

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2014

Date of Transcription: May 21, 2014

Transcribed by: Janet Wilson

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved that Peter Teitelbaum serve as the Clerk.
Chairman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Whiteside stated that since nothing was planned this year in town to celebrate Memorial Day she wanted to read into the record the following: Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union sailors and soldiers. During the first national celebration, former Union General and sitting Ohio Congressman James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there. Selectman Whiteside also went on with more facts (as attached).

The Joseph X. Vasconcelos Memorial Foundation will be held on June 21st.

A Fireworks Fundraiser Fund will be held on Thursday, June 5th at Mezza Luna from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Tickets are \$10.

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Parents are urged to watch their children at the train stop for the Cape Flyer since this train is faster than the trash train. Currently there is a holdup due to the ADA instructing the MBTA they must install a covering on the platform.

The Summer of Celebration 2014 will be having a clambake will be held on June 22nd at Zecco Marine. The cost for the tickets is \$50.

On June 24th the Massachusetts Stormwater Forum will be held at the Westin in Waltham, MA.

Please check with the Harbormaster's Office before shellfishing since the Division of Marine Fisheries has announced several closings.

House Bill SB-1856 (Wareham Sewer Commissioners bill) was enacted by the House yesterday and should be en route to the Governor's desk.

The bill for the 4 additional liquor licenses is at Senator Pacheco's office and will be heading to the senate.

House Bill 1115 (Modular Home Bill) has been sent to study.

On June 18th the SEED Corporation & Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank will be presenting a Free Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop from 9am-noon at their new branch at Rosebrook.

We are on the list with SRPEDD for the Mass Works Program.

The Attorney General has approved the date change that was article 18 on the warrant.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Chet Haitsma

Mr. Haitsma was asking if the board could place on their next agenda the motel hotel regulations. Chairman Slavin stated that it's a Board of Health regulation and will be discussed at their meeting tomorrow night. Chairman Slavin will schedule this for the 10th of June.

Present before the board: Dorothy Heath

Ms. Heath wanted to thank the Selectman for getting the bill passed for the Sewer Commissioners to the point where residents can vote on this next year. She also suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Susan Williams Gifford and Sen. Pacheco.

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Present before the board: Jim & Mary Bruce

Mrs. Bruce wanted to speak about trash issues in town, first she mentioned that there was a car accident on Saturday on Charge Pond Road and noticed that the tail lights and glass from the accident was still at the scene. She also brought in 4 trash bags of nips that were all collected in a 500' section next to the train bridge. Ms. Bruce also talked about the crosswalks in Onset – Mr. Sullivan stated that Municipal Maintenance has already gone and painted them this afternoon. Mr. Bruce said unfortunately the trash issue is due to a handful of people and most people keep the front of their homes and businesses up. He also thanked Selectman Whiteside for her commentary on Memorial Day. Chairman Slavin stated that as far as the debris from the car accident, it's the responsibility of the tow company to clean up the area when they tow the vehicle away.

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin asked about the trash committee? She also said that the first Police Officer that hands out a ticket for littering will receive a pan of fudge from her.

5. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES

Selectman Whiteside stated that a couple of residents sent a letter about the cleanup needed at the Lopes Field and followed through with a group of residents on May 10th and did a cleanup day. Certificates were presented to the people who organized this project Roger & Pat Long and Jerry & Mary Kiley.

6 LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. One day wines & malt application by Teah Mazzoni

Present before the board: Teah Mazzoni

Ms. Mazzoni was before the board seeking one day liquor to celebrate the 1 year anniversary of her business Anchor Me Bracelet.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the one day beer and wine license for Teah Mazzoni on May 31, 2014 at the Box Mill Hall from 6pm-11pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Request for use of Town roads by Wareham Summer of Celebration 2014, c/o Rudy Santos for the use of Viking Drive and Kennedy Lane for a Fire Muster and Public Safety Events on July 13, 2014 from 11am-8pm.

Present before the board: Joe McGonnell & Claire Smith

Mr. McGonnell explained the events planned for that day.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Request for use of Town roads by Wareham Summer of Celebration 2014, c/o Rudy Santos for the use of Viking Drive and Kennedy Lane for a Fire Muster and Public Safety Events on July 13, 2014 from 11am-8pm. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- c. Request for use of Town property by Wareham Summer of Celebration 2014, c/o Malcolm Phinney for the use of Tremont Nail Factory site, Town Green and the Old Town Hall Parking Lot on June 13th, 14th and 15th from 10am-8pm for Redcoats & Residents Craft & Living Program and Encampment.

Present before the board: Malcolm Phinney
Mr. Phinney spoke about the events planned.

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve the Request for use of Town property by Wareham Summer of Celebration 2014, c/o Malcolm Phinney for the use of Tremont Nail Factory site, Town Green and the Old Town Hall Parking Lot on June 13th, 14th and 15th from 10am-8pm for Redcoats & Residents Craft & Living Program and Encampment. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- d. Request for use of Town property by the Wareham Summer of Celebration 2014, c/o Malcolm Phinney for the use of the Wareham River and Oakdale Boat Launch for the Redcoats & Residents Reenactment for Pyrotechnic Barge to simulate Attack by the British on June 15, 2014 from 9am-4pmm.

Present before the board: Malcom Phinney

Selectman Whiteside seconded.

