

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: November 3, 2015
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6:00 p.m. – Open Session

6:00 p.m. – Enter into Executive session

- a. M.G. L. c. 30A § 21 (a) (3) – Bliss vs Town of Wareham & Kucinski vs Town of Wareham cases – To discuss strategy relating to litigation, if discussion in open session will have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body.

Poll Vote: Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Selectman Tropeano – yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN AT 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman
Judith Whiteside, Clerk
Stephen M. Holmes
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Attorney Richard Bowen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Don't Trash Wareham group for reaching out to High School students to arrange regular cleanups of several areas in Town.

Keep Massachusetts Beautiful has praised Wareham for including the licensing and regulation of donation containers in the new junk dealers by-law prepared by the Junk Study Committee and passed last week by Town meeting.

Every Monday in November Mumma Mary's will donate 10% of your purchase to the Deb Debski's Liver Transplant Fund with Help Hope Live.

SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES- 11-3-15 (CONT'D)

Selectman Holmes wanted to congratulate Town Moderator Claire Smith for doing an outstanding job at Town Meeting. He also wanted to thank the approximately 200 residents that attended.

Selectman Holmes urged everyone to shop local during the Holiday season and to try and also eat at some local restaurants during the off season.

Selectman Slavin stated that effective immediately, County Road will be under construction from the Wareham/Marion town line to the Rochester/Wareham town line. The estimated time of construction will be approximately (3) weeks.

The OBA beautification group was cleaning up Onset today and did a great job.

Grumpy's Harvest 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, November 7th starting at 9am at Tihonet Village.

Selectman Slavin wanted to thank the Wareham Village Association for their hard work in putting together Halloween on Main Street. They had a great turn out with a lot of children and families trick or treating.

Selectman Whiteside stated that you can always do your Christmas shopping at the Church fairs and also urged residents the best thing they can do during the holidays is to be a friend to someone, stop by and have a cup of coffee and just be there for them since some people feel very lonely and stressed around the holidays.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
(none)

6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

a. Wareham Cultural Council

Present before the board: Kathleen Gleason

Ms. Gleason was before the board seeking appointment to the Wareham Cultural Council.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Kathleen Gleason as a member to the Wareham Cultural Council to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2018. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. LICENSES AND PERMITS

a. Change of Hours application by the Stonebridge, 5 East Blvd, Onset

Present before the board: Justin Hadley

Mr. Hadley was before the board for a change of hours.

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MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the change of hours of operation to Columbus Day to April 1st Wednesday-Sunday: noon-midnight, April 1st – Columbus day Monday-Sunday: noon-midnight, open all holidays 9am-1am. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Request from Ella's Wood Burning Oven Restaurant, E. Wareham, MA for temporary change of hours for a private wine dinner

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to grant to Ella's Wood Burning Oven Restaurant, 3136 Cranberry Highway, E. Wareham, MA a change of hours in operation on November 17, 2015 to open at 6pm-10pm. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Request for the use of town roads by the Wareham Veterans Council for their annual Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 starting at 10:30 am.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to grant a permit to the Wareham Veterans Council, c/o Sharon Boyer for the use of Town roads for their Annual Veterans Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 starting at 10:30 a.m. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Proclamation – Veterans Day

Selectman Whiteside read the Veterans Day Proclamation (as attached) Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Discussion of WCTV contract

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that the contract doesn't expire until 2017. He would also like to see all land use committees to be taped lived. Selectman Whiteside would like to see an upgrade to all the equipment and she also stated that Room 27 will be wired for taping.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved that WCTV live up to the expectations set by the Selectmen which include live programming of the Government section and enhance Government programming and coverage. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Selectman Holmes would like to see better streamlining of meetings.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved that WCTV provide better streamlining of meetings. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Pending issues

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

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that the new hotel Towne Suites has been very successful and last September the occupancy tax received was \$18,421 and this September it was significantly higher at \$73,491.

The tax rate will be set soon and the tax classification hearing is scheduled for next week.

The recent auction of Town property brought in after taxes, fees and charges \$100,000 to the Town, \$20,700 to the Sewer Enterprise fund and \$9,800 to the Wareham Fire District.

10. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Whiteside stated that Town meeting approved the purchase of the 2 lots located next to the Agawam Cemetery and it's been recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

Selectman Whiteside was looking for another member of the board to assist her in walking the bounds of the Town. She also congratulated the Municipal Maintenance Department for their hard work in maintaining the vehicles and stated that the facility looks great now that it's painted and cleaned. She also thanked Dave Menard for his help in getting County Road repaired.

Selectman Whiteside stated that the Board of Health recently adopted a smoking ban on all beaches, playgrounds and parks.

The Flu Clinic will be held on Monday, November 9th from 2-4pm at the Town Hall Auditorium.

Selectman Whiteside congratulated the Veterans Council for their hard work.

If anyone has a meeting scheduled in room 27 during the next couple of weeks, it would be a good idea to check with the Selectmen's Office to make sure that the room is available since its being reserved for the Auditors.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes of October 6, 2015; October 13, 2015

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MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2015. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-1 (Selectman Whiteside abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2015. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 5-0-0 (UNANIMOUS)

13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

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

Attest: 
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 12-1-15

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 12-2-15




*Attachment 11-3-15
meeting minutes*

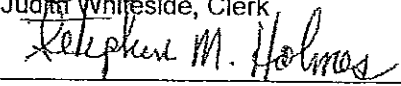
Veterans Day Proclamation

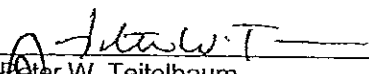
- Whereas:** The 11th of November 1918, marked the end of the 'war to end all wars' and the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and;
- Whereas:** Veterans from Wareham have served our Country with the distinction of honor and valor; and;
- Whereas:** It is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and;
- Whereas:** Veterans from Wareham are among those distinguished by their unyielding dedication, devotion to duty and potentially, the ultimate sacrifice - their lives! And;
- Whereas:** Since 1954 when Armistice Day was designated henceforth to be known as Veterans Day to honor all who had served in all wars to preserve world peace, and;
- Whereas:** President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation on June 1, 1954, and;
- Whereas:** To protect the Nation they love, our veterans stepped forward when America needed them most. In conflicts around the world, their sacrifice and resolve helped destroy the enemies of freedom and saved millions from oppression. In answering history's call with honor, decency, and resolve, our veterans have shown the power of liberty and earned the respect and admiration of a grateful Nation, and;
- Whereas:** All of America's veterans have placed our Nation's security before their own lives, creating a debt that we can never fully repay. Our veterans represent the best of America, and they deserve the best America can give them.
- Therefore:** We, the Wareham Board of Selectmen, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2015, as Veterans Day in Wareham and urge all citizens of Wareham to recognize the valor and sacrifice of our veterans through ceremonies and prayers.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this third day of November 2015.


Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman


Judith Whiteside, Clerk


Stephen M. Holmes


Peter W. Teitelbaum


Alan H. Slavin

