

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

Date of Meeting: October 5, 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  
Alan H. Slavin  
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Esq.

Also Present: Rich Bowen, Town Counsel  
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Veterans Council will be meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the VFW at 4:00 p.m.

The Buzzards Bay Coalition Bathhouse will be holding a dedication on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

The Library has new hours posted on their website and is currently collecting jewelry, pocketbooks and scarves for a sale.

Southcoast Hospital Group has completed the transaction of selling the land under the Kendrick House to the Historical Society.

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

*None.*

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

The MMA annual convention will be taking place January 22, 2021. The convention will be for two days, taking place in person and will be offering eighteen training courses.

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

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals-term to expire June 30, 2026
  - i. Richard Semple

Present before the Board: Richard Semple

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to appoint Richard Semple to the Zoning Board of Appeals as a full member to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2026. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

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Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Munise present)**

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. HEARING 7:15 P.M. - Application for a transfer of an existing Year Round Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License from Nachos, Inc. d/b/a Casa Cancun to Sal y Limon, LLC d/b/a Casa Cancun, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Suite 426, Wareham.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to open the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Present before the Board: Andrew Upton, Attorney; Christian Alvarez Pena, Manager. Mr. Upton explained that this application is for new ownership and there will be no change to the premises or menu.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to close the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the application for a transfer of an existing Year Round Common Victualler All Alcoholic Beverages License from Nachos, Inc. d/b/a Casa Cancun to Sal y Limon, LLC d/b/a Casa Cancun, 2421 Cranberry Hwy, Suite 426, Wareham and to release the license subject to receipt of the updated insurance binder. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible vote to establish fee for Beano license.

Discussion ensued pertaining to establishing a fee for a Beano license and it was agreed that a fee by the Town would not be charged.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to not establish a fee for a Beano license. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Discussion and possible vote to approve the application from Dudley L. Brown VFW Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Ball Park Road, Onset, MA. for a Beano license.

Present before the Board: Benjamin Baptiste

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the application from Dudley L. Brown VFW Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Ball Park Road, Onset, MA. for a Beano license. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- c. Discussion and possible vote regarding the new proposed GATRA routes.

Selectman Whiteside read into record a memorandum from Jaime Rebhan-Buckminster, Manager of the Community Development Programs, DPCD regarding the impact of the new proposed GATRA route eliminating service to the Shangri-La/White Island Shores area.

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*(See attachment)*

Discussion ensued and there were many questions and concerns regarding these changes.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to authorize the Chair to write a letter to GATRA requesting a presentation to the new proposed GATRA routes. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

d. Ratify the hiring of Katherine Gagne-part time Library Assistant.

*No ratification took place.*

e. Discussion and vote to recommend articles for the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Transfer of Free Cash article included on the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Prior Year Bills & Deficits article included on the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Amend Tremont Nail Factory Building & Grounds article included on the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

Present before the Board: Joan Kinniburgh, Representative for CPC and Katherine Garofoli, Onset Bay Center Director for Buzzards Bay Coalition.

Ms. Kinniburgh presented the financial goals and explanations to the five CPC articles submitted for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Tremont Nail Remediation Project Article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the 2021 Community Preservation Fund Reserves Adjustment Article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Return Unused Funds from completed Projects Article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Joseph W. Conway, Sr. Swifts Beach Playground Article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman

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Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Wickets Island Pier Restoration article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-present, Selectman Tropeano-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Munise present)**

Present before the Board: Peter Dunlop and Holli Van Nest, representatives for the Warrant Article Submission Amendment to Current Procedure-Citizens Petition Article.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Warrant Article Submission Amendment to Current Procedure-Citizens Petition article for the 2021 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

*Nothing to report.*

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

Selectman Slavin talked about upcoming grants offered by various organizations and programs.

*Selectman Tropeano signed off from the meeting 8:47 p.m.*

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen.

**MOTION:** Selectman Munise moved to authorize the payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

b. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

c. Approval of meeting minutes: September 7, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Munise moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 7, 2021. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-abstained, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Slavin abstained)**

d. Approval of executive session meeting minutes: September 14, 2021.

**MOTION:** Selectman Munise moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of September 14, 2021. Selectman Slavin seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

**13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to exit the executive session meeting. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

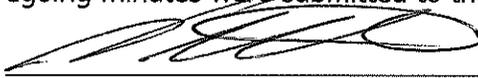
**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn the executive session meeting at 9:01 p.m. Selectman Munise seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Teitelbaum-yes, Selectman Munise-yes, Selectman Whiteside-yes.

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

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 Richard Semple.
2. Application for a transfer of license from Casa Cancun.
3. Board of Selectmen list of fees.
4. Application from VFW for a Beano License.
5. Wareham Week article regarding GATRA route change.
6. Memorandum from Jaime Rebhan-Buckminster regarding GATRA proposal.
7. CPC articles for recommendation.
8. Citizens Petition article to recommend.
9. Law Office of Richard P. Bowen invoice.
10. Meeting minutes of September 7, 2021.
11. Executive session minutes of September 14, 2021.

Date sent to Town Clerk: 11-15-21

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** October 5, 2021

**To:** Town Administrator Derek Sullivan, Select Board Chairman Judith Whiteside

**From:** Jaime Rebhan-Buckminster, Manager, Community Development Programs, DPCD

**RE:** GATRA proposal to eliminate service to Shangri-La/White Island Shores

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Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Whiteside:

I am writing to provide information regarding the potential impact of GATRA's proposed elimination of bus service to the Shangri-La/White Island Shores neighborhood in East Wareham.

Based on the most recent American Community Survey data available, nearly 73% of the households in the White Island Shores Census Designated Place are considered to be low- or moderate-income. A high percentage of low- and moderate-income households has been the trend historically as the neighborhood has evolved from a summer community to a year-round community.

The "Link 3" route runs from Shangri-La to Cranberry Plaza on weekdays from 11:10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. According to GATRA's 2020 Comprehensive Regional Transit Plan, the route should be eliminated due to "very low ridership; less than three people daily," though respondents to a survey referenced in the plan indicated that they would benefit from those buses running more frequently.<sup>1</sup> The plan also indicates that the Shangri-La route is among the least expensive to run, costing \$3.28 per revenue mile.

While bus service to Shangri-La/White Island Shores may not be the most efficient to run, eliminating it would create a food and transportation desert for the neighborhood's most vulnerable residents.

Those without a vehicle would only reasonably be able to access the 7-Eleven convenience store on Barker Road, assuming they are able to make the trek, which is upwards of a mile from some areas of the neighborhood. Food, toiletries, and other necessities are typically priced more expensively at convenience stores compared to larger retailers such as Stop and Shop and Dollar Tree, both located on the bus route in Cranberry Plaza.

Considering the percentage of low- and moderate-income households, it is reasonable to surmise that many in the neighborhood receive SNAP benefits (commonly referred to as "food stamps"). Providing access to larger retailers for residents in need allows them to stretch their limited household budgets and benefits further. (Grocery delivery services are not a viable, long term option for these households.)

From a safety perspective, the neighborhood lacks proper sidewalks throughout. Pedestrian crossing at Plymouth Avenue in the area of Glen Charlie Road is dangerous. Despite posted speed limits, many vehicles drive too fast.

Thank you for your time.



Jaime Rebhan-Buckminster

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.gatra.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/GATRA\\_CRTPU\\_2021.pdf](http://www.gatra.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/GATRA_CRTPU_2021.pdf)