

Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2015

A meeting of the Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Bruce Hutchins. Also present were members Peter Teitelbaum, Mary Bruce, Cheryl Bagangan, Judy Caporiccio, and Linda Burke.

DMO Update: Ms Bagangan and Ms Burke reported that the DMO group is continuing to meet and to pursue production of a visitors' guide. Mr. Teitelbaum recommended that the group pursue incorporation as soon as possible.

Other Business: Ms Burke said she recently had a conversation with Town Administrator Derek Sullivan, who noted that a new MassHighway electronic billboard will generate \$10,000 annually in lease revenues and that these funds may be available for tourism activities. On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Teitelbaum, the committee voted (6-0-0) to take whatever steps necessary to secure these funds for such purpose.

Mr. Hutchins asked about the status of a letter regarding the Coalition for Buzzards Bay's application to the Mass Cultural Council. Ms Burke said the vote of the Committee that submittal of the letter was conditioned upon finding clear evidence that the grant application had no chance of being in competition with the Cultural District, which had already been endorsed by town officials. Absent such evidence, the letter was not sent. Mr. Teitelbaum reported that the town is continuing to pursue procurement issues that will allow the project to proceed, and that a requirement should be included that some space be allocated for general tourism purposes, either direct promotion or fundraising. Ms Bagangan said she believes the project is a good one and should not be delayed. Committee members concurred.

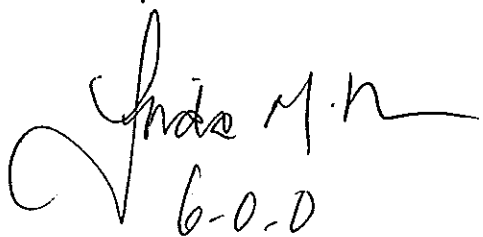
Minutes of Previous Meeting: On a motion by Mr. Teitelbaum, seconded by Ms Burke, the committee voted (6-0-0) to approve the minutes of November 20.

Consensus of the committee was not to meet during the holidays, so the next meeting would be January 15.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burke
Clerk

Approved 1/15/2016

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