

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: October 1, 2013
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Attorney Rich Bowen

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

West Wareham Academy is selling cookbooks for \$10 and they can be purchased at the West Wareham Academy and also at the Superintendent's Office.

The Wareham Library Foundation will be hosting "Murder Mystery" on November 22nd

A total of 44 Wareham High School students have earned Adam Scholarships

Selectman Whiteside urged residents to clean up after their dogs, especially if you're walking your dog along the sidewalk.

Selectman Tropeano apologized to the residents for his attendance issues. He stated that it has been a difficult time and stated that he will be re-engaged.

Selectman Holmes wanted to give a shout out to the Stonebridge Inn for beautifying the property by putting up side awnings.

Selectman Holmes wanted to thank Sandra Besse from Shellpoint Realty for all years in Onset and wanted to wish Conway on the Bay well in their new location.

Wareham's Coffee Hours guest this week will be Eleanor Martin from the Onset Bay Association. The coffee hour will begin at 9am on October 3rd and is held in room 225 at the Multi Service Center.

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The VFW will be hosting a Pig Roast Fundraiser on Sunday October 6th from noon – 8pm.

1st Annual Wareham/Onset Scarecrow Festival will be on display Friday, October 11th along Main Street Wareham & Onset Avenue

Golf Tournament sponsored by Box 5 Association & Onset Bay Association will be held on October 12th at the Bay Pointe Club.

Selectman Slavin read a letter from Kenny Fontes regarding the Hammond School Lease agreement with the Boys & Girls Club (as attached).

Chairman Teitelbaum spoke about the Dog By-law recently being signed by Governor Patrick.

Fall Town Meeting will be on October 28th at 7pm at the High School Auditorium.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Dorothy Heath

Ms. Heath stated that she has been in contact with Senator Pacheco's office asking what the status is on the Sewer Commissioners bill. She went on to say that she was given House bill # S1856.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Appointment/Interview
- c. Approval of regular session meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 & September 17, 2013; Executive session meeting of September 10, 2013

MOTION: September Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2013 as written. Selectman Slavin seconded.

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

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2013. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of September 10, 2013. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

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

6 LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. Request for use of town roads by Wareham Middle School, c/o Bethany Chandler, 4 Viking Drive for their annual Readers become Leaders 5K Race from the Minot Forest School to Great Neck Road to R.D. Stillman Drive and

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back to the Minot Forest School on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 P.M.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application for use of town roads by Wareham Middle School, c/o Bethany Chandler, 4 Viking Drive for their annual Readers become Leaders 5K Race from the Minot Forest School to Great Neck Road to R.D. Stillman Drive and back to the Minot Forest School on Sunday, October 20, 2013 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 P.M. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Request for the use of town roads by Wareham Veterans Council, c/o William R.C. White, for the use of town roads for their Annual Veterans Day Parade. The parade starts at Besse Park down Main Street, left up Chapel Hill to Marion Road to Viking Drive and end at the Town Hall on Monday, November 11, 2013 starting at 10:30 A.M.

Present before the board: Sharon Boyer & Bob White

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application for use of town roads by Wareham Veterans Council, c/o William R.C. White, for the use of town roads for their Annual Veterans Day Parade. The parade starts at Besse Park down Main Street, left up Chapel Hill to Marion Road to Viking Drive and end at the Town Hall on Monday, November 11, 2013 starting at 10:30 A.M. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Application for One-Day All Alcohol License from Dudley L. Brown, Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Park Road, Onset for a Pig Roast Fundraiser on October 6, 2013 from 12:00 noon – 8P.M.

Present before the board: Paul Rose

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application for a One-Day All Alcohol License from Dudley L. Brown, Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Park Road, Onset for a Pig Roast Fundraiser on October 6, 2013 from 12:00 noon – 8 P.M. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Application for One-Day All Alcohol License from Dudley L. Brown Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Park Road, Onset for a Car Show Fundraiser on October 26, 2013 from 12 noon – 6 P.M.

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to approve the application for a One-Day All Alcohol License from Dudley L. Brown Post 2846, 4 Gibbs Park Road, Onset for a Car Show Fundraiser on October 26, 2013 from 12 noon – 6 P.M. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. SEWER BUSINESS

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- a. Funding source for contract 2 (waiting on DOR Review)
- b. Any other sewer business

The board will be voting on the rate next week.

8. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Discussion on guidance to Town Administrator for the next year.
Selectman Whiteside thanked Mr. Sullivan for providing the up to date financial info.
Selectman Slavin would like to go over the expense reports at the next meeting.

b. Continued discussion re: Social Media Policy
The board will look this policy over and vote on it next week.

c. Continued discussion re: Carver, Wareham, Marion Regional Refuse District
and SEMASS agreements.
Selectman Holmes was appointed last week.

d. Audit Committee – Present revised guidelines
Present before the board: Bill Heaney
Mr. Heaney went over the Audit Committee Guidelines and who should be appointed
to this committee.

e. Discussion and favorable action votes on Fall 2013 Town Meeting Articles

Article #1 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #2 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #3 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Whiteside seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #4 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #5 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #6 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Whiteside
seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #7 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Whiteside
seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #8 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman
Holmes seconded. VOTE: 3-2-0 (Selectman Whiteside & Slavin opposed)