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VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. SEWER BUSINESS

- a. WPCF billing system

Present before the board: Guy Campinha

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Chairman Slavin stated that all five members of the board were not present; therefore it would be best to wait to have a discussion on this.

b. Sewer policies

Chairman Slavin also stated that effective May 1st of next year a new Board of Sewer Commissioners will be elected and felt it might be best for them to look over the policies to make any changes.

c. Reset workshop on EDU System – June 21st

d. Proposed grease ordinance

Mr. Campinha spoke about some of the highlights in the grease ordinance policy. He spoke about restaurants being responsible for the maintenance of the grease traps, monthly inspections of restaurants and also pumping of the grease traps. This will be sent to Town Counsel to look over before they vote on it.

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

8. TOWN BUSINESS

a. Update from Town Counsel on Special Municipal Employee exemptions. Attorney Bowen checked with the State Ethics Commission and all boards and members must be treated the same. In order for one member to be given Special Municipal Employee exemptions it must be given to all members of that board.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Municipal Maintenance Department has been working on the cemeteries in town in order to get the ready for Memorial Day. He stated that 13 spigots and piping were stolen from the Agawam Cemetery and apologized to the families of the people who have loved ones at that cemetery.

The three new kiosks have been installed in Onset and they are working on getting the proper signage.

This past week he has been in labor negotiations.

10. LIAISON/INITIATIVE REPORTS

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Selectman Whiteside attended labor negotiations with the School Committee on behalf of the Selectmen, this is an ongoing process.

Selectman Teitelbaum said the Beach & Tourism Committee met last week and they are going to be adding a 5th member to have a full committee.

Chairman Slavin stated that the Bike Path Committee met with the Bike Path Committee and they have scoped out both roads and still appears that Minot Avenue is the road of choice. He also had a Public Safety Action Committee and will be meeting with the Prudential Committee on Thursday to continue discussion on possibly sharing resources.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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/Sewer Commissioners on: 7-8-14

Attest: 
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Clerk, pro-tem

Date Signed: 7-8-14
Date sent to the Town Clerk: 7-9-14

Attachment 5/20/14
meeting minutes

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The History of Memorial Day

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“We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue.”

– James A. Garfield
May 30, 1868 Arlington National Cemetery

This event was inspired by local observances of the day that had taken place in several towns throughout America in the three years after the Civil War. In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800s, many more cities and communities observed Memorial Day, and several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

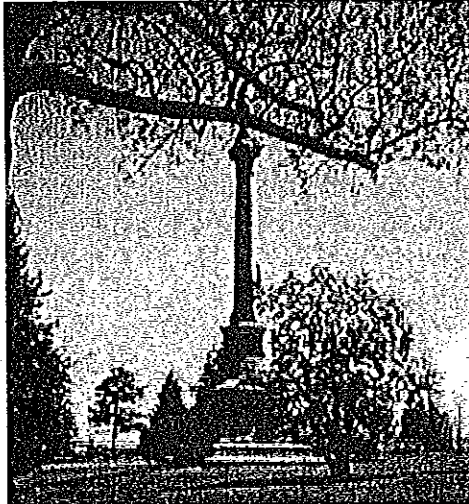
When Is Memorial Day?

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be celebrated on the last Monday of May. Several southern states, however, officially celebrate an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead, sometimes referred to as a Confederate Memorial Day: January 19 in Texas; third Monday in Jan. in Arkansas; fourth Monday in Apr. in Alabama and Mississippi; April 26 in Florida and Georgia; May 10 in North and South Carolina; last Monday in May in Virginia; and June 3 in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the President or Vice President lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

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The Gettysburg Address

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 19, 1863

On June 1, 1865, Senator Charles Sumner referred to the most famous speech ever given by President Abraham Lincoln. In his eulogy on the slain president, he called the Gettysburg Address a "monumental act." He said Lincoln was mistaken that "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here." Rather, the Bostonian remarked, "The world noted at once what he said, and will never cease to remember it. The battle itself was less important than the speech."

There are five known copies of the speech in Lincoln's handwriting, each with a slightly different text, and named for the people who first received them: Nicolay, Hay, Everett, Bancroft and Bliss. Two copies apparently were written before delivering the speech; the remaining ones were produced months later for soldier benefit events. Despite widely-circulated stories to the contrary, the president did not dash off a copy aboard a train to Gettysburg. Lincoln carefully prepared his major speeches in advance; his steady, even script in every manuscript is consistent with a firm writing surface, not the notoriously bumpy Civil War-era trains. Additional versions of the speech appeared in newspapers of the era, feeding modern-day confusion about the authoritative text.

Bliss Copy

Ever since Lincoln wrote it in 1864, this version has been the most often reproduced, notably on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. It is named after Colonel Alexander Bliss, stepson of historian George Bancroft. Bancroft asked President Lincoln for a copy to use as a fundraiser for soldiers (see "Bancroft Copy" below). However,

because Lincoln wrote on both sides of the paper, the speech could not be reprinted, so Lincoln made another copy at Bliss's request. It is the last known copy written by Lincoln and the only one signed and dated by him. Today it is on display at the Lincoln Room of the White House.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln
November 19, 1863

Nicolay Copy

Named for John G. Nicolay, President Lincoln's personal secretary, this is considered the "first draft" of the speech, begun in Washington on White house stationery. The second page is written on different paper stock, indicating it was finished in Gettysburg before the cemetery dedication began. Lincoln gave this draft to Nicolay, who went to Gettysburg with Lincoln and witnessed the speech. The Library of Congress owns this manuscript.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal."

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We come to dedicate a portion of it, as a final resting place for those who died here, that the nation might live. This we may, in all propriety do.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow, this ground -- The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have hallowed it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here; while it can never forget what they did here.

It is rather for us, the living, we here be dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that, from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here, gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here

