



TOWN of WAREHAM
Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners
MEETING AGENDA

6:00 PM – Wareham High School Cafeteria, 7 Viking Drive, Wareham Massachusetts

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

3. ANNOUNCEMENT

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes regular session previously held from May 10, 2011
Selectmen's meeting: July 27, 2010, January 11, 2011, April 12, 2011

6. LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. Request from Wareham Village Association, c/o. Jackie Lindsey, P.O. Box 484 Wareham, MA for the use of Town roads for their annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at Besse Park onto Main Street, left up Chapel Hill to Marion Road and end at the Town Hall for a Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 10, 2011 (rain date: December 17, 2011) at 3:30 p.m.

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- a. FY2012 Budget
 - b. New Kiosk for Prescription Drug Disposal Collection
 - c. Workforce Investment Board
 - d. Hazardous Waste Drop off Day
 - e. Regional Economic Development Meeting
 - f. Monthly Crime Report
 - g. Letter of support for Taunton State Hospital Project
- Status Report of ongoing issues/projects

8. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. FY2012 Budget
- b. Wareham Police Department Policies & Procedures
- c. Any other town business

9. SEWER BUSINESS

- a. Any other sewer business

10. LIAISON REPORTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 23, 2011
Date of Transcription: October 31, 2011
Transcribed by: Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Walter B. Cruz, Sr., Chairman
Stephen M. Holmes, Clerk
Cara A. Winslow
Ellen M. Begley
J. Michael Schneider

Also present: Mark J. Andrews, Town Administrator

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(None)

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

(None)

5. CONSENT AGENDA (no action taken)

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minute's regular session previously held from May 10, 2011. Selectmen's meeting: July 27, 2010, January 11, 2011, and April 12, 2011.

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Present before the board: Jackie Lindsey

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved to approve the request from Wareham Village Association, c/o Jackie Lindsey, P.O. Box 484, Wareham for the use of Town roads for their annual Christmas Parade. The parade will begin at Besse Park onto Main Street, left up Chapel Hill to Marion Road and end at the Town Hall for a tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 10, 2011 (rain date: December 17, 2011) at 3:30 p.m. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (None)

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 5-23-11 (CONT'D)

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- b. New Kiosk for prescription drug disposal collection
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8. TOWN BUSINESS

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Mr. Andrews spoke about the Health Care holiday premium – Selectman Winslow stated that she does not believe that taking money from the health care trust fund to fund a one time gap will only leave us in the same place next year is a wise idea. She said if there is excess in the trust fund it tells her that we have been overpaying the trust fund and perhaps changing and lower the contribution rate for both the town and the employee over the long hall would be the better way to go. Selectman Holmes asked the school dept if they are using \$971,000 to fund school operations. Operations are an annual expense what happens next year? He said the answer was that next year the town is going to chip in \$500,000. Selectman Holmes did research on premium holidays and said that it's happened in other towns in Massachusetts over the past years without very good results. He also checked with the DOR and they said it was legal, unwise and not recommended therefore; he will not be supporting the memorandum. Selectman Schneider said that for the most part he does agree with both his colleagues. He said that the fund should be used for a one-time operation expenses and also said that the school would still have a 2.4 million school bus problem next year. Selectman Schneider stated that he wouldn't support it as well. Selectman Begley asked if the MOU was done at a school committee meeting? Chairman Cruz stated that it was a meeting with Dr. Rabinovich, himself and Mr. Andrews. Selectman Begley feels that the school department needs to have their budget looked at the same way the Town's budget is looked at with a great deal of scrutiny. Chairman Cruz stated that the money has to come from somewhere. Mr. Andrews said by having the independent auditors looking at this account he could say that this is a healthy fund balance and they have protected themselves with stop loss insurance.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved that the Board of Selectmen reject the Memorandum of Understanding health care premium holiday. Selectman Winslow seconded for discussion. Selectman Winslow said that she couldn't support this MOU as there has to be a better way. Selectman Begley said that she couldn't support this unless she knew that it was only going to be a one-time event. Selectman Schneider said from his point he would like to send a message to town meeting that it's legally acceptable but he's something that he is not prepared to do.

VOTE: 4-1-0 (Selectman Cruz opposed)

Selectmen's vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 5-23-11 (CONT'D)

Article 3 – Transfer of \$152,000 to fund the Revaluation of real estate. The Board's consensus is to table this article and present an amendment in the Annual Town Meeting Budget article that the funds be incorporated into the budget article.

Article 4 - Transfer of \$720,169.91 from Free Cash. The Board's consensus is to table this article and present an amendment the Annual Town Meeting Budget article that the funds be incorporated into the budget article.

Selectmen's vote on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Article 6 – Fiscal Year 2012 Budget

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved for Favorable Action on Article 6. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectmen Holmes and Winslow opposed)

Article 8 - \$150,000 to Stabilization Fund.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved Favorable Action on Article 8. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Article 13 – Use of revolving fund for all day kindergarten

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved Favorable Action on Article 13. Selectman Winslow seconded.

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

Article 14 – Use of revolving fund for special education

MOTION: Selectman Schneider moved Favorable Action on Article 8. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Article 26 - Funds to pay for second year lease on police cruisers and SUV.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved Favorable Action on Article 26. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Article 27 – Funds to purchase defibrillators for police vehicles. Article has been withdrawn.

Article 28 – Funds for 1st year of 3-year lease of 3 new police cruisers

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved Favorable Action on Article 28. Selectman Begley seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Selectman Holmes and Winslow abstained)

Article 29 - Impose local room occupancy tax - Article to be withdrawn.

9. SEWER BUSINESS
(None)

10. LIAISON REPORTS
(None)

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 5-23-11 (CONT'D)

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Winslow moved to adjourn the meeting and to be continue it to May 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Wareham High School Cafeteria should Town Meeting continue.
(Selectman Begley seonded)

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

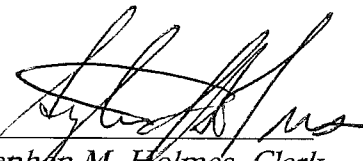
Respectfully submitted

Rebecca Benitez-Figueroa

Transcriptionist

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners on: 11-8-11

Attest:


Stephen M. Holmes, Clerk

Date Signed: 11-8-11

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 11-28-11

