

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

Date of Meeting: July 14, 2020  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Selectmen Present: Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq., Chairman  
Judith Whiteside, Clerk  
Alan H. Slavin  
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Not Present: Patrick G. Tropeano  
Richard P. Bowen, Town Counsel

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Don't Trash Wareham isn't accepting cash donations. What is accepted is to adopt a road or a portion of the road.

51% of the residents in Town responded to the Census. Residents are urged to complete the Census in order to qualify for federal funding and other grants.

Selectman Teitelbaum reminded residents that there have been positive tests for EEE and West Nile virus and to take the necessary precautions by using mosquito repellent and wearing long clothing. Selectman Slavin also stated that Wareham is considered a critical zone and the months of July and August are the worst.

### **5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

Present Before the Board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin asked the Board of Selectmen speak into the microphone and speak slowly because it is very difficult to hear what some of the Board is saying during their meetings.

Ms. Slavin talked about the sewer spill and explained that it's important to flush only biodegradable items in order to avoid clogging and backup.

Ms. Slavin also stated that the Conservation Commission is seeking members and encouraged anyone interested to apply.

**6. BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that the Governor lifted the capacity requirement in grocery stores and reusable bags can be used as well.

**7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

a. Community Events Committee

i. Alan Slavin

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to reappoint Alan Slavin as a member to the Community Events Committee for a term to expire no later than May 5, 2021.

Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

b. Charter Review Group

i. Nan Evans

ii. Peter Dunlop

iii. Kim Shaver-Hood

iv. Robert Fichtenmayer

v. Holli Van Nest

vi. Judith Whiteside

vii. Jacqui Nichols

Ms. Whiteside explained that the Charter Review Group would like to continue to reformat the Charter itself making it more clear and concise as well as making it more user friendly.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Nan Evans, Peter Dunlop, Kim Shaver-Hood, Robert Fichtenmayer, Holli Van Nest, and Jacqui Nichols as members to the Charter Review Group for a term to expire upon completion of the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved not to appoint Judith Whiteside as a member to the Charter Review Group. Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 2-2-0 (Motion failed)**

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**a. Second Hand Dealers License

i. Not Your Average Antiques

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License for Not Your Average Antiques, 3086 Cranberry Hwy, E. Wareham, MA. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

ii. South Shore Generator Service, Inc.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License for South Shore Generator Service, Inc., 2696A Cranberry Hwy, Wareham, MA. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

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- a. COVID-19 Update.

Phase three step one has started. As of this date, Phase 4 will not start until there is a vaccine available.

- b. Discussion and vote to waive Board of Selectmen ratification of sub-Department Head personnel hiring pursuant to Wareham Home Rule Charter Article 4, Section 4-2(b).

*This item will be discussed at the next meeting.*

- c. Discuss and authorize Chairman and Clerk to execute warrants.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize the Chairman or, in his absence, the Clerk, to execute warrants if the majority of the Board is not able to sign the warrants with the understanding that the document will be scanned to all Board members. Selectman Munise seconded.

**VOTE: 2-2-0 (motion fails)**

- d. Discussion and vote to revise one day/special alcohol license form.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to change the language on the One Day Liquor License from "please allow 3-4 weeks prior to the event for scheduling on the Selectmen's agenda" to "the completed application is due to the Selectmen's office no less than thirty days prior to the event". Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- e. Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development and the Town Administrator to negotiate a Marijuana products manufacturer Host Community Agreement for YouCanBeCo, 3065 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development and the Town Administrator to negotiate a marijuana products manufacturer Host Community Agreement for YouCanBeCo, 306 Cranberry Hwy, Wareham. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

Selectman Whiteside reiterated that this is strictly a negotiation and not a binding agreement. Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the Board of Selectmen delegate the final approval.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- f. Proclamation for David Malonson.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize the signing of the proclamation to David Malonson. Selectman Slavin seconded.

Mr. Malonson is being recognized for his dedication volunteering to clean up trash on Glen Charlie Road for two and a half years.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated that Mass DOT Shared Street approved a grant estimating between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00 for improvements on Merchants Way. An additional grant request will be submitted to upgrade the sidewalks in Onset.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin is still in the process of trying to get the Town of Wareham out of the Boston housing market.

Selectman Slavin confirmed that construction has started on the emergency room for South Coast.

The Federal Government kicked back Wampanoag Indians' claim for tribal status which will affect the casinos for Southeast MA. Selectman Slavin stated at this point, depending on who is elected president will decide whether this goes through or not.

The director of the Cannabis Control Commission has resigned and there are new releases on the application process and delivery.

The state budget is not expected to be done until October 2020. The legislature is going to have to do the budget for 2021 because the Governor will not submit a revised budget. The forecast revenue is projecting between six to eight billion dollar shortfalls.

There is a new municipal bill called Clause 18 allowing assessors the ability to reduce assessments for people having difficulties due to Covid-19. This is for individuals only.

Chapter 90 funding was taken out of the transportation Bond Bill and was passed by the House of Senate at two hundred million dollars after being approved for three hundred million dollars. The MMA has supported adding a certain amount in the bond bill for Chapter 90 funding for over five years which will include the actual inflation factor. Selectman Slavin asked the Board to provide a letter supporting this.

There is an issue with the new law passed for mail in voting that involves how it will be paid for and whether CARES Act money can be used for this.

Selectman Whiteside wanted to thank Richard Swenson for bringing her up to date on the Redevelopment Authority. She also stated that he is hosting a meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> and August 21<sup>st</sup> to get input from citizens for plans for the downtown corridor for Wareham Village.

Selectman Munise attended the Affordable Trust meeting and reorganization of the Board took place. He has been elected Chairman and Sandy Cormier is Clerk.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. 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.

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**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

c. Approval of meeting minutes: June 23, 2020; June 30, 2020.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 23, 2020 and June 30, 2020. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**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: *Judith Whiteside*  
***Judith Whiteside, Clerk***

Date Signed: 8-11-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 8-12-20