Article #9 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Whiteside
seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

Article #10 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Whiteside
seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)

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- Article #11 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)
- Article #12 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved no action. Selectman Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)
- Article #13 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #14 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #15 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #16 **MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved no action. Selectman Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)
- Article #17 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman Whiteside seconded. VOTE: 3-1-1 (Selectman Holmes abstained Selectman Tropeano opposed)
- Article #18 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman Holmes seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0 (unanimous)
- Article #19 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #20 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #21 **MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved favorable action. Selectman Slavin seconded. VOTE: 2-2-1 (Selectman Slavin & Tropeano opposed, Selectman Holmes abstained)
- Article #22 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #23 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #24 -- The board will vote on this next week
- Article #25 **MOTION:** Selectman Slavin moved favorable action. Selectman Whiteside seconded. VOTE: 0-5-0
- Article #26 **MOTION:** Selectman Whiteside moved no action. Selectman Slavin seconded. VOTE: 3-1-1 (Selectman Tropeano opposed, Selectman Slavin abstained)

f. Update on Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Selectman Slavin & Selectman Whiteside will get together and update the board

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

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

The DOR sent a letter stating that they would be starting the audit at the WPCF sometime in mid-January. The project should be completed in 6-8 weeks.

The meals tax disbursement for September received was \$128,101. The Local option room tax received was \$19,541.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

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Selectman Slavin & Chairman Teitelbaum attended the announcement of the South Coast Rail in New Bedford.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Note: Selectman Tropeano wasn't in the room at the time of vote.

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

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

Attest: _____

Alan H. Slavin, Clerk

Date Signed: 10/15/13

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 10/22/13

Attachment 10/1/13 meeting minutes

Steve Holmes

From: Kenny Fontes [kwf1488@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2013 10:19 AM
To: Peter Teitelbaum; aslavin@wareham.ma.us; Derek Sullivan; Steve Holmes; ptropeano@wareham.ma.us; jwhiteside@wareham.ma.us; Kimberly Shaver-Hood
Subject: Hammond Lease

Good Morning:

On behalf of the staff, parents and children of the Boys & Girls Club, we want to thank you for your support. In the end, it's all about the kids and you showed that last night with the approval. We are jumping around with joy and now we have a home that we can only build on to be a better place for the community. We are already in the process of getting the building cleaned up and some landscaping to make the kids and the neighborhood proud.

I understand Mr. Holmes concerns, and I must say that I'm in full agreement on this. Sal Pina and I have had some conversations and we are all on the same page. I know Mr. Holmes cares about the kids and he has expressed that to me. Taking off my Boys & Girls Club hat and switching to my School Committee hat :) I think it's time to have the discussion of turning the building over to the town and CEDA as the custodians makes sense to me. Of course, that's a decision of the Selectmen, I'm sure going forward this is going to be a topic of discussion and I just want to let it be known that I do support this idea.

Again, thank you for believing in us, and if I can be of any help going forward, I'd be happy to assist.

Kenny Fontes
Unit Director Boys & Girls Club of Wareham

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October 2, 2013

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Kenny Fontes, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty and Rhonda Veugen as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Veugen at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Fitzgerald, 5th grade teacher and WEA President, offered congratulations to the staff at Wareham High School as a Level 1 school and the staff at the Minot Forest School, whose level went up a bit, on the recent MCAS results. He stated that no one is happy that Wareham is still a Level 3 district in the Commonwealth but he is optimistic with the leadership that this will change. He also thanked the staff of the Cooperative, West Wareham Academy and East Early Childhood Center for their hard work in preparing students for the MCAS.

GOOD NEWS

Superintendent Shaver-Hood shared the following good news:

- 44 students in the Class of 2014 received the John & Abigail Scholarship Award and she will be inviting them to come to a School Committee meeting
- 13 Wareham students who scored perfect scores on the MCAS in ELA, Math, and/or Science will also be invited to a School Committee meeting
- Wareham Middle School has been invited to participate in The Climate Lab: An innovative strategy for learning Climate Science, Grades 7 & 8.

Dr. Sylvia announced that the Drive for your School fundraiser at Wareham High School this past Saturday raised \$6,000.

Mr. Swett announced that last night our Superintendent, our Director of Curriculum and he presented at the MASC District VII meeting on Educator and Superintendent Evaluation Process used by Wareham. The five year collaborative efforts between the teachers' association and administration/School Committee is the envy of quite a few districts in the collaborative.

Dr. Sylvia announced that Mr. Swett was appointed Chair of MASC Division VII.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2013, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Update on Decas School Playground

Jennifer MacKerron, Kelly Powers, Nicole Mazzoli, Tiffany DeBlois of the Decas School Playground Committee were present.

Ms. MacKerron stated that the playground project began two years ago with the demolition in Phase I followed by multiple fundraiser initiatives including Lowe's Heroes Helps who donated their employees' time and items. Phase II was the purchase of new equipment and a Community Build. Phase III was the purchase and installation of Swings. The playground is now complete. \$40,000 was raised plus many local businesses donated items and food for the volunteer workers.

