

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD**

Date of Meeting: April 18, 2023  
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***Hybrid meeting: Zoom and in-person room 320 Multi-Service Center***

### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Select Board Members Present: Judith Whiteside, Chair  
Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk  
Alan H. Slavin  
Ronald S. Besse  
Jared S. Chadwick

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

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

### **4. RECOGNITION-WAREHAM VIKINGS BASKETBALL**

Wareham Viking Basketball players, coaches, and parents were invited to this meeting. Mr. Besse and Mr. Chadwick handed out awards and took team photos.

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Chadwick announced that the talk about posting signs last week worked because many signs have been taken down.

Mr. Besse announced that this Saturday is the opener for Wareham Girls Softball and there will be raffles, bouncy houses, and activities for the kids.

Mr. Slavin announced the Town Meeting is this Monday at the elementary school.

### **6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS**

### **7. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to accept and confirm the application from Dusk Till Dawn Tattoo Studio, 3065 Cranberry Highway, for a one day liquor license. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

- b. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the application from Sonam LLC d/b/a Pizza Boy Roast Beef, 3103 Cranberry Highway, for a Common Victualler License. Mr. Chadwick Seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

#### **c. Renewal of Second Hand Dealers Licenses**

- i. Clam Shack Antiques
- ii. Church of the Good Shepherd
- iii. Cranberry Flea Market
- iv. Discount Auto
- v. First Congregational Church
- vi. Game Stop

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- vii. Gateway Gold & Pawn
- viii. Home Depot
- ix. LS Computers
- x. Not Your Average Antiques
- xi. Seakers, LLC
- xii. South Coast Sport Partners
- xiii. The Friends of the Wareham Free Library
- xiv. Used Tire Warehouse, Inc.
- xv. Wesley Thrift Shop

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to renew the Second Hand Dealers Licenses. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes

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

- d. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the renewal of Pawnbrokers License for Gateway Gold & Pawn. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

- e. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the application from The Gear Place, 245 Main Street, for a Second Hand Dealers License. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

**8. TOWN BUSINESS**

**HEARING AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 PM:**

- a. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to open the hearing. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes

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

Mr. Underhill, Chairman of Wareham Cable Advisory Committee, explained the negotiating renewal contract with Verizon for Cable TV series. A summary of the changes that were agreed on are; 5 year renewal license starting April 18, 2023- April 17, 2028. A grant of \$230,000 which will be paid in 4 payments; \$50,000 within 45 days, \$50,000 on the first anniversary, \$50,000 on the second anniversary and \$80,000 on the third. Verizon has the option to terminate the contract after 3 years if a 6 months' notice is provided.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to close the hearing on the Verizon New England Inc. License. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

- b. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to grant the license as submitted by the Cable Advisory Committee. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

- c. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to renew the Verizon New England Inc. License with the town of Wareham. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

- d. Petitioner not present, no discussion.

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e. The reason for the discussion and vote to make appointed Constable terms for three years effective June 30, 2023 is because we have historically had one year appointments but almost every other town has three which makes more sense paperwork wise.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion that we vote to make appointed constable terms three years effective June 30, 2023. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

f. This item will be discussed at a later time.

g. The discussion following the Union Contracts; AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO Local 30 Wareham Library Employees, North America Wareham Foreman's Union, Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895, and Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423 were all discussed in an executive session prior to this meeting.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the Union Contracts listed above. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes, Mr. Chadwick-abstained.

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Chadwick)**

h. This item will be discussed at a later time.

i. Ms. Wurts read into the record dates for the process for calling June Special Town Meeting. (See attached item)

**MOTION:** Mr. Besse made a motion to accept this process. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes

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

j. Mr. Sullivan showed a chart and thoroughly explained the EMS budget. Mr. Chadwick recommends that we research and look at different medical directors from any other facilities to possibly look at saving funds. Mr. Slavin explained that the budget has gone through the governor's budget and the recent house budget that has been processed through and the Town is receiving around \$100,000 which doesn't even cover the normal inflation rates along with everything else.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to recommend favorable action on article 8- EMS budget of the annual 2023 Spring Town Meeting. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside- Yes, Mr. Chadwick-abstained

**VOTE: 4-0-1 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Slavin made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article #4- Revolving Accounts to the Town Meeting. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Slavin made a motion to recommend no action on Article #6- Capital Plan. Ms. Wurts seconded. Roll call: Mr. Chadwick-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Besse made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article #7- FY24 Budget to the Town Meeting. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll call: Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

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k. Articles for the Special Spring Town Meeting

**S1- Budget Transfers**

Mr. Sullivan explained they have the budget transfers in the finance committee handbook. We have a transfer of \$80,000 from the Police salaries to the General Insurance Fund. There will also be another transfer of \$14,600 from Accounting to Planning because of vacant positions. Because of salary differences there will be a transfer of \$7,000 from MIS to MIS expenses which will pay for the dual factor authorization to keep the cybersecurity insurance.

**MOTION:** Mr. Slavin made a motion to recommend favorable action to the Town Meeting. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

**S2- Spring 2023 Capital Funding**

Mr. Sullivan showed a chart explaining the free cash funding and borrowing funds. The free cash funding totals to \$2,705,000 and the borrowing funds totals to \$650,000. The borrowing funds are for the Department of Natural Resources to purchase and equip a replacement patrol vessel which is well deserved.

**MOTION:** Mr. Besse made a motion to recommend favorable action to the Town Meeting. Mr. Chadwick seconded. Roll call: Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

l. No business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**10. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS/BOARD'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Slavin commented he has a meeting this upcoming Thursday with Eversource to discuss Route 6 and 28 about road status and the polls. He also explained the Weweantic Bridge work will start this year and will take about two years. They will handle the traffic the same way they did during the Cohasset/Narrows bridge work.

Ms. Whiteside reminded that the Town Meeting is on July 24, 2023 in the Elementary School which starts promptly at 7:00 PM.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Slavin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Besse Seconded.

Roll call: Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Chadwick-yes, Mr. Slavin-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

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

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

Respectfully submitted

***Samantha Monast***

Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Select Board on:

Attest:   
**Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk**

Date Signed: 6/27/23

**DOCUMENTS USED OR REVIEWED IN MEETING**

1. Application from Dusk to Dawn Tattoo Studio
2. Application from Sonam LLC /d/b/a Pizza Boy
3. Application from Clam Shack Antiques
4. Application from Church of the Good Shepherd
5. Application from Cranberry Flea Market
6. Application from Discount Auto
7. Application of First Congregational Church
8. Application of Game Stop
9. Application of Gateway Gold and Pawn
10. Application from Home Depot
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15. Application of the Friends of the Wareham Free Library
16. Application of Used Tire Warehouse
17. Application of Wesley Thrift Shop
18. Application of The Gear Place
19. Union contract AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO Wareham Library Employees.
20. Union Contract Massachusetts Labor's Public Employee Council Union 49 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Foreman's Union
21. Union Contract Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895
22. Union Contract Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423
23. Document outlining Process for Calling 2023 June Special Town Meeting
24. Warrant of 2023 Annual Town Meeting
25. Grid for votes for 2023 Annual Town Meeting
26. Warrant for 2023 Special Spring Town Meeting
27. Grid for votes for 2023 Special Spring Town Meeting