

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: September 24, 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
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Food Truck event is taking place on October 5th from 11:00 a.m-4:00 p.m.

There will be aerial spraying taking place in Wareham this evening to keep the mosquito population down due to the threat of the EEE virus. Selectman Teitelbaum reminded everyone to use mosquito repellent before going outside.

Selectman Teitelbaum announced that the Cannibus Control Commission approved new regulations for the delivery of marijuana products and for social clubs. He also said that the moratorium has been placed on the warrant and the Planning board held a public hearing on it. He said if the moratorium is passed by Town Meeting, it will allow time to figure out what to do with social marijuana clubs as far as where to zone them, or whether it would be wanted.

5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin announced that the Governor has placed a ban on all vaping products effective today which came up on the same day of the regulations from the Cannibus Control Commission. He spoke to someone from the Cannibus Control Commission and the final details of the home delivery will be done in the next couple of days. One of his questions regarding this was if we have a retail facility, can

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delivery take place outside of the town that has been approved. What he found out was, if the town voted no for marijuana, it does not stop delivery. However, if a town voted no and changed their zoning to ban marijuana, delivery cannot take place. He also explained that as far as social clubs are concerned, it has to go through the House of Senate and there are laws that have to be modified and changed which hopefully will be during this session until December. He mentioned that the chances of this happening is up in the air.

Selectman Munise would like to make some changes to the policy on the website and clean it up in order to make it look cleaner for people to look at. He requested that this be added to the agenda.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Interview/Appointment – Library Board of Trustee

Present before the Board: Nancy Rice

Ms. Rice stated she grew up in Wareham and since retiring, she has done a lot of volunteer work. She is an active member of the Friends of the Library. She has attended four meetings at the Library Board of Trustees and she is happy to see how things have grown and how it's been so positive in the Town and she would like to be an active part of that and contribute any way she can.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve Nancy Rice as a member to the Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire no later than June 30, 2022. Selectmen Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. HEARING @ 7:15 P.M. – Inflammable Fluids License application submitted by Cranway Realty Trust, 3220 Cranberry Highway, Buzzards Bay, MA. 02532.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to open the hearing. Selectman Bruce seconded.

Poll vote: Selectman Slavin - yes, Selectman Munise – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Selectman Bruce – yes, Selectman Tropeano – yes.

Present before the Board: Carolyn Parker

Ms. Parker stated that the gas station located on 2416 Cranberry Highway is currently licensed for 38,000 gallons of gas, 10,000 gallons being diesel because of the amount of trucks getting gas. She is applying for an increase of gas by 2,000 gallons and reducing the diesel as well. The property is going to be converted into a convenience store gas station with more passenger vehicles anticipated.

MOTION: Selectman Munise moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Selectman Slavin. Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Munise – yes, Selectman Bruce – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum– yes, Selectman Tropeano– yes.

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MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Inflammable Fluids License application submitted by Cranway Realty Trust, 3220 Cranberry Highway, Buzzards Bay, MA. 02532. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and vote whether to recommend or not on fall town meeting warrant articles.

This item was not discussed.

- b. Review and make recommendation to the Master Plan.

Selectman Tropeano asked for Boards' opinions and thoughts on the Master Plan. Selectman Slavin said there are corrections to be made to the current document and he will submit his input to the office.

Selectman Munise said some of the things discussed have already been implemented and feels it should be reorganized. He also feels that the Road Commissioners should be mentioned because of parking and road layouts. There was very little attention given to the new senior center, senior housing and affordable housing and should be more inclusive to bring in responsible parties such as the Wareham Housing Authority and Affordable Housing Trust.

Selectman Bruce felt the layout was good as well as the different options mentioned. She also mentioned that the housing option comparisons are mentioned as well as the cost comparisons.

Selectman Tropeano thought there were a lot of great ideas in the Master Plan but also felt some of the things should be eliminated. He feels that the input of the Selectmen is very important since it is the Selectmen that make decisions on the policies.

Selectman Teitelbaum said that since the Master Plan is over a year old, he feels it is time to reopen the process and see if there is more engagement.

Town Administrator Derek Sullivan wanted to point out that it wasn't just SRPEDD deciding this on their own. There were public polls, public meetings, public hearings and that this is the gathered data and input from the public.

- c. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library from Friends of the Wareham Free Library.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve donation from Friends of the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$1,950.00 for the purpose of books and materials or other needs. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Request from Cranberry Educational Foundation to place signs on Town property.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to placement of signs for the Cranberry Educational Foundation. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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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

Derek Sullivan spoke about the Governor declaring a public health state of emergency. All vaping products are on a temporary ban for at least the next four months.

He also said that Mayflower Municipal Health Group voted to keep the retiree rates at 378.00 total and there are currently 166 subscribers.

Mr. Sullivan said that Verilife has formally adopted Merchants Way and will be cleaning it up. Verilife has also been cleaning up Besse Park and will continue to do so. He is looking forward to their help and appreciates it.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Munise attended the local Regional Refuse meeting. An attorney from Taunton is looking into the Charter and there is an audit in progress to prepare for the FY20 budget.

He also announced that there will be a hazardous waste day on Saturday, November 16th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The locations are Benson Brook Transfer Station and the Carver DPW Building at 51R Pond Street. There will be a 20 gallon limit on motor oil.

Selectman Slavin attended an MMA meeting regarding the school funding bill and a new bill which included school litigation payments and transportation costs.

He talked about AARP and a Age Friendly Communities. He would like the Town of Wareham to become an Age Friendly Communities and focus on doing more for senior citizens.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes: August 27, 2019; Executive Session minutes of May 14, 2019; July 30, 2019 and September 10, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve and hold the Executive Session minutes for July 30, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Executive Session minutes for May 14, 2019 and September 10, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for August 27, 2019. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to adjourn. Selectman Slavin 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: _____

Mary Bruce, Clerk

Date Signed: 10.8.19

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 10.9.19