

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: February 9, 2016
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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, absent
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin, absent

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Attorney Richard Bowen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wareham Village Association President Bob Brady has stepped down after several successful years. The new President is Tracy McGraw. The Treasurer is Rose Berry.

The Historical Society will hold a special, free talk with former President Grover Cleveland impersonator on Presidents' Day on February 15, 2016. Paul Girard will play Cleveland, as the society celebrates the return of the newly-restored Cleveland painting by Charles Raleigh. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Angela Dunham at 508-295-8578.

The Wareham Historical Society will be holding a Sweetheart Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, February 13, 2016. The donation for dinner is \$12. Tickets are limited and will be held at the door. Please call 508-295-8578 to make reservations with WHS President, Angela Dunham.

The Veterans Council will be meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7pm in room 208 in the Multi-Service Center.

Contact Bob White at 508-274-4963 for information about the Adopt-a-vet.

Thank you to Gateway Tavern and Mumma Mary's for donating food to the Municipal Maintenance Department during the recent storm.

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Selectman Whiteside wanted to remind everyone to please check on your elderly neighbors in this weather.

Chairman Tropeano stated that today he attended a meeting with Representative Keating, Representative Susan Williams-Gifford and the Regional Coordinator from the EPA. The Town was granted a \$210,000 grant to purchase busses.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

(none)

6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

(none)

7. LICENSES & PERMITS

(none)

8. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Vote on Smelt Regulations

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to adopt the Smelt Regulations as authorized by Chapter 67 of the acts of 1931 to take Smelt from the Weweantic River between March 1, 2016 to April 1, 2016, both date inclusive, for family use, subject to the following regulations: 1. Limit 36 fish per day, 2. Net size: shall not contain more than five square feet of net surface. 3. It is understood and agreed by the permit holder that he/she will abide by all laws and regulations of the State of Massachusetts pertaining to the catching of Smelt. 4. Fishing is allowed seven (7) days per week. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

b. Vote on Town Counsel for 2016-2017

Mr. Sullivan recommended that the board increase Attorney Bowen's pay by \$5000.00.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to hire Attorney Bowen for the year 2016-2017 with a \$5000 increase in salary as recommend by the Town Administrator from April 1, 2016-March 31, 2016.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

c. Discussion and possible vote on fees for collection containers and fines under the Junk by-law.

Selectman Whiteside did some research with other cities and towns on the fees they charge for collection containers. It was recommended to charge a fee of \$100 per unit for the permit which would include a \$30 decal. Also discussed was a fee of \$50 per violation for each day of the violation.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved that the Board of Selectmen set the permit fee for collection containers in the Town of Wareham for \$100 per annum per

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container and also the fine for the violation is \$50 with each day of violation to be considered a separate non-criminal offense. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Discussion of warrant articles. (the board will talk about articles next week)
- e. Any other Town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the request from the Onset Fire District to place signs on Town Property from February 10, 2016 – February 22, 2016. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that he was proud that the Town received the \$210,000 grant for the busses. He complimented Municipal Maintenance Director Dave Menard for ensuring the information for the grant was complete. The all-day budget meeting will be taking place on February 11th starting at 8:30am.

10. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Teitelbaum wanted to make it clear that the discussion that they had last week about not having a Town Planner was in no way to criticize anyone.

Selectman Whiteside attended a Board of Health meeting last week in which they held vigorous discussions regarding the compassionate care clinic as well as the collection bins. She stated that they are adopting rules and regulations that are making sense and they are doing a great job.

Chairman Tropeano had a discussion with an owner of a gas station in Town. He talked about the sign regulations and said the owner had to remove a sign in his window that advertises oil changes and since the sign has been removed his oil change business is down 50% which he expects to cost him approximately \$20,000. He also stated that the new regulation in place with the Board of Health not selling cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21. The owner of the business estimates that will cost him \$15 per day in profit.

Selectman Teitelbaum asked the boards opinion on making a charter change regarding the fall Town meeting regarding establishing the fall Town meeting is also an annual meeting.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

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- b. Approval of meeting minutes of January 26, 2016 & February 2, 2016 & executive session meeting minutes of: May 5, 2015, August 25, 2015, November 3, 2015, December 8, 2015 & January 12, 2016.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 26, 2016 & February 2, 2016. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of May 5, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of August 25, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of November 3, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of December 8, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of January 12, 2016. Chairman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 2-0-1 (Selectman Whiteside abstained)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0 (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: 2-16-16

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2-18-16

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