

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2013
Date of Transcription: November 20, 2013
Transcribed by: Janet Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved that Selectman Tropeano serve as Clerk pro-tem. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Whiteside congratulated the Decas School students that were inducted into the National Elementary Honor Society.

Tickets are still available for the Murder Mystery at the Library. The cost for the tickets is \$30 and will be on sale at the door.

Selectman Whiteside spoke about the 50th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Each Selectman said that they all remember exactly where they were on that date.

Selectman Holmes spoke about his visit to the dump and stated that they have a place for people to dump leaves.

A coyote seminar will be held On Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 in the Wareham Town Hall Cafeteria.

Chairman Teitelbaum met with Representatives from The Mass Department of Transportation, Gatra as well as Salvadore Pina behind Merchants Way to discuss a location for a train stop. They will be installing a 300 foot platform behind the old

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 11-19-13 (CONT'D)

Getty Gas Station which will be handicap assessable. The Cape Flyer will be stopping there so that people can go either down the Cape or to Boston.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Joseph Mulkern, Chairman of the Disability Commission
Mr. Mulkern spoke about the lack of quorum with the commission. Some discussion ensued on the process to remove a member. Mr. Mulkern also spoke about the spaces at the town hall not being in compliance.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of the regular session meeting minutes of October 15, 2013; November 5, 2013; November 12, 2013; Executive session minutes of October 28, 2013

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the regular session meeting minutes of October 15, 2013. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the regular session meeting minutes of November 5, 2013. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the regular session meeting minutes of November 12, 2013. Selectman Tropeano seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Holmes abstained)

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of October 28, 2013. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

6 LICENSES & PERMITS

Name change for Class II License for AKJ Auto Sales, Inc., 2234 Cranberry Highway, W. Wareham, MA.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved to approve the name change for AKJ Auto Sales. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. 7:15 Hearing – FY14 RESIDENTIAL FACTOR

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to open the public hearing. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 11-19-13 (CONT'D)

Present before the board: Elsa Miller, Steve Curry & David Smith

Discussion ensued on the shifting of the tax burden. The average tax bill for residential is \$2615 for residential and \$6805 for commercial customers.

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to close the public hearing. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Tropeano moved to accept the residential factor of one. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. SEWER BUSINESS

- a. Funding source for contract 2 (waiting for audit by DOR)
- b. Any other sewer business (none)

9. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Discussion on guidance to Town Administrator for the next year.
- b. Any other town business not reasonably anticipated 48 hours prior to the posting of this meeting. (none)

10. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that the auditors have been in the office for a week now. Mr. Sullivan stated that the town receives \$1.3 million in revenue a year for people who own 2nd homes in Wareham with Personal property tax.

11. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectman Tropeano said that the joint meeting with the Finance Committee, School and the Board of Selectmen went very well.

Chairman Teitelbaum wanted to thank Selectman Slavin for all his years of trying to get the Cape Flyer to the town.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS MEETING - 11-19-13 (CONT'D)

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

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

Attest: 

Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk, pro-tem

Date Signed: 1-7-14

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 1-10-14