

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2019
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel
Absent from meeting: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Fall Food Truck Festival will be held on Saturday, October 5th from 11am-4pm with a rain date of Sunday October 6th.

The Wareham Historical Society is hosting a lecture by Author Beth Luey on Monday, September 16th at 7pm at the Methodist meeting House, 495 Main Street.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present before the board: Diane Kenny

Ms. Kenny wanted to express her opposition to the casino and asked what the next step the board planned on taking. Chairman Tropeano stated that they have to wait until the hurdles are cleared before even considering going on the November 2020 ballot in order to move forward. Selectman Munise said that the Gaming Commission has a meeting scheduled for the 10th in Boston.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin mentioned that the State has sent out notices to Doctors and Hospitals informing them that it's not legal to sell CBD and that the Department of Agriculture hasn't set any rules as of yet. Chairman Tropeano stated that some

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testing has been done and that in a lot of the cases that the oil actually has no CBD in it at all.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Appointments to the Charter Review Committee
(*This item was not addressed*)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Application from Paul Rose of the Dudley L. Brown, Onset VFW Post #2846 for three (3) one day liquor licenses to take place on September 14th, September 15th (rain date: September 22nd) and September 21st.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the three (3) one day liquor licenses from Paul Rose of the Dudley L. Brown, Onset VFW Post #2846 to be held on September 14th, September 15th (rain date: September 22nd) and September 21st. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update from the Cemetery Commissioners.
The Cemetery Commissioners were unable to attend the meeting.

- b. Approval of signs on Town property.
Chairman Tropeano stated that he approved the placement of signs for the Wigwam and the Athletic Boosters. Selectman Munise asked about the letter from the Attorney General and if any changes were being made. Chairman Tropeano spoke about the political signs and they are allowed due to freedom of speech. Attorney Bowen explained that the Attorney General's office did disapprove some of the sign bylaw but what was in the books stays on the books.

- c. Transfer of fee simple interest of Littleton Drive property.
MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to transfer the simple interest of Littleton Drive property to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded and noted that both him and Selectman Bruce have signed disclosures with the Town Clerk regarding votes as Selectmen on requests from the Redevelopment Authority.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Discuss Police Department Feasibility Study Committee.
Mr. Sullivan suggested that the board follow the similar format that Bourne had which is 8 members, including: 1 BoS, 1 Finance Committee, 1 Capital Planning, 5 Citizens at Large, the Town Administrator, The Chief of Police and 2 staff members which will be ex officio.

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MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to put in place the Police Building Study Committee as presented by the Town Administrator. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Selectman Tropeano stated that he would like to be the BOS member

MOTION: Selectman Tietelbaum moved to have Chairman Tropeano be on the Police Building Study Committee. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

e. Close Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to include articles 1-24 on the warrant. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to close the Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

f. 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 the Council on Aging received a grant from the Executive Office of Elderly Affairs a \$20,000 grant for equipment and personnel for the Outreach Coordinator.

Mr. Sullivan spoke about a women having difficulty paying her excise and sewer bills and she was short \$60 and Mr. Foster said that someone paying their bill behind the woman stepped up and gave her the money.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin stated that the good news from the State is that the fiscal year which just ended was \$1.1 billion over benchmark revenue, so the Governor has proposed a \$648 million supplement budget. Some of the things they are looking to use the money for is to increase Chapter 90 funds, clean water program and for EEE spraying.

Selectman Slavin also stated that as of September 24, 2019 the cable companies can renegotiate all their cable contracts.

Selectman Munise attended the Affordable Housing Trust meeting in which they interviewed the new member and they discussed outstanding issues. He said that

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they are having a CMWRRD meeting coming up and they discussed the fees at their last meeting and they are also trying to get the audit complete.

Selectman Teitelbaum urged residents to take the EEE threat serious and will continue until a deep frost. He said that he hangs his spray in a bag on his door handle as a reminder to spray himself before leaving the house. He also asked for the board to hold an executive session to talk about the opioid litigation that other municipalities are involved in.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen in the amount of \$15,650. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Approval of meeting minutes:

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

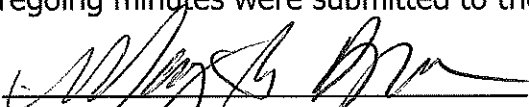
Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen on:

Attest:


Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed:

10-1-19

Date sent to the Town Clerk:

10-2-19