

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: October 6, 2022
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Remote meeting due to Covid-19

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to appoint Selectman Slavin as Chair pro tem. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk
Jared S. Chadwick
Ronald S. Besse
Alan H. Slavin

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

Not Present: Judith Whiteside, Chairman

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin urged residents to be cautious of Covid due to a recent uptick of cases.

6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

7. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. **Application from the Wareham Fire Department, 315 Main Street, Wareham for use of Town roads for the Fire Prevention Open House and parade to take place October 16, 2022 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Parade will start at Besse Park and end at the Fire Station.**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to approve the application from the Wareham Fire Department, 315 Main Street, Wareham for use of Town roads for the Fire Prevention Open House and parade to take place October 16, 2022 from 11am to 3pm. Selectman Besse seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion and possible vote regarding the CMWRRD agreement-Article 20 of the 2022 Annual Fall Town Meeting.
(Presented by Jeff Osuch)**

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Mr. Osuch explained the changes to the amended agreement.

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to recommend the CMWRRD agreement-Article 20 for the 2022 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **Request and presentation from citizens to create an Alternative Energy Committee.**

(Presented by Carl Schulz, Sherry Quirk)

Ms. Quirk explained that the creation of the Alternative Energy Committee would be responsible for analyzing and identifying solar issues as well as being involved with future projects and proposals in order to have a positive impact on the Town and its citizens. Selectmen Slavin stated that Planning and Conservation are actively involved with the solar issues. He recommended discussing this at a future meeting after reviewing the proposal further.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

- c. **Presentation and discussion by representatives of the Sewer Department regarding the CWMP and the growth of the Town as it relates to sewer capacity.**

Present before the Board: Guy Campinha, Director of the WPCF; James Giberti
Discussion ensued regarding the concerns of the Water Pollution Control Facility and future upgrades and improvements. Selectman Slavin requested an update on the progress regarding the serious issues with the facility in need of updating. Mr. Campinha stated that this process is a slow moving process but it is moving forward. Mr. Giberti also stated that there are consultants developing a comprehensive wastewater management plan currently.

- d. **Discussion and possible vote to authorize the Chair to execute deed conveying Littleton Drive Property from the Town to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority as authorized by prior Town Meeting vote.**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to authorize the Chair to execute deed conveying Littleton Drive property from the Town to the Wareham Redevelopment Authority as authorized by prior Town Meeting vote. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-abstained, Selectman Wurts-yes.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Besse abstained)

- e. **Confirmatory vote authorizing the chair to send a letter to AG Maura Healy protesting the proposed dumping of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Massachusetts Bay.**

MOTION: Selectman Wurts moved to confirm the vote authorizing the Chair to send a letter to AG Maura Healy protesting the proposed dumping of 1.1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into Massachusetts Bay, which vote was taken under 48 hour business at the meeting of September 27, 2022. Selectman Chadwick seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- f. **Discussion and possible vote to recommend approval of fall town meeting warrant articles.**

No articles were discussed.

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

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that there may be an influx of seasonal residents returning or not leaving Town that have been impacted by Hurricane Ian. For anyone in need of help, please reach out to the Town. Residents have also been signed up for trash pick-up as well.

New COA Director Sharon Rice will begin onboarding on Tuesday, October 11th.

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Mr. Sullivan stated a letter was received from Senator Pacheco's office awarding the COA a \$40,000.00 grant for this year.

10. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended a meeting at Holy Cross where the Lieutenant Governor discussed upcoming programs.

Selectman Slavin also attended an MMA meeting for the discussion of plans and regulations for 2023.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:11 pm. Selectman Wurts seconded. Roll Call: Selectman Slavin-yes, Selectman Wurts-yes, Selectman Chadwick-yes, Selectman Besse-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. 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:


Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

Date Signed: 10/24/22

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Application from Wareham Fire Department for open house and parade.
2. CMWRRD Amended and Restated Agreement
3. Alternative Energy Committee presentation.
4. Littleton Drive Quitclaim Deed.
5. Letter to AG Maura Healey.

Date sent to Town Clerk: 10/25/22