

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD

Date of Meeting: May 2, 2023
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Remote meeting

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Judith Whiteside, Chair
Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk
Alan H. Slavin
Ronald S. Besse

Also Present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Not Present: Rich Bowen, Town Counsel
Jared S. Chadwick

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Whiteside would like to thank the JROTC program and the leadership class students for the trash pick-up they did from the Wareham Town Hall to Shaw's.

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

- a. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to appoint Sharon Rice to the Old Colony Elder Services Board of Directors representing the Town of Wareham-term to expire June 30, 2024. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to appoint Marie Riley to the Council of Aging-term to expire June 30, 2024. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the application from the Wareham Historical Society to place signs on Town property as listed on the application. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the application from Oniset Wigwam to place signs on Town property as listed on the application. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to renew the Second Hand Dealers License for Gold World. Ms. Slavin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the Change of Officers for 99 West LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, 40 Rosebrook Place, Wareham. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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- e. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the renewal of the Public Amusement License for the Point Independence Yacht Club d/b/a Point Independence Yacht Club, 15 Independence Lane, Wareham with hours of entertainment supplied to the Board. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Ms. Wurts read the proclamation-Race Amity day
b. Ms. Wurts read the proclamation-Pride Month.
c. Mr. Sullivan explained how the Clerk's position was posted and advertised, interviews were scheduled, leading to an offer being made. Mr. Sullivan asked the Board to give one Member the right to affirm this hire, as called for under the Charter.
d. This will speed up the process of hiring a qualified candidate.
MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved to authorize the Chair to ratify the hiring of a Town Clerk. Mr. Slavin seconded. . Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- e. SPREDD presentation is postponed.
f. Mr. Faherty, Conservation Agent, explained how they sent the Select Board a letter petitioning that the Conservation Department hold the Conservation Restriction on the property named "Sawyer" that was approved to be purchased using CPA funds. Ms. Leduc-Fleming, Executive Director of Wareham Land Trust, agreed with Mr. Faherty that the Land Trust and Town have always had a beneficial partnership. She also explained that the Town would not have to do the annual monitoring as a WLT volunteer could handle it. Discussion ensued.
MOTION: Ms. Wurts moved the Town of Wareham Conservation Commission be named the holder of the Conservation Restriction on the property named "Sawyer" parcel (Map 128, Lot 1006) with the agreement that was made in this meeting in place. Mr. Besse seconded. . Roll call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- g. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to appoint Alan Slavin the designee to the Joint Transportation Planning Group with Mr. Chadwick as alternate. Mr. Besse seconded. Rollcall: Mr. Slavin-no, Ms. Wurts-yes. Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Slavin)

- h. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to accept the funds from Gateway to Senior Resources in the amount of \$2,377.89 to the Council of Aging. Mr. Slavin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan would like to thank all of those who helped and took the time to go to the Town Meeting last week.

9. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS/BOARD'S COMMENTS

Mr. Slavin reported about the commuter rail in Wareham and is waiting on positive feedback from DOT.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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MOTION: Ms. Wurts made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 7, 2023 and March 14, 2023. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll call: Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Slavin-Yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Slavin moved to adjourn. Mr. Besse seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Slavin-yes, Ms. Wurts-yes, Mr. Besse-yes, Ms. Whiteside-yes.

VOTE: 4-0-0

11. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Samantha Monast

Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

Date Signed: 7/11/23

DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING.

1. Application from Wareham Historical Society
2. Application from Oniset Wigwam
3. Application from 99 West LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub
4. Proclamation- Race Amity Day
5. Proclamation-Pride Month
6. Minutes March 7th and 14th, 2023