

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2020
Date of Transcription: June 16, 2020
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to designate Selectman Teitelbaum as Clerk pro-tem. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Claire Smith, Town Moderator

Not Present: Mary Bruce, Clerk

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Teitelbaum requested a moment of silence for Russell Holt who passed away. He was involved with the Town for a number of years doing most of the work on moorings as well as doing work for the Department of Natural Resources.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Teitelbaum gave praise to the citizens of the Town for their response in following the COVID-19 guidelines. Selectman Tropeano also wanted to praise the Task Force for their hard work as well.

Selectman Slavin stated that the Veterans' Council, along with the Wareham Militia will be having an event on Memorial Day at 8 a.m.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Old Colony Elderly Service
 - i. Missy Dziczek

There was discussion regarding missing paperwork from the COA. Selectman Munise stated a letter from the COA with their recommendation must accompany the reappointment. Once the recommendation is received, the appointment will be in a future meeting.

- b. Community Events Committee
 - i. Jean Connaughton

Confirmation is needed regarding the term. This reappointment will be in the next meeting.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

None

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update on COVID-19.

Mr. Sullivan stated that currently there are 118 confirmed cases of the Coronavirus. There have been fourteen deaths, four residents, nine from nursing homes, and one was in assisted living.

Beaches will be opening Saturday, May 23rd. Mr. Sullivan wanted to remind visitors of the beach to social distance and if people cannot social distance, masks must be worn. Bathroom facilities and portable bathrooms are not available at this time.

Playgrounds will be opening in phase II and one of the biggest concerns is that the playgrounds will not be sanitized.

Selectman Tropeano talked about some of the restaurants that offer outdoor seating will may be opening. He spoke with Mr. Sullivan regarding trying to determine where some restaurants can expand to outdoor seating. Selectman Tropeano is requesting the Board to authorize Mr. Sullivan to evaluate areas to determine where outdoor seating can take place. Mr. Sullivan wanted to clarify that the outdoor seating will only be sit-in spaces for carry out and the Town will not be responsible for cleaning or maintaining the tables.

- b. Proclamation – Teacher/Staff Appreciation.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the Proclamation – Teacher/Staff Appreciation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Discuss Constable reappointment procedure.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize Selectman Munise to work with the Selectmen office staff on the Constable reappointment procedure. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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- d. SRPEDD Self-Nomination to Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Selectman Slavin as Wareham Commissioner to SRPEDD. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Slavin-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- e. Appoint Designee to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Selectman Slavin as the Wareham representative on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) with Selectman Tropeano as an alternate. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- f. Vote on articles for 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting.

- g. Vote on articles for 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

Town Moderator, Claire Smith stated that there has been some concern about having a large number of people in one room and the increased risk of exposure to the coronavirus. After discussion with Town Counsel and the Town Administrator and the need to have a final budget by June 30th, it was decided to move forward with Town Meeting on June 15th and that the meeting will take place in the gymnasium to allow social distancing. She also stated she would like to act on the most important budgetary warrant articles to shorten the meeting and taking up the remaining articles at a special meeting on a later date.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to authorize Selectman Teitelbaum to establish which essential financial articles to be voted on at Town Meeting and which articles will go on a new warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan explained competitive grants through the CDBG program. There is short term rental and mortgage assistance through RAFT. He will be reaching out to the Housing Solutions of Southeastern Mass and get the information on the website. There is also Micro Enterprise Assistance which provides grants to businesses that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19. Mr. Sullivan asked for permission to reach out to other communities to take advantage of this competitive grant for businesses together.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize Mr. Sullivan to reach out to other communities pertaining to the competitive grant for businesses. Selectman

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Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

None.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (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: _____

Peter W. Teitelbaum
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq., Clerk Pro tem

Date Signed: 6-30-19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-1-19