

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: February 3, 2015
Date of Transcription: February 4, 2015
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Attorney Rich Bowen

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Slavin thanked everyone for their efforts with the cleanup after the Blizzard. He thanked the Police, Fire, EMS, Harbormaster, Municipal Maintenance, Utility companies as well as A.D. Makepeace for supplying equipment.

Mr. Sullivan spoke about the amount of salt that was used during the storm and also thanked everyone for their work. He said that 60 contractors that were hired were unable to move the snow. He also mentioned that people need to think about the town workers that are out there working in very dangerous conditions and keep in mind that they are away from their own families.

Selectman Teitelbaum said that he went to Municipal Maintenance and sat there for 5 hours during the storm and he was appalled at the people that would call and scream at the workers. He said that people need to keep in mind that this was the worst storm we have seen in 100 years. He also thanked everyone for their hard work.

Selectman Whiteside thanked all first responders and the Municipal Maintenance Department for all their work during the storm.

Selectman Holmes talked a little about the Blizzard of '78 and also said that people need to plan for the blizzard, such as making sure you have enough food in the house and if you need to travel out of town to work perhaps consider staying closer to work. He said that everyone did the best they could clearing the roads and people need to be patient.

The Beach and Tourism Committee will be inviting local businesses in town to the new convention hall in Rosebrook soon to discuss tourism in the town.

Chairman Slavin stated that a cane has been found outside of the Treasurer/Collectors Office and it can be claimed in the Selectmen's Office.

This week's coffee hour guest will be Chief Walsh.

The Buzzards Play Production will be holding a "Lovers Leap" on Valentine's Day at 12:00 pm. An evening with Charlie Farren & Shaun England will also be held on Valentine's Day evening. Tickets for the show are \$10 before and \$15 at the door. The doors open at 7:30 pm and show starts at 8:00 pm.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: William Moran

Mr. Moran said that he called the Municipal Maintenance Department and was told that the contractors quit and wanted to know if that was correct. Mr. Sullivan said that they did not quit however, they were unable to keep up with the snow so rather than paying them \$70 per hour they were told to go home. He asked if the national Guard was called in, because he said he had called MEMA and was told that we did not ask for assistance. Mr. Sullivan stated that MEMA had been contacted, but that no help for the town was provided, as no emergency existed in Wareham.

Present before the board: David Maxim

Mr. Maxim was before the board saying that when he came home after the storm he had called municipal maintenance because his driveway was plowed in. He said that he hired a private contractor who came to his home twice to clean out the driveway but then the plow drivers plowed him in again. He was told that we don't send out the plow drivers to clear the ends of the driveway.

Present before the board: David Walton

Mr. Walton said that it was a nasty blizzard that we just had and people need to stop moaning and groaning. He said that if you lived through the blizzard of '78 you should appreciate the way the roads were cleared.

5. LICENSES & PERMITS (NONE)

6 TOWN BUSINESS

a. CEDA update

Present before the board: Sal Pina

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Mr. Pina said that the LaFrance Group held recruitments for the hotel at the Town Hall. He said that 200 applications were received to fill the 14 positions available. He also spoke about the grants and will be back before the board next week.

- b. Discussion re: Town of Wareham Ambulance Service, Billing & Collection policy of June 27, 1995.

Present before the board: David Evans

Selectman Whiteside will work with Mr. Evans on this policy and report back to the board in about three weeks. Also Mr. Sullivan will be reviewing this policy as well.

- c. Presentation by School Department re: Decas roof/boiler

Present before the board: Kimberly Shaver-Hood & Michael McMillian

Both were before the board seeking the board's approval to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Decas School for repairs to the roof and boiler. The board will vote on this at the next meeting.

- d. Review and vote on any submitted articles to place on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to include the Sealer of Weights & Measures Fee Schedule in the Town Meeting. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- e. Budget presentation by Town Administrator for 2016

Mr. Sullivan provided the Board with the FY16 Budget Proposal. The FY16 budget priorities are Public Safety, Financial Accountability, Funding School Department budget at a level that is 7.6% higher than the estimated minimum net school spending requirement, Risk Management. The FY16 balanced budget also changes the way in which Wareham accounts for the costs associated with the School District. For the first time the School is provided with a lump sum budget in which they are required to directly pay for such items as Health Insurance, Retirement Benefits and General Insurances. As part of the change there is a proposed mitigation fund that can be accessed only by a Town Meeting vote.

