

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: April 6, 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

Not Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no car shows in Rochester on Monday evenings. Car shows will now take place at the VFW in Freetown.

There will also be car shows on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month starting in May at the VFW in Onset.

Increased push in getting vaccination supplies to CVS and Walgreens. Information can be found on their web sites or calling your local store.

The state registry of motor vehicles computers have been hacked and inspection stickers cannot be purchased at this time.

The Gleason YMCA location for Southcoast Health is still experiencing supply issues. Citizens are urged to contact the facility in Dartmouth at the old Vanity Fair store. Appointments can be made through MyChart.

The Wareham Council on Aging continues to offer free lunches on Tuesdays and Thursday. Please call the Council on Aging the week before you want to take advantage of this offer.

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The Friends of the Wareham Free Library is no longer accepting book donations. Used book sales will be posted online.

A new free family beach playgroup program is set to begin on Onset Beach. The program is sponsored by the Onset Bay Center and the Wareham Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Council. Each meeting of the play group will feature sensory activities and crafts aimed at three- to five-year-olds.

The group will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, and each meeting will have a theme:

April 14-Weather and Water

May 12-The ocean

June 9-Hermit crabs and shellfish

The Wareham Land Trust, Mass Audubon, and Buzzards Bay Coalition's Onset Bay Center are teaming up for a full week of outdoor activities that highlight Wareham's wild side from April 17th through the 24th. Space is limited and registration is required. To sign-up, go to www.onsetbaycenter.org or email garofoli@savebuzzardsbay.org. Free parking for these events is available on the Onset Pier. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, April 17-Onset Beach StoryWalk, featuring the book Clam I Am from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 18-Salt Marsh Discovery at Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary from 9 to 10 a.m.

Monday, April 19-Habitat Hunt at Burgess Point from 9 to 11 a.m.

Tweedy and Barnes Hiking Exploration on WCTV from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 20-Youth Learn to Shellfish at Shellpoint from 9 to 11 a.m.

History of Great Neck Walk from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21-Wickets Island Treasure Hunt from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Community Planning 101 Webinar from 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 22-Earth Day Onset Beach Clean-up from 10 to 12 p.m.

Invasive Plant Removal at Marks Cove from 1 to 3 p.m.

Great Neck Volunteer Day from 5 to 6 p.m.

Friday, April 23-Adopt a Tree, pick-up from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Meet a Scientist at Great Neck Wildlife Sanctuary from 3 to 4 p.m.

Onset Bay Sunset Paddle from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 24-Invasive Plant Art-Build at Marks Cove from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Family Learn to Shellfish from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free food for children continues at the Gleason Family Y as well as every Tuesday and Friday from 3:30 to 5:30. Food distribution will also be at The Woods at Wareham from 10 to 11:30 and Brandy Hill Apartments from 12 to 1:30. No ID is required. Please take advantage of the program.

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Staples will laminate COVID vaccination cards at no charge.

The Special Town Meeting and the Special within the Special Town Meeting is scheduled for April 10th at noon time at Spillane Field. Citizens are encouraged to arrive early. No backpacks are allowed to be worn and masks must be worn at all times. The only entrances into the field will be at the home plate gate and the gate at the third place bleachers. There will be parking at the High School, Town Hall, Middle School and Library. There will also be golf carts available for people in need.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Nancy McHale

Ms. McHale provided an update regarding the Wareham Land Trust conversation with ADM 61A parcels. She stated that an appraisal is scheduled, contacted possible conservation partners, and started researching an assortment of grants.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Request for a Temporary Outdoor Seating All Alcohol Beverage License.
 - i. 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 40 Rosebrook Place, Wareham, MA.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the request for a Temporary Outdoor Seating All Alcohol Beverage License for 99 West, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 40 Rosebrook Place, Wareham, MA subject to approval from Inspectional Services and the Board of Health. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 update.

Mr. Sullivan stated that there have been 37 confirmed cases and one death.

- b. Trash disposal update.

There have been very few complaints. New barrels have been delivered to those who haven't received them. Seasonal residents are asked to call the Town Hall when they are ready to have barrels delivered. Delivery will take place within five days.

- c. Vote to approve hiring of Chief of Police and to authorize negotiation of employment contract.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize negotiation of employment contract for Chief of Police. 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)

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- d. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Wareham Library Foundation for the purchase of books and materials necessary to maintain the Town's library certification.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to accept the donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Wareham Library Foundation for the purchase of books and materials necessary to maintain the Town's library certification. 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)

- e. Vote to recommend articles for 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting.
- f. Vote to recommend articles for 2021 Spring Special Within Annual Town Meeting.
- g. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Town Administrator had nothing to report.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

The Planning Board had a meeting and did not come up with a final vote on a modified version of the zoning article and no decision has been made regarding the simple or 2/3 majority vote.

The Board of Health is working with the Housing Authority to help senior citizens with vaccinations.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Approval of meeting minutes: March 23, 2021.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 23, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 7:47 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)

14. 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: _____

_____ Date sent to the Town Clerk: _____

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4-27-21