

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 14, 2021
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Remote meeting due to COVID 19

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman
Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk
James M. Munise
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Rich Bowen, Town Counsel (7:05 pm)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The first meeting for the Solar Bylaw Committee will be taking place September 15th at 3:30 pm.

Selectman Slavin stated Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year was celebrated September 6th through September 8th and Yom Kippur known as the holiest day of the year of the Jewish faith will begin the evening of September 15 and end the evening of September 16th.

Selectman Tropeano attended the Eagle Scout ceremony on September 12th to honor Liam Scott and Anthony Sciaraffa.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Gatra is discussing making changes to the pick-up station as well as making changes to the routes.

The Route 6 project has been expanded and will include improvements for Viking Drive to Cromesett as well as improvements to the bridge of the Weweantic.

Selectman Whiteside wanted to recognize what the Council on Aging is doing for seniors. It went through some difficult times with the pandemic, but the Center is gradually offering more programs and events. She also thanked Missy Dzikczek and the staff for their work, the Council on Aging Board, and Municipal Maintenance for recently painting and cleaning the gymnasium in the center. The COA also does a great job at PR in getting the word out. All monthly activities are posted on their Facebook page. Information can also be found on the

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Town's website to the Council on Aging page where the Facebook page itself is right there. Information is also in the Courier and Wareham Week, and the Senior Beacon is available on the website and by mail or email. This month two programs are being sponsored by the Wareham Cultural Council at the Center, a Brass Quartet performance and a presentation on Attracting Birds and Pollinators. All summer the Center coordinated with the Onset Bay Center with monthly programs such as kayaking and clamming. This month is the last program on Charts and Knot Tying. Exercise programs such as Chair yoga, Tai Chi, Chair Volley Ball and a Weekly Walking Group have started up again. And for people who prefer more sedentary activities there's cribbage, mahjong, making mats for the homeless, and the weekly coffee and conversation sessions. Bingo should resume sometime soon. Craft classes have also started and in October, the monthly Garden Therapy class with the Wareham Garden Club will begin. All dates and times for these programs can be found on Facebook or the Town website.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Board of Health-term to expire June 30, 2022

i. Jean Connaughton-Associate Member

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Jean Connaughton as an associate member to the Board of Health to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

None.

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion and possible vote to amend the address and the business entity name of the existing HCA with Verilife to PharmaCann, 106 Main Street, Wareham, MA.

Present before the Board: Shelly Stormo, Representative

Ms. Stormo stated that the location is changing for medical patients. This change will provide better privacy for patients and there will be no parking issues. Recreational sales will still remain at the existing location.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to amend the address and the business entity name of the existing HCA with Verilife to PharmaCann, 106 Main Street, Wareham, MA. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Disband the group known as 'Beach and Tourism.'

Selectman Teitelbaum explained that the work once done by Beach and Tourism is now being done by the Wareham Redevelopment Authority as well as Administration.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to disband the group known as 'Beach and Tourism'. Selectman Tropeano seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Discussion regarding formulating the bylaw review committee.

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Discussion ensued pertaining to formulating a Bylaw Review Committee. Selectman Whiteside asked the Board to present their ideas at the next meeting involving coordination of the committee, amount of members and time frame determination.

- d. Review Policy and possible vote on Statement No. 91-1 Town Policy for the Registration and Regulation of Sales Agents and Sales Supervisors.

Selectman Whiteside explained that this policy is covered under the bylaws and state laws. Discussion ensued whether to remove this policy. This item will be further discussed at the next meeting.

- e. Discussion and possible vote to include articles in the 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting.

No articles were discussed.

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Three articles will be submitted by the Department of Natural Resources as well as an article for an outstanding contract.

There are sixty-one confirmed cases of COVID, 86% of the confirmed cases are unvaccinated.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

No reports provided.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

14. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair stated the Board would adjourn the meeting from the executive session.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to enter executive session for reason 3 and 6 at 7:31 pm. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

M.G.L. 30A §21 (3) Re: Litigation-Habitat for Humanity vs Town of Wareham

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.

M.G.L. 30A §21 (6) Re: Little Harbor-purchase of property

To consider the purchase, exchange, lease of value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

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Respectfully submitted
Cassandra Slaney
Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk

Date Signed: 11-10-21

Documents reviewed and/or used in meeting.

1. Application of Jean Connaughton.
2. Proposed amendment to Verilife HCA.
3. Selectmen's policy 91-1, Town bylaw Division IV, Article 1, Door to Door Solicitation and MGL Chapter 101 s. 34, Chapter 101 s. 22 Chapter 180, section 4, Ch 149 s. 69.

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