

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

Date of Meeting: March 31, 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  
Peter W. Teitelbaum

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

*Due to the circumstances regarding COVID-19 and the rules and guidelines implemented, this meeting was held remotely.*

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*None.*

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Sandy Slavin suggested residents to cut out hearts and place them in various areas to show support to those working essential jobs.

### **6. BOARDS COMMENTS**

Selectman Slavin attended an MMA meeting and the Governor extended the shut down to May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Munise wanted to thank Derek and everyone in Town for their hard work.

Selectman Munise also made a suggestion for the public to send comments during meetings. Selectman Slavin stated that there is a chat option available for anyone to make comments.

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

*None.*

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**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

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

i. Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Papantoniadis Pizza, Inc. d/b/a Stash's Onset Beach, 182 Onset Ave., Onset, MA.

*No motion made, paperwork incomplete.*

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Vote on articles for 2020 Special Town Meeting.

*Votes to take place at a later date.*

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

*Votes to take place at a later date.*

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

Selectman Teitelbaum explained that the Governor of Rhode Island had put an order in place advising anyone coming in from out of state to self-quarantine for fourteen days due to the coronavirus. He feels that the overall effect of what she is doing is benefiting the Town of Wareham. He would like to authorize the Chairman to send a letter to the Governor and Attorney General saying that in the event there is litigation against the state of Rhode Island relating to this advisory, the Town of Wareham would support Rhode Island as active participants.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize Chairman Tropeano to send a letter to the Governor and Attorney General asking them to intervene on behalf of Massachusetts in any action against the state of Rhode Island. Selectman Bruce seconded.

Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	-	yes
	Selectman Bruce	-	yes
	Selectman Slavin	-	no
	Selectman Munise	-	no
	Selectman Tropeano	-	yes

**VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Slavin and Selectman Munise opposed)**

**11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated his appreciation for all the hard work from all of the departments during this stressful time. At present, the offices in the Town Hall have moved to one

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person in case one person has symptoms of the Coronavirus, the other person can run the office.

He also stated that the Recycling Center has been shut down and to use the Regional Refuse Disposal District. He also wanted to remind residents not to leave their recycling at the gate.

Mr. Sullivan acknowledged the great job COA is doing with the Meals on Wheels program and there is a need for volunteers. Anyone who is interested in volunteering can contact Old Colony Elderly Services.

Mr. Sullivan will be reviewing the 2021 budget. He will be amending revenue which will amend the total budget.

The due date on real estate tax bills may be extended to June 1<sup>st</sup>. This has not been passed through legislation yet, but Mr. Sullivan is recommending a vote on this before it is passed.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve extending the due date on property tax bills to June 1, 2020 pending approval from legislation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

**12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that the Town website has provided information on where to find updates relating to COVID-19.

He also stated that April 20<sup>th</sup> is still considered a state holiday this year.

Selectman Tropeano attended the Building Committee meeting for the school. At present, it will continue being built. The groundbreaking ceremony has been canceled, however there may be an event involving the community.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- c. Approval of meeting minutes: March 3, 2020.

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 3, 2020. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

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**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Teitelbaum abstained)**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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

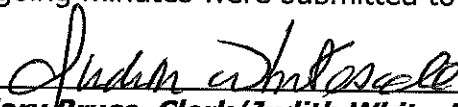
Roll Call	Selectman Teitelbaum	-	yes
	Selectman Slavin	-	yes
	Selectman Munise	-	yes
	Selectman Bruce	-	yes
	Selectman Tropeano	-	yes

**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/Judith Whiteside(out of necessity)**

Date Signed: 6-30-20  
Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-1-20