. Trash disposal update.

Transfer Station stickers can now be purchased in person at the Municipal Maintenance Department Monday through Friday from 8-3. Home Depot has reached out to sell bags and CVS has received their shipment of bags to purchase for the Transfer Station. Notices will be going out this week to residential property owners with information on Curbside pickup and the transfer station.

Anyone having a hard time signing up or opting out of curbside pickup online can go to the chat function.

- c. Vote to authorize negotiation of a Marijuana Host Community Agreement with Aspen Blue, LLC, 8 Elm Street, Wareham.

Present Before the Board: Ken Buckland, Director of Planning

Mr. Buckland stated that Aspen Blue wants to open a production facility at the steel building of Tremont Nail Factory. Aspen Blue will pay taxes and an impact fee which will provide a financial benefit to the Town.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize negotiation of a Marijuana Host Community Agreement with Aspen Blue, LLC, 8 Elm Street, Wareham. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

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

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- d. Vote to authorize negotiation of lease of Tremont Nail Factory at 8 Elm Street, Wareham.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to authorize negotiation of lease of Tremont Nail Factory at 8 Elm Street, Wareham. 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)

- e. Vote to ratify hiring of Richard Gast, Jr. – Laborer at WPCF and Daniel Freitas – part-time Grade 5 Operator at WPCF.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify the hiring of Richard Gast, Jr. – Laborer at WPCF and Daniel Freitas – part-time Grade 5 Operator at WPCF. 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)

- f. Establish dates for 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting.
Selectman Teitelbaum read into record the Process for Calling 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting. (*See attachment*)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the establishment of dates for the 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting. 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)

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

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan asked that the initial budget presentation be placed on next week's agenda.

He also stated that he has stopped that Besse Park project until the Board of Selectmen see a presentation and get some public input. This project would be a substantial change and would like to hear recommendations before moving forward.

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

SRPEDD reported that the commuter rail is at 10% capacity from what it was before COVID which adversely effects profitability. It is expected to not improve because of permanent remote work schedules in the future.

There is a bond bill in the amount of \$1.3 million dollars for the bike path to run from Front Street in Marion to the village in downtown Main Street.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

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MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorized payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. 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)

b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

c. Approval of meeting minutes: April 21, 2020; January 12, 2021.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 21, 2020 and January 12, 2021. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:52 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)

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:

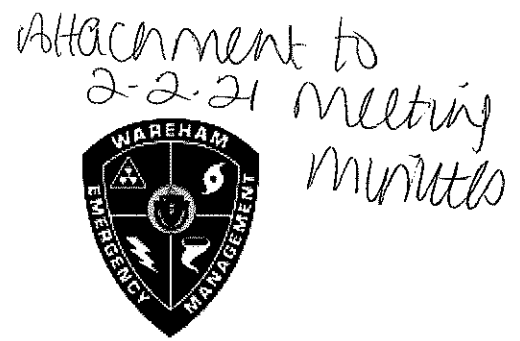

Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 3-23-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-30-21



TOWN OF WAREHAM
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
54 MARION ROAD
WAREHAM, MA 02571



Warming Center Memo

Good afternoon,

I am writing to remind everyone that the Town of Wareham does not have a Red Cross certified shelter. In the event of major disaster and large-scale power outage, a warming center can be opened at the Multi-service Center. Due to the current COVID-19 concerns, any type of warming center or shelter operation will be a last resort.

Regards,

Patrick MacDonald
Emergency Management Director
Wareham Emergency Management



**TOWN OF WAREHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

PROCESS FOR CALLING A TOWN MEETING

**April 26, 2021 General Business
May 4, 2021 Town Election**

Attachment to 2-2-21 meeting minutes

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| TUESDAY, February 2, 2021 | Board of Selectmen establish all dates for completion of a Warrant for the Spring Town Meeting. |
| TUESDAY, February 9, 2021 | Board of Selectmen vote to hold the Spring Town Meeting on April 26, 2021 and to provide notice thereof on February 10, 2021 (Wareham Home Rule Charter 2-4(a) and (c), and to open the Warrant effective Friday, February 19, 2021. (Wareham Home Rule Charter 2-4(c)) - 10 days notice before Warrant closes. |
| WEDNESDAY, February 10, 2021 | Last day to post upon Town's principal bulletin board and the Town website Notice of Intention of Board of Selectmen to call the Spring Town Meeting for April 26, 2021 and to post the February 19, 2021 opening and March 2, 2021 closing dates of the Warrant. (Wareham Home Rule Charter 2-4(c)) - 24 hours after voting the date Warrant opens. |
| TUESDAY, March 2, 2021 | Last day for articles and/or petitions to be inserted in the Warrant. (Wareham Home Rule Charter Section 2-4 (c)) - 10 days or more after Warrant opens. |
| TUESDAY, March 2, 2021 | Board of Selectmen officially close the Warrant. (Wareham Home Rule Charter 2-4(c)) - 10 days or more after Warrant opens. |
| MONDAY, March 8, 2021 | Last day to post upon Town's principal bulletin board and the Town website and deliver a copy of Warrant to the Town Moderator and to the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Wareham Home Rule Charter Section 2-4(d)) - Warrant to be delivered no later than second Monday in March. |
| MONDAY, April 26, 2021 | Commencement of General Business portion of Spring Town Meeting. (By-Law Div. I., Art. I, Sec. 1.) - Spring Town Meeting shall be held on the fourth Monday of April. |
| TUESDAY, May 4, 2021 | Election Day. (By-Law Div. I, Art. I, Sec. 1.) - First Tuesday of May. |