

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: June 23, 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: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Governor announced that August 29th and 30th will be tax free weekend.

Selectman Slavin expressed his disappointment regarding the trash issue at the beach during the past weekend.

There will be a CMW meeting on June 24th at 5:00 p.m. and information regarding the meeting can be found on the website.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin reported that the missing memorial signs which were in sections along the highway dedicated to the Veterans have been replaced.

He also stated that the Onset Fire/Water District contracted with a company to do revisions on waterlines along 6 & 28 during the months of July and August.

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that if he is not re-elected, it was a privilege to work with the Board as a Selectman for eight years.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Wareham Cultural Council

i. Kristin Lyons

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Kristin Lyons as a member to the Wareham Cultural Council for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022.

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)

b. Community Preservation Committee

i. Jean Connaughton

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Jean Connaughton as a member to the Community Preservation Committee 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. Sandra Slavin

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Sandra Slavin as a member to the Community Preservation Committee for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2023.

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

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)

iii. Sherbie Worthen

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Sherbie Worthen as a member to the Community Preservation Committee for the 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. Board of Health

i. Lawrence Perry

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Lawrence Perry as an associate member to the Board of Health for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021.

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)

d. Zoning Board of Appeals

i. Walter Cruz

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Walter Cruz Jr. as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2025. 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)

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e. Affordable Housing Trust

i. Sandra Slavin

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Sandra Slavin as a member to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)

ii. Heidi Churchill

Ms. Churchill stated that she has owned a real estate company for over twenty-five years in Easton. She was also on the Finance Committee for six years, Chair for three years, and she was a real estate trust administrator for the Bank of New York. She has an understanding of the trust aspect and fiduciary responsibility and has always been interested in Affordable Housing. She is a new resident of Wareham and would like to get more involved. She has attended a meeting and found it very interesting.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to appoint Heidi Churchill as a member to the Affordable Housing Trust for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. 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)

f. Recycling Committee

i. Anne Marie Brooks

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Anne Marie Brooks as a member to the Recycling Committee 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. Earl Russell

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to reappoint Earl Russell as a member to the Recycling Committee 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)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. 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 Project Half Shell, Inc. d/b/a Quahog Republic, 197 Onset Ave., Onset, MA.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License issued to Project Half Shell, Inc., d/b/a Quahog Republic 197 Onset Ave., Onset, MA. 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)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update on COVID-19.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Emergency Response team is now meeting once a week instead of everyday. Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Wilcox in the Health Department have been working on the reimbursement from the CARES Act and have been approved for \$128,000. There is an award for just under one million dollars for COVID19 expenses that were not already in the budget. Mr. Sullivan also wanted to reiterate that this is expended money and is a reimbursement that isn't expected to be received until FY2022.

The library is now open for curbside pickup. Information is on the Town's website as well as the Library's website.

Selectman Slavin stated that the lieutenant Governor's office is currently working on some sort of financial relief to Water Wizz and will be contacting the owner with a decision.

- b. Discussion and vote on CHAPA release-33 Swifts Beach Rd, Wareham.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to release the CHAPA restriction on 33 Swifts Beach Road, Wareham. Selectmen Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Tropeano-no.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Tropeano opposed)

- c. Vote to extend Charter Review Committee.

Selectman Tropeano would like to see the term for the Charter Review Committee extended or establish a new committee. The members were not able to have meetings and finish the review due to COVID-19 and because it was not a monetary item, it was taken out of the Annual Spring Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum stated that he would like to see the existing members on the new committee because of the different levels of expertise and good understanding of the materials. If a new committee is established, members would have to provide an email requesting to be appointed.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to form an ad hoc Charter Review Committee with seven members to continue to the end of the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. 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)

- d. Accept donation to the Wareham Council on Aging in the amount of \$100.00 from Maria and Edward Rowley.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to accept the donation to the Wareham Council on Aging in the amount of \$100.00 from Maria and Edward Rowley. 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)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that he has been elected for a third time on the Steering Committee of the Mayflower Municipal Health Group.

He also stated that a second gift of \$25,000.00 has been received from Robertson's for the electronic billboard on Rte. 25. He mentioned that there are trees overgrown on one side of the billboard and would like to see if MassDOT can take them down.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to accept the \$25,000.00 from Robertson's for the electronic billboard. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Bruce-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Mr. Sullivan wanted to thank everyone involved with getting the beaches and Town Hall reopening including David Menard and his staff as well as Garry Buckminster and his staff.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended a meeting on June 18th dealing with COVID19 and EEE. The MMA will be providing a seminar and discussion regarding these issues.

Gatra had their annual meeting. The budget and revisions will be reviewed in October and bus fees are now being collected.

Selectman Tropeano attended the school committee meeting and stated that the school unions came to a one year agreement.

He also stated that he would like more respect given to our Police Department and the Harbormaster and staff.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: March 24, 2020; March 31, 2020; April 7, 2020; May 26, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 24, 2020. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Bruce-abstained, Selectman Tropeano-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Bruce abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for March 31, 2020. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman

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Munise=yes, Selectman Teitelbaum=yes, Selectman Bruce=yes, Selectman Tropeano=yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for April 7, 2020. Selectmen Teitelbaum 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 Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes for May 26, 2020. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin=yes, Selectman Bruce=yes, Selectman Teitelbaum=abstained, Selectman Munise=yes, Selectman Tropeano=yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. 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)

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 by necessity*
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 7-14-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-16-20