

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 22, 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
Patrick G. Tropeano
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Richard P. Bowen, Town Counsel

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Slavin announced that as of September 28th, the maximum seating at restaurants has been increased to ten and bar seating will be open as well with a certain distant between seats.

The Gleason Family YMCA is hosting a Halloween Costume Drive on October 10th at 9:30 a.m. Recycle clean and gently used adult and children's Halloween costumes and receive a \$3.00 voucher towards another costume. Costume prices will be between \$2.00 and \$10.00.

Congratulations to Community Youth Empowerment who teamed up with Staples and gave away necessary school supplies including folders, pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and notebooks.

Community Youth Empowerment is also planning a fun and safe Trunk or Treat event Halloween night.

Sunday, October 4th the Blessing of the Animals will be at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. there will be takeout meals at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

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Every Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Damien's Pantry will be open.

The Census report can be completed online at mycensus.gov by September 30th. After that date, representatives will go door to door to gather more reports. It is very important for citizens to complete this report because it can have a positive effect on funding and programs for the Town.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

The Veterans' Day parade will be virtual this year and there will be two to three static displays set up in Town.

Selectman Slavin stated that Halloween events may be cancelled but a decision has not been made yet.

More information will be available in two weeks regarding Phase III Step II.

Selectman Tropeano stated that wearing masks work and urged citizens to wash masks if used multiple times and wash hands. He also suggested further discussion to make it a provision that all licenses require employees as well as customers to wear a mask during this state of emergency.

Selectman Whiteside stated that the bylaws in Wareham forbid dogs on the beaches at any time unless it is a service animal.

The Board of Health is actively going to business establishments to make sure masks are being worn by employees and patrons.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. Road Commissioners
 - i. Marie Greig

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Marie Greig as a member to the Road Commissioners for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Open Space Committee
 - i. Ronald Besse
 - ii. Helen Bradbury

These appointments have been scheduled for a later date.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. COVID-19 Update.

No update has been provided at this time.

- b. Refuse Update.

There will be a meeting on September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Carver Town Hall.

- c. Discussion and vote to place articles upon Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Prior Year Bills article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to place the PEG Access Receipts to Wareham Community TV article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Accept Gift of Land from Eleanor M. Elicone Trust article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to place the Accept Gift of Land from Paul Volpe Estate article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the Sign Zoning By-Law Amendment article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to place the Drive-Throughs in the CS District article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Transfer of the John William Decas Elementary School at 760 Main Street, Wareham, MA. article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Amend Zoning By-Law re: Setbacks for Marijuana Testing Labs from Schools article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Amend Zoning By-Law re: Residential Uses Definitions article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Harbor Services Permit Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to not place the Amend Zoning By-Law to Allow Storage Facilities article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Whiteside and Selectman Teitelbaum opposed)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Wareham Village 1 Reinvestment Sub district Rezoning article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved not to place the Special Legislation/Funding for the Wareham Affordable Housing article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Munise and Selectman Slavin opposed)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Tremont Nail Remediation Project article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant subject to correcting scrivener's error. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to place the 2020 Community Preservation Fund Reserves Adjustment article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Mr. Sullivan stated he was concerned that the following article from WPCF did not include what the projects are and the costs involved. Approval of the article will be subject to revising the language of the article to include this.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to place the WPCF Use of State Revolving Funds on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant subject to adding "prior Town Meeting approval", listing the projects and costs to the article, as well as referencing SRF. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Amendments to Town Charter, Chart 1 article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Amendments to Town Charter, Chart 2 on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Town Meeting Endorsement of 2020 Master Plan article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to place the Establish Solid Waste and Recycling Fee article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to place the Solid Waste and Recycling Revolving Account article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to strike the Naming of the New Elementary School Located at 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA. article from the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Close 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin reached out to different municipalities in the Southeast region and stated there was no consensus on capital items. He recommended submitting an article on what has changed in value.

Selectman Slavin stated that Wareham and Middleboro will have a representative on the Study Committee. The Cape Cod Commission is leading this study.

WCTV expressed interest broadcasting SRPEDD Commission monthly meetings.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 9:35 pm. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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*
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: *9-29-20*

Date sent to the Town Clerk: *9-30-20*