

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

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2020  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman  
Mary Bruce, Clerk  
Alan H. Slavin  
James M. Munise  
Not Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum

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

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Slavin requested a moment of silence for Dr. Tom Gleason who passed away on February 28, 2020.

Selectman Bruce wanted to remind residents of Wareham to sign and write well wishes in the greeting book at the Wareham Free Library for Claire Smith who will be bringing the book to Wareham England.

Onset Bay Association will be hosting a chili contest at the Stone Path Malt on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30. Tickets are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. The grand prize is \$250.00.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Present before the Board: Lauren Filkins  
Ms. Filkins was inquiring about getting a trash barrel at Lopes Field in Onset. She was very disheartened to see trash all over the area. Selectman Tropeano stated that the Town has a carry in/carry out policy, but the trash left in the area will be looked into.

### **6. BOARDS COMMENTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that the renewal is coming up for the energy aggregation program. This program involves five communities and the new program will include the SRPEDD region. Savings are expected to up from \$.03 to \$.06 or \$.07.

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**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

None.

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

None.

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Destination Plymouth to discuss Plymouth 400<sup>th</sup> Celebration.

Present before the Board: Lee Filson, Executive Director of See Plymouth  
Ms. Filson provided a list of events for the 400<sup>th</sup> year Celebration of Plymouth. To see the detail of the events as well as other signature events, go to [plymouth400inc.org](http://plymouth400inc.org).  
Selectman Slavin stated that this event will be added as a link to the Town's website. He also mentioned that the Town currently is not a member of See Plymouth.  
Selectman Tropeano stated that the Town should obtain a membership in order to become more involved.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the \$250.00 fee for the Town membership to See Plymouth. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Discussion and possible vote on Stone Path Malt liquor issue.

*Discussion postponed until March 10, 2020.*

- c. Vote on Senior Tax Work – off Program.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the Senior Tax Work-off Program, changing the hourly wage to \$12.75 and shortening the number of hours. Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- d. Appointment of Town Counsel.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approved the reappointment of Richard Bowen as Town Counsel. Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- e. Accept gift from Southcoast Hospital Group.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to accept gift from Southcoast Hospital Group in the amount of approximately \$219,000.00. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- f. Continued discussion of trash disposal for Town after CMW contract.

Selectman Munise stated that changes are being made to the final version of the restated agreement. In addition, there are currently discussions with an engineering consultant as well as Covanta.

- g. Continued discussion and possible vote of warrant articles to include in the 2020 Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the article submitted by the Charter Review Committee requesting to eliminate Article 4 of the Charter, section 4-5. The Board of Selectmen had too many questions regarding this article and will have further discussion at the next meeting.

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h. Vote on articles for 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the following Articles 1-5 to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Resolution to Endorse the 2020 Master Plan article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Amend Zoning Bylaw: Signs article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Amend Zoning Bylaw: Definition of Two-Family or Duplex Dwelling article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Community Preservation: FY2021 Fund Reserves article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to recommend the Charter Amendment: Appointed Town Clerk article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE:** **3-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to recommend the Charter Amendment: Add Sewer Commissioners to/as Elected Officials article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to recommend the Charter Amendment: Delete Board of Road Commissioners article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE:** **3-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to recommend the Transfer of the John William Decas Elementary School article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE:** **4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved not to recommend the Naming of the New Elementary School at 63 Minot Ave. petition article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

**VOTE:** **3-0-1 (Selectman Munise abstained)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Naming of the New Elementary School at 63 Minot Ave. petition article to be included in the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Munise seconded.

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VOTE: 2-2-0 (Selectman Slavin and Selectman Bruce opposed)

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

**11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

None.

**12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that Capital Planning and the Water Pollution Control Facility provided updated information on upcoming projects and stated that the Town Administrator will have to make the decisions moving forward with free cash.

Selectman Slavin will be joining the MMA legislative group at the State House to testify and discuss the Bond Bill for transportation. He also said that the Senate is considering changing the Chapter 90 funds from \$200,000,000.00 to \$300,000,000.00.

Selectman Slavin also stated that the Fisheries of Wildlife have provided information on what can be done with the two dams. They will be recommending information about funding for the improvements as well.

Selectman Munise urged anyone who is interested in joining a committee, to send an application. The Zoning Board of Appeals is currently looking for members.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen in the amount of \$15, 650.00. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

- c. Approval of meeting minutes: February 11, 2020; February 18, 2020; February 25, 2020.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the meeting minutes for February 11, 2020, February 18, 2020, and February 25, 2020. Selectman Bruce seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Munise moved to adjourn. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

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Respectfully submitted  
**Cassandra Slaney**  
Department Assistant

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

Attest:

  
**Mary Bruce, Clerk**

Date Signed: 3-31-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4-1-20