

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

Date of Meeting: August 18, 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  
Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Not Present: Patrick G. Tropeano

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Selectman Slavin thanked the Wareham Garden Club members for maintaining the train station, Main Street bump outs and sidewalks, the memorial at Town Hall, the Police Station, and the Library.

Zee Swarez who has collected food, clothing, and bedding for the homeless will be at the Onset Foursquare Church on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 11-11:30. A young man by the name of Bradrick has also made "kindness rocks" which will be given to the homeless as well.

Kerry McWilliams is offering free masks through several social media sites.

The Art Farm on 722 Main Street is offering free art projects in bags every morning. These projects are primarily for children. Vegetables are also being offered for a small donation.

The Farmers Market at 35 Rosebrook is offering vegetables and occasionally oysters on Thursdays from 3-6:30.

Upper Cape Regional Technical High School is giving out chrome books to all incoming freshmen. Last names from A-G will be Wednesday, H-M will be Thursday, and N-Z

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will be Friday from 8-11 A.M. A parent or guardian must be with the student. The make-up date will be August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Planning Board meeting has been rescheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Wareham Village rezoning.

Selectman Whiteside congratulated the Onset Fire and Water District as well as the Wareham Water and Fire District for having their ISO rating increased to 2 out of 10. This public protection classification will have a positive impact on property insurance bills.

The Wareham Free Library is having a book sale on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9-4, the rain date will be Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9-4. Donations will be accepted only during the sale.

Selectman Whiteside also wanted to thank the many people who have posted photographs of Wareham and sharing the beauty of the Town on social media.

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

Present before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson talked about the energy program offered through Eversource and stated that it would be helpful to see the savings, if any, on the bill itself. Selectman Munise stated that the cost comparison can be found on the Eversource website.

### **6. BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Selectman Slavin stated that he has received two complaints regarding the construction on Route 6 and 28 concerning the roads and flooding issues due to pipes coming apart which forced a local business to close. He reiterated that this is not part of the Wareham project, it is the Onset Fire & Water project. Selectman Teitelbaum urged that if there are any safety concerns or damage to vehicles please contact the Selectmen's Office. Information will be gathered and sent to the State. Any establishments losing business can submit a claim to the construction company.

Selectman Slavin also asked for a moment of silence for John McAulliffe who passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup>. He once served as the Town Administrator for the Town of Wareham.

### **7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

#### **a. Constables**

##### **i. Ian Daley**

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Ian Daley as Constable for the Town for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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- ii. Karen Blair

*This appointment is being held.*

- iii. David DiCenso

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint David DiCenso as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- iv. Cynthia Follis

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Cynthia Follis as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- v. George Morse

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint George Morse as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- vi. Herve Vandal, Jr.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Herve Vandal, Jr. as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- vii. Robert Tirrell

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Robert Tirrell as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- viii. Richard Coletti

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Richard Coletti as Constable for the Town of Wareham for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- ix. Joel Thomas

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Joel Thomas as Constable for the Town of Wareham. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- b. Conservation Commission

- i. Ronald Besse

Appointment recommended by the Conservation Commission.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to appoint Ronald Besse as an associate member to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

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ii. Carol Malonson

Appointment recommended by the Conservation Commission.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Carol Malonson as an associate member to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

a. Second Hand Dealers License

i. Clam Shack Antiques

Discussion ensued pertaining to the renewal of the Second Hand Dealers License for Clam Shack Antiques. Clam Shack Antiques is not the owner of the property, but rents the building where the business is conducted. At present, the property taxes are delinquent. Selectman Whiteside stated that this delinquency does not belong to Clam Shack Antiques and moved to approve the renewal. Attorney Bowen stated that according to MGL Chapter 40, Section 57, the Licensing Authority may deny, revoke, or suspend any licensing permit including renewal and transfers of any party whose name on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector with respect to activity, event, or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about the real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the Licensing Authority from the Tax Collector. He explained that if renting from a landlord who is delinquent, a license can be denied due to the landlord's delinquency, however, the licensing authority may use discretion and approve the license as they see fit.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Second Hand Dealers License for Clam Shack Antiques. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Discussion with Labor Counsel regarding hiring practices and employee records.

*This was not discussed.*

b. Vote to re-affirm the Board's August 11, 2020 vote to move Precincts 4 and 5 to conform with state emergency legislation. *(See attachment)*

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to re-affirm the Board's August 11, 2020 vote to move Precincts 4 and 5 to conform with state emergency legislation. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

c. COVID-19 Update.

Mr. Sullivan confirmed that there are currently three positive cases and the Town is in the white zone on the new mapping system. He urged residents to not take this too lightly and continue using all of the necessary precautions such as wearing masks, washing hands, and social distancing. He also stated that in total there have been 213 positive cases and 21 deaths.

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d. Refuse Update.

Selectman Munise stated there will be a meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wareham Free Library. Recent discussion focused on cost factors related to the number of users for a transfer station and prices for stickers in order to cover the operational side. Also discussed was a possible solution to the transfer station and continuing the operation of it.

e. Discussion regarding fee schedule.

A spreadsheet was provided by office staff comparing the Town's fees to surrounding Towns' fees. Selectman Whiteside suggested not making any changes and to affirm the fees at the next meeting.

f. Discussion and vote to authorize Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for state MassWorks funding to improve industrial park infrastructure. *(See attachment)*

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize the Director of Planning and Community Development to apply for state MassWorks funding to improve the industrial park infrastructure. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

g. Vote to ratify hiring of Alycia Clinton as a paramedic.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify hiring Alycia Clinton as a paramedic. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

h. Vote to ratify hiring of Thomas Bilodeau as a Communications Officer.

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify hiring Thomas Bilodeau as a Communications Officer. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan is seeking approval to apply for two MassWorks grants for the sewer project along Glen Charlie Road. This grant would be for sewer lines. There will be no connection to the sewer at this time. He explained that there have been sewer issues, failed septic, nitrogen going into Agawam River, and drainage issues and stated that this would be good for future preparation for potential development. This project is estimated to be between 2.5 million dollars to 3 million dollars and would start from exit two off of Glen Charlie Road to Douglas Lane which is approximately 2.4 miles. *(See Attachment)*

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize the Town Administrator to apply for two MassWorks grants for sewer improvement projects in roadway. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

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Selectman Slavin attended a Community Events Committee meeting and discussed the possibility of providing a couple of dumpsters at the entrance to the beach in Onset. It was determined that it would not work because local residents and summer residents could potentially use it for their own household trash.

SRPEDD is currently working qualifying for two EDA grants involving two different areas for economic development opportunities.

Selectman Slavin also stated that the Governor has frozen everything in at Phase 2, step 1. He has lessened the size of gatherings and is focusing particularly on bars.

Selectman Whiteside stated that the Board of Selectmen minutes are up to date, however, the minutes are not up to date on the website. The office staff is working on adding the minutes online and she expressed her appreciation for their efforts in doing this.

Hazardous Waste day is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Residents can go to the Town Hall in the Municipal Maintenance building or Benson Brook Road in Marion. Selectman Munise reminded residents that there is no trash disposal on Saturday in Marion, it's hazardous waste only.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:31 pm. 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, Clerk**

Date Signed: 9-15-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 9-21-20