

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

Date of Meeting: September 26, 2023  
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### **1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIR**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Chadwick, Clerk, is absent. **MOTION:** Ms. Whiteside moved to approve Patricia Wurts as Clerk Pro Tem. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous).**

Select Board members present: Judith Whiteside, Chair

Ronald S. Besse  
Alan Slavin  
Patricia Wurts, Clerk Pro Tem

Also Present: Richard Bowen, Town Counsel

Not Present: Jared Chadwick, Clerk  
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

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

### **4. RESIDENT'S COMMENTS** Comments on non-agenda items shall be limited to 2 minutes, and there will be no more than 10 minutes per meeting. Based on past practice, the Select Board will not respond or comment. **No comments.**

### **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Slavin thanked everyone for their assistance during the Yom Kippur holiday.

Mr. Slavin thanked all who have stepped up for the Veteran's Day Parade. The Elks donated \$1,000 to become Platinum donors. Their officers have offered to dress up in their tuxedo uniforms and march in the parade. Mr. Slavin announced that we are waiting for Cape Cod 5's donation. They have had 2-3 people coming in every hour asking if they can join the parade.

Mr. Besse announced that the Harvest Moon Festival will be postponed and rescheduled to Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>, rain date the 1st. Kat from the Onset Bay Association does a fantastic job planning. The festival will end in a fireworks display. He is looking forward to seeing everyone there. Mr. Slavin commented that he spoke to Kat and the weather doesn't look good for Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> and that the festival will probably be postponed until Sunday the 1st.

Ms. Whiteside announced that WCT is having an open house on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. They are located on Main Street by the Congregational Church.

**6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/ INTERVIEWS**

a. Council on Aging

- i. Carolyn McClure – Member - term to expire June 30, 2024
- ii. Judy Jinson-Riggle – Member - term to expire June 30, 2026
- iii. William Smith – Member - term to expire June 30, 2026

**NO applicants present. Will be addressed at a future meeting.**

b. Conservation Commission

- i. Denise Schulz – step down from a Member position to an Associate member position – term to expire June 30, 2024
- ii. Paulajean O'Neill – step up to a Member position from an Associate member position – term to expire June 30, 2024

**Will be addressed at a future meeting.**

**7. 7:15 CONTINUATION OF HEARING – J.P. Noonan**

- a. Application from J.P. Noonan 2381 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham for a Flammable Fluid License for the keeping, storage and sale of diesel fuel and motor oil in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of MGL.

Discussion and possible vote to authorize the keeping, storage and sale of diesel fuel and motor oil, 25,000 gallons AST and 500 motor oil drums. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to reopen the hearing to authorize the keeping, storage and sale of diesel fuel and motor oil, 25,000 gallons AST and 500 motor oil drums. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous).** Presentation by William Madden, GAF Engineering, Paul Noonan and Mark Cicchini. **MOTION:** Mr. Slavin moved to close the hearing. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous).** **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to grant license. Seconded. **VOTE: 3-0-1** (Ms. Wurts abstained).

**8. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. Discussion and possible vote to approve a One Day Special Event Permit for Onset Beach Patio & Grille for 10/21/23 (rain date 10/22/23) from 11:00am-6:00pm. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve a One Day Special Event Permit for Onset Beach Patio & Grille for 10/21/23 (rain date 10/22/23) from 11:00am-6:00pm. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**9. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible vote to approve the Veteran's Day Parade property use request. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve the Veteran's Day Parade use request. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- b. Discussion and possible vote to approve that the Harvest Moon Festival be held on the weekend of September 30, 2023, if rained out as originally scheduled.

