

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

Date of Meeting: October 13, 2020  
Date of Transcription: October 14, 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 Bowen, Town Counsel (7:15 pm)

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

### **4. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There is a 171 million dollar program being offered to tenants and landlords to help with rental payments.

Registration for the Presidential Election will be October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Town Hall parking lot between 2-4 and 7-8.

Early voting in person in all of the precincts will be held in the auditorium at the Town Hall on the following dates:

October 17-18 and October 24-25 from 9-2.

October 19 and October 26 from 8:30-6.

October 20 and October 27 from 8:30-6:30.

October 21-22 and October 28-29 from 8:30-6.

Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth and eight voters at a time will be allowed in the auditorium.

Congratulations to the Great Hill Mobile Home Park group known as the Knit Wits. For ten years this group has met weekly knitting or crocheting hats, scarves, mittens for children, the elderly, and the homeless.

Congratulations to the Wareham Police Department who raised \$5,000.00 for "Cops for Kids with Cancer" at a function at the Little Harbor Golf Course.

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The Gleason Family YMCA will be holding a Trunk or Treat event on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-4.

The Library is having its last book sale of the year October 15<sup>th</sup> from 10-3 on the lawn (rain date October 16<sup>th</sup>). Buy 2 books and get 1 free and do some holiday shopping. Friends of the Free Library are very thankful for the support throughout the year.

A Fish Fry at the Pier View Restaurant will be taking place on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm. Plates will be \$10.00 and will include fish, jag, fries, and cole slaw. This is to benefit Tom and Faith Goodine who suffered a devastating loss as a result of an hour fire on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Teitelbaum stated that after discussions with the Town Moderator, Town Administrator, Police Chief, and Board of Health, the Town Meeting will not be taking place on October 26<sup>th</sup>. A new date has not been set at present.

There were 5700 applications for vote by mail absentee ballots. The ballots will be mailed by October 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

Present before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson was present to follow up on the status of the dredging project. He wanted an explanation as to why this project has not been started. Selectman Teitelbaum explained that dealing with the pandemic is a priority and the primary concerns are public safety and managing the budget.

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

Selectman Slavin suggested reviewing and updating the Boards and Committees handbook in order to have a more concise procedure for members to follow.

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

None.

### **8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

None.

### **9. TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Update on Veterans Day.

Present Before the Board: Joseph Sarnelli and Julio Roderick

Mr. Roderick stated there will be a virtual Veterans Day parade and ceremony this year. The parade will look back over several years of past parades with a special recognition of the Grand Marshal for the year. The ceremony will have participants individually filmed under the direction of Christian Fernandes and Lieutenant Colonel Paul Barnett, Master of Ceremonies. A variety of comments and tributes from veterans

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and non-service members will be included. This virtual event will begin November 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. on WCTV channels 9/30 and on Facebook. A static display of military equipment is also planned for the parking area between the Multi-Service Center and Town Hall.

b. COVID-19 Update.

Mr. Sullivan stated that since October 5<sup>th</sup>, there have been twelve new cases and to date, there are 254 confirmed cases. He will be sending a reminder to all staff as well as Boards and Committees that Town buildings are under a general order that require masks to be worn. Meetings rooms are no exception and masks are required at all times.

c. Refuse Update.

- i. Discussion and possible vote re: agreement with SEMASS to dispose of Town's refuse at Rochester site. *(see attachment)*

Mr. Sullivan stated that the concern are items being thrown away that should not be included with waste. He suggested having multiple Hazardous Waste days to keep people from doing that. Selectman Tropeano also stated there isn't a way to police items being thrown out and maybe setting up an account for additional costs would be helpful.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the agreement with SEMASS to dispose of Town's refuse at Rochester site. Selectman Munise seconded.

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

- ii. Discussion and possible vote to select Town-wide refuse disposal option.

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to approve the combined curbside and transfer station approach. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

- d. Continued discussion and votes to recommend warrant articles.

Present before the Board: Michael Flaherty

Mr. Flaherty is the petitioner on the citizen's petition article seeking to rename the new elementary school located at 63 Minot Ave. and anticipated to open January, 2022. John W. Decas Elementary school and Minot Forest Elementary school will be merged to form one school located at 63 Minot Ave. and would like to rename the school "Wareham Elementary School".

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend the Rename School Article on the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Slavin seconded.

**VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Teitelbaum opposed)**

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

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved to ratify the hiring of Derek Machado – Paramedic at Wareham EMS. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

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

PMA Consultants is seeking a temporary fuel storage license to heat the new elementary school located at 63 Minot Ave.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve propane storage for the purposes of temporary heat for the new elementary school. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan stated that postponing Town Meeting will not have a financial effect on any articles and actions can be taken right before or right after setting the tax rate.

He also stated that the state budget has not been determined for FY21 and FY22 is starting to be processed now.

**11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS**

The Governor's office has scheduled an eviction diversion initiative briefing on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Slavin will provide the details on how it's going to work.

Narrows Road-Minot Ave bike path is schedule to be completed by 2024. Selectman Slavin will be reaching out to the Solomon Foundation which helps communities with the funding for bike paths.

Selectman Slavin will be attending an MMA meeting to discuss guidance and policies for the upcoming year. Three topics being focused on will be protecting local aide through FY 2022, COVID-19 regarding what communities need, what changes are working and not working, and racial equity.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 8:28 pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

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

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Respectfully submitted  
***Cassandra Slaney***  
Department Assistant

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

Attest:   
***Judith Whiteside, Clerk***

Date Signed: 10-27-20  
Date sent to the Town Clerk: 10-28-20