

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

Date of Meeting: June 9, 2020  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

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**

Selectman Slavin announced with the passing of Mary Rose who was Wareham's oldest citizen, the Boston Cane is now available for the next oldest citizen.

June 13<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be an outdoor sticker sale for shellfishing, parking permits, transfer station, and beach. A picture ID, registration, and proof of residency will be required.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

*None.*

### **6. BOARDS COMMENTS**

Selectman Teitelbaum talked about the demonstration during the weekend and was pleased that it was a peaceful protest. There was no violence or property damage, and people paid attention to what was happening.

Selectman Munise stated that zoom meeting passwords should be given to citizens who want to participate in the Board of Selectmen meetings. Most Boards and Committees are doing that and he feels the BOS should too.

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Selectman Slavin also commented on the past weekend's protest being peaceful with no real issues.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

a. Zoning Board of Appeals

i. Nazih Elkalassi

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Nazih Elkalassi as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2025. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Munise opposed)**

b. Library Board of Trustees

i. Linda Jackson

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Linda Jackson as a member to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

ii. Deanne Bonnar

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Deanne Bonnar as a member to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

c. Veterans Council

i. Joseph "Skip" Sarnelli

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Joseph "Skip" Sarnelli as a member to the Wareham Veterans' Council for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

ii. Ilene Klaver

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Ilene Klaver as a member to the Wareham Veterans' Council for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

iii. Jean Sarnelli

**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Jean Sarnelli as a member to the Wareham Veterans' Council for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

iiii. James Crockett

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**MOTION:** Selectman Bruce moved to appoint James Crockett as a member to the Wareham Veterans' Council for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

*None.*

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

**a. Update on COVID-19.**

Mr. Sullivan stated the next phase of reopening has started and he understands the frustration the businesses are feeling, however, the Board of Health and Fire District must follow guidelines from the Commonwealth to insure the safety for all involved. Selectman Munise asked if restaurants will be able to offer outdoor seating on Town property such as Merchants Way. Mr. Sullivan stated this could happen, but he is concerned about public safety.

Selectman Slavin stated that establishments may be able to sell alcohol for outdoor seating with simple guidelines to follow and the license will be good through November 1<sup>st</sup> or until the Order is rescinded. This would have to be approved by the Board of Selectmen and require an application to do so. Selectman Tropeano stated that something should be put in place quickly to help the local restaurants.

**b. Vote on articles for 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Budget Transfers article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Fund Parking Program for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Westfield Girls Softball Field Upgrades article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

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**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the WPCF Funding Request article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved approve the Transfer of Unused Balances from Previous Town Meeting Articles article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Cemetery Digital Mapping article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Solid Waste and Recycling Revolving Account article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Union Contracts article for the 2020 Special Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Home Rule Petition to Permit Issuance of License for Retail Sale of Alcohol-11 Kendrick Road. Selectman Bruce seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Munise-no, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the FY2021 Budget article for the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the EMS Budget article and the Upper Cape Reg. Tech School Budget article for the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

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**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the WPCF Enterprise Budget article for the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Capital Plan article for the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Harbor Services Permits Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account article for the 2020 Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

- d. Vote to allow the chairman to provide a letter to the Town Moderator regarding financial articles at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to allow the Chairman to provide a letter to the Town Moderator regarding financial articles at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Bruce seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

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

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

None.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that the State officially declared that the economy is in a recession as of February and there are no answers on the expected length of it.

Tax revenues for the month of May were down 16% and 8% overall for 2020.

The taxpayer foundation is predicting a six to seven million dollar short fall and the real concern is how it will impact 2022.

Water parks are still closed. Camps are now open along with adult and youth sports. Beaches are open as well and all have strict rules and guidelines to follow. Organized games are prohibited.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Selectman Slavin-no, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Slavin opposed)**

**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:   
***Mary Bruce, Clerk/Judith Whiteside(out of necessity)***

Date Signed: 6-30-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-1-20