**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve the Harvest Moon Festival be held on the weekend of September 30, 2023, if rained out as originally scheduled. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- c. Discussion and possible vote to appoint Derek Sullivan Custodian of the September 27<sup>th</sup> Auction. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to appoint Derek Sullivan Custodian of the September 27<sup>th</sup> Auction. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- d. Discussion and possible vote to authorize Derek Sullivan to file necessary documents in regards to Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund.  
This agenda item would be to appoint the Town Administrator as the custodian of the auction properties at Wareham Ave. and Avenue A. The custodian of the auction is allowed to sell Ta Title property at a public auction which is what we are doing. The custodian is the one that formally accepts the final bid price. This is the format we have followed on the previous auctions.  
This is what the Select Board did the last two times we were applying the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan program for the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). The SRF application deadline is the second week of October 2023. As such we will be submitting an SRF application package to the state on behalf of the Town for the Headworks and Clarifier Upgrade. In lieu of having an appropriation (as Town Meeting isn't until the end of October) we can include the extension request approval letter from the state. The motion that should be made is:  
I move that the Select Board of the Town of Wareham at a meeting noticed and conducted in accordance with all applicable legal requirements, duly voted to authorize Town Administrator Derek Sullivan to act on behalf of the Applicant, as its agent, in filing applications for, executing agreements regarding, and performing any and all other actions necessary to secure for the Applicant such loan(s) for construction or planning of Water Pollution Abatement Projects as may be made available to the Applicant pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, section 27-33E, inclusive, as amended) and the Water Pollution Abatement Revolving Loan Program (M.G.L. c. 29C) for the following project: WPCF Phase II Improvements.  
**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to authorize Derek Sullivan to file necessary documents in regards to Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- e. Discussion and possible vote on Municipal Aggregation Guidelines and Legislation. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to vote on Municipal Aggregation Guidelines and Legislation. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- f. Discussion and possible vote approve union contract: Wareham Communication Officers Union NEPBA. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve union contract: Wareham Communication Officers Union NEPBA. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- g. Presentation by Judith Whiteside on Warrant Article 17.
- h. Presentation of CPC Article for Town Meeting by Lynne Sweet and Steven Beauchemin. NOTE: Sandy Slavin was present for the presentation.

- i. Presentation of CPC Article for Town Meeting by Josh Faherty. NOTE: Sandy Slavin was present for the presentation.
- j. Presentation of CPC Article for Town Meeting by Carl Schulz. NOTE: Sandy Slavin was present for the presentation.
- k. Presentation of 4 CPC articles for Town Meeting by Sandy Slavin. Mark's Cove presentation by Elise Leduc Fleming. NOTE: Sandy Slavin was present for the presentation.
- l. Presentation of 3 petitioned articles for Town Meeting by Brenda Eckstrom. This item is referred to a future agenda.
- m. Discussion and possible vote regarding letter to the State regarding housing at The Atlantic Motel. **MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Commonwealth regarding the housing placement at the Atlantic Motel. Seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**
- n. Discussion and possible vote to recommend favorable action on any Fall 2023 Town Meeting articles. **No votes taken.**
- o. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting. **None.**

**10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes:  
**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023, and September 19, 2023, seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**  
**MOTION:** Ms. Wurts moved to approve and HOLD the Executive Session minutes of September 19, 2023, seconded. **VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**13. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION:** Mr. Slavin moved to adjourn, Seconded. **Vote: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

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

Meeting recessed at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Karen Wilfert**  
 Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Select Board:

Attest:   
**Patricia Wurts, Clerk Pro Tem**

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Date Signed: 10/16/23

**DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND/OR USED IN MEETING**

1. Application from Carolyn McClure
2. Application from Judy Jinson-Riggle
3. Application from William Smith
4. Request to step down from Denise Schulz
5. Application and presentation from J.P. Noonan
6. Onset Beach Patio & Grille One-Day event application
7. Veteran's Day property use request letter
8. Select Board Auction Custodian recommendation letter (Derek Sullivan)
9. Water Pollution Abatement Trust documents
10. Denise Schulz, Wareham Conservation Commission step down request email
11. Paulajeane O'Neill, Wareham Conservation Commission step up request email
12. NEPBA Local 116 Town of Wareham and Wareham Communications Officers Memorandum of Agreement
13. September 12, 2023, and September 19, 2023 Select Board meeting minutes
14. September 19, 2023 Select Board Executive Session minutes