

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: October 6, 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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Damien's Pantry is open from 9-11:30 on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Church of the Good Shepherd is offering take-out meals on Thursdays from 4-5.

Church of the Good Shepherd also has a food pantry on the first Tuesday of the month from 3-5.

Onset Four Square Church has meals to go every Tuesday from 4:30-6.

The Gleason Family YMCA is hosting a Halloween Costume drive on Saturday, October 10th. Recycle gently used adult and child Halloween costumes and receive a voucher toward the purchase of another recycled costume. Sign up is between 9-1 and costumes will cost \$2.00 to \$10.00.

The Imagination Library, instituted by Dolly Parton, is being sponsored by The Friends of the Wareham Free Library. Any child between birth and 4.5 years old can register for a free book each month mailed to the child's home. The child must be a resident of Wareham. A child can also be sponsored for a \$25.00 per year donation.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Kristina Lisa Burbank

Ms. Burbank introduced herself and is seeking a fortune teller license within the Town of Wareham.

Present before the Board: Don Jepson

Mr. Jepson was present to follow up on the hiring of a dredging consultant and also the status of the Harbor Information Form. He was asked to add his inquiry to the Citizens Comments binder and someone would get back to him.

Present before the Board: Jack Silva

Mr. Silva is a warden at Precinct I and stated that he has not been paid in five weeks as well as other poll workers and wanted to know what the status was. He also stated that with early voting coming up, he would like to see precautionary measures taken with sanitizing spaces.

6. BOARD'S COMMENTS

Selectman Slavin responded to complaints regarding the issues with Verilife and parking.

He stated that this issue has been addressed and is in the process of being resolved.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

9. TOWN BUSINESS

a. COVID-19 Update.

Mr. Sullivan stated that the new color codes will be announced October 7th. In Wareham, since September 1st, there have been twenty-five new cases, fourteen of which are active cases. Eleven of those cases are improving. Selectman Tropeano recommended conditioning licenses and making it a violation if COVID-19 guidelines are not followed. Attorney Bowen stated that licenses can be conditioned and suggested holding a special hearing for each license category specifying these rules. Holding a hearing would make the license holder aware of the conditions and give them an opportunity to object to the imposition of the conditions.

b. Refuse Update.

Mr. Sullivan presented a comparison of potential operational costs between the combined curbside transfer station service and transfer station only service.

c. Vote to authorize Veterans Day Proclamation.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to authorize the writing for the Veterans Day Proclamation. Selectmen Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

d. Vote to ratify hiring of Derek Machado – Paramedic at Wareham EMS.

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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)

- e. Discuss Fortune Teller licensing under MGL ch. 140 s. 185 and ch. 266 s. 75.

Selectman Whiteside and Town Counsel will be working on a draft application for a Fortune Teller license to be voted on the next meeting.

- f. Vote on 2020 State Election Warrant.

Selectman Teitelbaum read into record the 2020 State Election Warrant. (*see attachment*)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the 2020 State Election Warrant. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- g. Accept donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$50.00 from Betsy Woodley on behalf of the Bay Area Senior Cyclists in memory of Lois Fountain.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to accept the donation to the Wareham Free Library in the amount of \$50.00 from Betsy Woodley on behalf of the Bay Area Senior Cyclists in memory of Lois Fountain. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to recommend the Ban Nip Bottles petition article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend the Marijuana Testing Lab Setback article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend the Wareham Village 1 Rezoning article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend the Sign Zoning By-Law Amendment article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Drive Throughs in CS District article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend the Residential Use Definitions article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Definitions article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Transitional article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Capital Planning article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Sewer article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Assessors article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Charter Changes article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Town Clerk article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Town Administrator article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to recommend the Town Charter – Chart 2 Road Commissioners article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-1-1 (Selectman Munise opposed, Selectman Teitelbaum abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to reconsider the Gift of Land-Elicone Trust article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Gift of Land-Elicone Trust article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Slavin seconded. Selectman Slavin stated this land is a marsh and has no value.

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

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to reconsider the Gift of Land-Volpe Estate article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to recommend approval for the Gift of Land-Volpe Estate article for the 2020 Annual Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

Selectman Slavin stated that this land is just water.

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

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

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No report.

11. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

No report.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve meeting minutes: September 29, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes for September 29, 2020. Selectman Munise seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to adjourn at 10:00 pm. Selectman Whiteside 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: 3-9-21

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-10-21