There were comments and questions from the School Committee as well as congratulations on a job well done. This is a model lesson of a community coming together.

MCAS Results – District Overview

Jan Rotella, Curriculum Director, gave the following district overview of the MCAS results. The school principals will be giving their school results with their improvement plans at future meetings.

- Progress and Performance Index (PPI) –
100% proficiency was an unrealistic goal so last year DESE changed to halving with the 2011 results as our baseline; multiple indicators are awarded points; high needs students counted once, in one subgroup called “high needs”.
5 PPI Multiple Indicators
Cumulative PPI score = 4 years of data
District is at the level of its lowest school’s level
Student groups with PPI
Percent proficient or higher ELA, Math, Science (all 2013 scores are based on common core standards)
District & State CPI Aggregate Trends – scores and targets for 2013 and 2017
- Data, Results and Plans
Analyzing with purpose; design and implement improvement plans; develop and implement instructional plans; improve instructional strategies; provide professional development that is targeted and high quality

Mrs. Rotella stated that the June warrant article funds purchased aligned elementary literacy & reading programs and aligned high school math programs.

There were questions and comments from the committee members.

- What are the 2014 targets? ELA 89; Math 82; Science 83.5
- Should have quarterly/monthly reporting with benchmark testing.
- What is the definition of Percentile in School Type under 2013 Accountability Data?
- Need to negotiate with union to infuse professional development and real common planning time into the system.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that she will be inviting the principals beginning the second meeting in October to present their school improvement plans in regard to how to improve their MCAS scores. She has asked for specific measurements in the smart goal.

Special Education Overview

Dr. Sue Anne Marks reviewed her special education proposal:

1. Conduct a review
2. Assemble a community of stakeholders to review findings and analyze it
3. Propose model adjustments

By January/February and then by the end of the school year, she will present recommendations and report back in stages.

The committee members had questions and comments. The Chair asked that these recommendations be SMART Goals with measurements.

Budget Process Timetable

Michael MacMillan reviewed what went into the timeline. He asked that if the timeline meets with the Committee’s approval, the dates of the budget presentations to the School Committee will need to be changed. He recommended a workshop date to vote on the FY15 Budget Guidelines.

The Committee set a workshop meeting for Thursday, October 10th 6PM-7PM at the WMS Library.

Superintendent’s Report

- Welcoming Schools Challenge – faculty/staff/others interested on how to make our entrances friendlier. Proposals will be submitted by October 15th and the winning school will receive a \$200 grant.
- Enrollment is 2,804 students as of October 1st
- Chair Veugen and the Superintendent met yesterday with the Town Administrator and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen on the Town Meeting warrant article for the high school roof. The town asked if a portion of the \$60,000 cost for a feasibility study could come from the school district’s LEA budget then

the Board would support borrowing upfront from the town. There was a concern whether expending our district funds would count as beginning of a capital project? If yes, then it is necessary for the warrant article at town meeting because it's a capital project.

Dr. Sylvia stated that the article only authorizes the town to borrow but it does not have to borrow. The town can come up with a different source of funding.

Chair Veugen suggested changing the article language in order to get favorable action by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that the feasibility study would start once Town Meeting approves funding .

There are funds available from a Police Department grant for the School Resource Officer that the town can give the school department to help pay towards the cost of the feasibility study.

Chair Veugen suggested we can keep the article as written and then talk on the town meeting floor but negotiate where money will come from.

Mr. Swett wanted a sense of direction from the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on its support of the total project before spending the \$60,000 from our budget.

School Committee Reports

- Appointment of Sub Committees/Advisory Committees –
 Supt Advisory – the Superintendent will come back with her proposal.
 Budget Advisory – Mr. Swett/Dr. Sylvia
 Cape Cod Collaborative – Mrs. Veugen
 Onset Women's Club Scholarship – Mr. Fontes
 Policy Review – Mr. Flaherty/Mr. Swett
 Negotiations – WEA Units – Mr. Swett/Mrs. Veugen; Secretaries – Mr. Flaherty/Dr. Sylvia; Custodians,
 Bus Drivers, Cafeteria – Mr. Fontes/Dr. Sylvia

Dr. Sylvia stated that he would be willing to work on the budget advisory committee and asked if anyone perceived a conflict of interest. The members did not perceive any conflict.


Any other business

- a. Dr. Sylvia asked for the reports on AP and Class Size. The Superintendent will have these at the next meeting.
- b. Mr. Swett thanked Superintendent Shaver-Hood and Mr. MacMillan for the bus numbers. He stated that these numbers will be manageable and the bus drivers love the cameras on the buses.

Dr. Sylvia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Mass DESE John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Letters for Students in the Class of 2014
 Ocean Explorium Letter of September 24, 2013
 Power Point WPS Accountability & MCAS Results 2013
 2013 Accountability Data – Wareham
 Special Education Department Review Proposal – September 27, 2013
 WPS Budget Process Draft Timeline – September 16, 2013

Welcoming Schools Challenge
2013-2014 Committee Assignments
Superintendent Advisory Committee (proposal)
Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice List

