

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Date of Meeting: February 23, 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
Peter W. Teitelbaum
Alan H. Slavin, via remote access

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Holmes asked if anyone has any rental property to please let him or call the Selectmen's Office because he knows of a young couple who is in need of housing and they are currently living in a motel.

5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

6. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS

7. LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. Hearing at approximately 7:15 p.m. on the application of David W. Paling for shellfish grant #3

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to open the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Present before the board: Mr. Paling & Garry Buckminster, Harbormaster
Mr. Buckminster stated that they were before the board to amend the acreage on the shellfish grant.

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vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

d. Discussion of Remote Participation Policy

Chairman Tropeano said that they would need to amend this policy to make it work better. He said the policy does need to be tweaked such as clarifying they need to be in a quiet place and by themselves. Selectman Teitelbaum said he looked up the Attorney Generals regulations and the Town can adopt more stringent regulations than they have. Selectman Whiteside stated that this policy was in no way a means to substitute for being an active member of the committee. She also stated that the minutes must reflect that it's a poll vote when someone is participating via remote. Selectman Teitelbaum will be working with Town Counsel on this policy. Selectman Holmes stated that this policy isn't designed for someone to go off to Florida for 6 months and still attending meetings by remote access.

e. 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 they only received one response for the RFP that was posted for the CEDA Director. He asked for the board's approval to engage in a contract with Community Opportunities Group.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to engage in a contract with Community Opportunities Group. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Mr. Sullivan stated that he has also advertised for a part time Town Planner.

The Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School has provided their budget with an increase of \$232,000 and Mr. Sullivan had budgeted \$157,000 for the increase.

The Veterans District assessment is \$23,219.

10. LIAISON REPORTS/INITIATIVE REPORTS

Selectman Slavin stated that the Planning Board met last night and approved the Millworks Project. The Assisting Living Project has been given favorable action.

Selectman Holmes asked if the Chairman could notify CEDA and request that they re-establish monthly emails that they were sending and if they could include all five Selectmen.

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MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to close the hearing. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to grant Shellfish Grant #3, said grant consists of 6.82 acres, more or less to David W. Pailing, 8 Maritime Drive Wareham under the provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

8. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion of warrant articles

Present before the board: Bryan & Nicole Litchfield, Joshua Crabb & Corey Blanchard
All were before the board to talk about the dog park article that was submitted for town meeting.

Present before the board: Darryl Keighley

Mr. Keighley was before the board to speak about his mobile home park article regarding rent control:

b. Vote to accept Municipal Aggregation Program

Present before the board: Ross Perry, SRPEDD

Mr. Perry was before the board to explain the process for the Municipal Aggregation Program. Mr. Perry explained that this would put the town in a good position for purchasing power. Currently Good Energy is 29% less than National Grid and 12% less than Eversource for the winter rates. Mr. Perry explained that this program does let the Town pick how much green energy they want to use:

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to execute an Energy Related Services Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

c. Discussion with Veterans Council re: moving wall

Present before the board: Bob White, Jim Bruce & Skip Sarnelli

Mr. White talked about the hopes to bring Vietnam Memorial Wall to Wareham in 2017. They are going to be seeking donations since the cost to bring the wall is approximately \$5000.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to support the bringing of the Memorial Wall to Wareham within the next two years. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded. Poll

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Selectman Whiteside stated that the Don't Trash Wareham is working closely with the Town Administrator to talk about grants for big bellies (solar powered trash compactors).

Selectman Whiteside was working closely with the Board of Health on gathering a list of the collection bin owners. She also thanked the Junk Study Committee for coming up with the by-law.

Selectman Whiteside stated that some boards and committees do not post to the website and that all agendas should be posted on the web.

Chairman Tropeano stated that he had to recently walk down Cranberry Highway and couldn't believe all the nip bottles on the side of the road. He said that he also saw many needles on the side of the road as well.

Chairman Tropeano stopped by the Nazarene Church for the meeting regarding the homeless last weekend.

Chairman Tropeano said that it has been brought to his attention that some boards are writing their own decisions. He would like to create a policy that requires all decisions be vetted by Town Counsel.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to adjourn. Selectman Whiteside seconded. Poll vote: Selectman Holmes – yes, Selectman Whiteside – yes, Selectman Slavin – yes, Selectman Teitelbaum – yes, Chairman Tropeano – yes.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

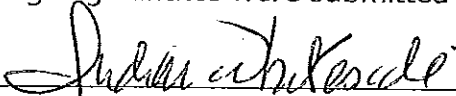
Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

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

Attest:


Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 3-1-16

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-2-16