

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: December 3, 2019
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Mary Bruce, Clerk
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin
James M. Munise

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Not Present: Richard Bowen, Town Council

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Teitelbaum announced that State Representative Susan Gifford testified on behalf of her bills on the 40B hearing and will be providing details of the testimony to the local media on Wednesday, December 11, 2019.

The Police Department is having Toys for Tots on December 7th. They are accepting donations.

Wareham Village Association is having their annual Christmas Parade on Main Street on December 7th at 3:00 p.m.

The Wareham Garden Club is having their Christmas Faire on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Patricks Church. Proceeds will go to planting and gardens around Town as well as garden therapy.

Church of the Good Shepherd is having their Christmas Faire on Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

There will be a homeless senior dinner held at the V.F.W. on Saturday, December 7th from 12-3.

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5. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Present before the Board: Tracy McGraw-Wareham Village Association
Ms. McGraw invited the Board of Selectmen to attend the annual Christmas Parade on December 7th at 3:00pm.

Present before the Board: Judith Whiteside-Charter Review Committee
Ms. Whiteside provided an update on the progress of the Charter Review Committee. One of the recommendations they will be bringing to the April 2020 Town Meeting is an amendment that requires Selectmen to appoint the Charter Review Committee no later than January 31, of every year ending in the numeral 9.

6. BOARDS COMMENTS

None.

7. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

None.

8. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. CONTINUATION HEARING AT 7:15 P.M.-Inflammable Fluids License application submitted by Sam's Gas, 307 Main Street, Wareham, MA. 02571.

Selectman Tropeano asked to have the hearing postponed until January 7, 2020.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to postpone the continuation hearing – Inflammable Fluids License application submitted by Sam's Gas, 307 Main Street, Wareham, MA to January 7, 2020. Selectman Bruce seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. CPA request.

Present before the Board: Michele Bissonette, Town Clerk

Ms. Bissonette is looking for authorization to request funds from the CPC for digitization of historical records. She stated that by going with digitization, the town can provide records to be searched for on the website. This method would provide easy access as well as saving room for vital records.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize the Town Clerk to request funds from CPC for digitization of records. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Authorize Selectman Munise and Town Administrator to discuss with Carver BOS the future of the regional refuse district.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to authorize Selectman Munise and Town Administrator to discuss with Carver BOS the future of the regional refuse district.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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- c. Discuss 400th anniversary of Plymouth, MA.

Selectman Slavin stated that he would like the Board of Selectman to reach out to Plymouth 400 Committee in writing offering any help from the Town. The Town of Wareham will be impacted with increased traffic, boaters, and hotel stays.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to authorize the Chairman to submit a letter to the Plymouth 400 Committee offering any assistance for the Plymouth 400th anniversary celebration. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

Present before the Board: Garry Buckminster, Harbormaster

Mr. Buckminster provided a rate change which involved a combination sticker that included the beach parking and dump sticker. Due to the increasing amount of volume his office has, this would cut down on the amount of stickers to process as well as the amount of stickers purchased and put on vehicles. He also said that combination stickers were done in the past. Mr. Sullivan stated that there would be a problem with doing a combination sticker like this because this is the last year the Town will be funded through SEMASS and the rates will go up. He also stated that the dump stickers pay for the base amount and not trash disposal. He does not want the stickers combined because beach stickers bring in revenue.

Mr. Buckminster also inquired about the one day dump stickers. Selectman Munise indicated that he believed the district voted no to accept one day passes, but he will bring up the possibility of accepting them. (*See attachment*)

Selectman Munise also stated that he would like to see separate stickers as well.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to not combine the dump sticker with the beach sticker, to keep the rate of \$40.00 for a dump sticker and to change the rate of a second household vehicle sticker for seniors to \$10.00. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Town Administrator, Derek Sullivan stated that rates for the dump stickers must be set.

Selectman Teitelbaum suggested putting this under 48 hour business to vote on rate change because stickers will start being sold on December 16th. Selectman Tropeano agreed.

12. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin said part of the process for becoming an age friendly community was to send out surveys. Discussion on how to get the surveys out will take place on December 5th.

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13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to authorize payment to the Law Office of Richard P. Bowen. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

- c. Approval of meeting minutes: November 5, 2019.

MOTION: Selectman Bruce moved to approve the meeting minutes of November 5, 2019. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

15. 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: 1-14-20

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 1-15-20