

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: March 17, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Mary Bruce, Clerk

Present (Remotely): Alan Slavin (7:15)
Peter Teitelbaum
James Munise

Due to the circumstances regarding COVID-19 and the rules and guidelines implemented, Selectman Slavin, Selectman Teitelbaum, and Selectman Munise attended the meeting remotely.

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Munise stated that the article for the amended CMW Agreement was not included in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano will have the article added to the Warrant.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals
 - i. Richard Semple
 - ii. Christopher Gabriel
 - iii. Christopher Conti

Appointments for the above have been postponed.

- b. Conservation Commission

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i. Michael Mercier

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Michael Mercier as an associate member to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Request from the Church of the Good Shepherd/Project Bread for the use of Town roads for the "2020 Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger" to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 1pm-4pm.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to deny without prejudice the request from the Church of the Good Shepherd/Project Bread for the use of Town roads for the "2020 Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger" to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2020 from 1pm-4pm. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Request from Onset Bay Association for the use of Town roads for the "Chalk Full-o-Fun" to be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (rain date Sunday, August 16, 2020) from 9am – 4pm.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the request from Onset Bay Association for the use of Town roads for the "Chalk Full-o-Fun" to be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (rain date Sunday, August 16, 2020) from 9am-4pm. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Renewal of Seasonal Liquor Licenses under the provisions of Chapter 138 of MGL for the year 2020.

i. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Point Independence Yacht Club Inc. d/b/a Point Independence Yacht Club, 15 Independence Lane, Onset, MA.

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MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the renewal of a Seasonal Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Point Independence Yacht Club, Inc. d/b/a Point Independence Yacht Club, 15 Independence Lane, Onset, MA. Selectman Munise seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

ii. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Little Harbor Country Club, Inc. d/b/a Little Harbor Country Club, 1 Little Harbor Road, Wareham, MA.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the renewal of a Seasonal Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Little Harbor Country Club, Inc. d/b/a Little Harbor Country Club, 1 Little Harbor Road, Wareham, MA. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion and vote on GL C. 44, s. 31 Emergency Declaration.

"Whereas the Governor has declared a state of emergency, and whereas the Coronavirus pandemic poses a threat to our inhabitants, I therefore move that the Board of Selectmen vote declare a G.L. c. 44, s.31 emergency expenditure authorization for the Board of Health and department, Municipal Maintenance Department and all Public Safety departments to expend funds in excess of appropriations, under the overall supervision of the Town Administration, for the sole purpose of emergency preparation and response; and further that the Clerk of the Board transmit a copy of this vote to the DOR Bureau of Accounts."

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the above Emergency Declaration. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectmen Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Discussion on COVID-19: preparations and possible actions.

c. Vote to affirm appointment of COA Director – Christine Quinn.

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MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to affirm the appointment of Christine Quinn as COA Director. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Reserve Fund Transfer request by Town Administrator.
Mr. Sullivan is seeking to transfer the remainder of the reserve fund balance of \$35,500.00.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the transfer of the remainder of the reserve fund balance of \$35,500.00. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. Continued discussion and possible vote of warrant articles to include in the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting.

Not discussed

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

Not discussed.

g. Close 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Town Moderator, Claire Smith is seeking consultation with the Board to consider recessing Town Meeting to June 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd. She stated that according to MGL Chapter 39 section 10a to recess town meeting, the meeting would have to be called within 30 day of April 27th. At present, there is an amendment being worked on through legislation that would allow recessing Town Meeting beyond the 30 days.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Town Moderator to move Town Meeting. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Atty Bowen explained that the legislation pending would, if necessary, under certain circumstances, allow the annual Town meeting to occur after June 30th, also allowing budgets to be adopted after that date with certain approvals from the Commissioner of Revenue.

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He also stated that there is an amendment being worked on to suspend the law for the foreseeable future regarding the manner in which regional school budget debt would be authorized.

In addition, he wanted to advise anyone with time sensitive constructive approvals should agree to extend the date otherwise it will be turned down without prejudice. It would be in the applicant's best interest to do this. If anyone comes in for a new permit or application that requires an approval deadline, it will be asked that a signature agreeing to an extension in order to allow hearings be carried to an appropriate time.

Atty Bowen talked about the election as well and explained that if the Town needed to continue the election, it would have to be authorized or ratified through legislation or Town Counsel can obtain a court order from a Justice of Supreme Court ordering that the election be delayed until a specified date.

Ms. Smith wanted to thank Atty Bowen for all that he has been doing for the Town and other Towns regarding the amendments with Legislation.

Selectman Tropeano stated that the CMW article must be added to the Warrant and also make sure the restated agreement is online to read.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to close the 2020 Special Town Meeting Warrant and also include the CMW article in the Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

h. 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 all Town buildings are closed to the public due to COVID-19, but the Town is still operating with a full staff. He commented on a job well done by the staff and all of their hard work.

Patrick MacDonald, Emergency Management Director, was before the Board and thanked everyone for taking the social distancing seriously and adhering to the Department of Public Health's guidelines. The case numbers are rising and are expected to continue rising. He is hoping what has been implemented will help the influx of cases.

Mr. Sullivan stated that Meals on Wheels is still running. The Superintendent of Schools has meals provided for children. There are different drop off locations throughout Town. All efforts have been great.

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin expressed concern about the revenue for 2021 and the effect it will have on the Town Administrators budget going forward as well as the budget issues for 2020 and possible cut backs. He stated that he is thankful Mr. Sullivan has been so conservative all along because it has left the Town in a pretty good position.

Selectman Slavin also wanted to mention the passing of Charlie Barros and give condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Selectman Teitelbaum feels the only boards that should continue meeting are the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health. He also feels that the application process should be extended due to the cancelation of meetings.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	yes
	Selectman Slavin	yes
	Selectman Munise	yes
	Selectman Bruce	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	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: 
Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed: 3-24-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-25-20