- f. Establish special town meeting dates per charter and notice of intent

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved and read (as attached) the Notice of April 27, 2015 Special Town Meeting. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Chairman Slavin asked due to the recent snow storms that the board move the date to accept non-citizen Petition articles to February 9, 2015 from February 2, 2015.

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MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to change the date to February 9, 2015 as the last day to accept non-citizen petition articles. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

g. Veterans Council formation and vote

Selectman Teitelbaum read the Wareham Veterans Council formation (as attached).

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to establish the Veterans Council formation as read. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Executive Session minutes to be released as follows: 4/27/10; 12/4/12; 2/5/13; 4/16/13; 5/14/13; 6/6/13; 8/13/13; 9/10/13; 2/18/14; 7/15/14; 9/23/14 & 10/14/14 (item moved to next week)
- c. Interview/appointment to the Veterans Council

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Julio P. Roderick, Jr. as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (VFW Representative) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2016. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Rev. Colon Wright as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (Veteran) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2017. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Steve Ruiz as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (Citizen at large) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2018. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint William R.C. White as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (Veteran) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2018. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint James E. Bruce as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (Veteran) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2018. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Teitelbaum moved to appoint Arthur Lee Jr, as a member to the Wareham Veterans Council (Veteran) to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2017. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectman Whiteside said she has been working on the re-establishment of the Veterans Council and was pleased that they were able to appoint members this evening.

Selectman Whiteside said that they are going to be inviting the Friends of the Elderly along with the COA to an upcoming meeting within the next couple of weeks.

Selectman Whiteside has been attending the meetings with the Library Board of Trustees this past month and they are working very hard to possibly find Partners and or funding that they so desperately need.

Selectman Holmes would like to update the website and bring in some students to help and Chairman Slavin asked if the board would like to appoint Selectman Holmes as the Board of Selectmen Rep to work with IT.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Selectman Holmes as the Board of Selectmen rep to work on the Towns Website. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

11. 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:

Peter W. T.
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Clerk, Pro-tem

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST

May Ann Silvi
TOWN CLERK

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Date Signed: 2-17-15

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 2-18-15



TOWN OF WAREHAM

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

54 Marion Road

Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

Attachment to 2/2/15
Meeting minutes

NOTICE OF APRIL 27, 2015 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth §

To either of the Constables of the Town of Wareham

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in accordance with the provisions of Division I, Article I, Section 3, of the By-Laws of the Town of Wareham, amended, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Wareham that a Special Town Meeting has been called by the Board of Selectmen and held at **7:30 P.M. on Monday, April 27, 2015** at which time the business of the Town Meeting shall be transacted. The last day for submission of articles to be inserted in the warrant is **Thursday, March 12, 2015**. Petition(s) articles will be accepted up until 5:00 P.M.

The Warrant for this meeting will close on **Tuesday, March 17, 2015**.

And you are hereby directed to serve this notice by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct within the Town on or before Friday, March 20, 2015.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this posting with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk.

Given under our hands at Wareham this 3rd day of February in the year 2015:

A True Copy

Attest

WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Alan H. Slavin, Chairman

Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk

Stephen M. Holmes

Peter W. Teitelbaum

Judith Whiteside

Attachment to 2/3/15
meeting minutes

WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

COMMITTEE

There shall be a committee known as the Wareham Veterans' Council, appointed by the board of Selectmen. It shall consist of nine (9) members, who shall each serve a term of three (3) years.. The initial appointments shall be staggered so that the Council seats become vacant each year.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

One member shall be designated by the VFW Post.... One member shall be designated by the American Legion Post. If these entities cease to exist members may be designated from surviving or merged Posts. One member shall be the veterans services officer. Three members shall be veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States (Honorably discharged?) Three members shall be 'at large members' who may or may not be veterans.

There shall be at least two (2) associate members; one from the Wareham JROTC program, and one from Massachusetts Maritime Academy ROTC program.

ORGANIZATION

The committee shall elect its own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk, to one year terms.

PURPOSE

To advise the Board of Selectmen and/or Town Administrator concerning Veteran's events having a patriotic significance which are sponsored by the Town; such as Memorial Day, Flag Day Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans' Day, and Services Birthdays

To plan , develop and execute such veterans' events and activities as the Council may elect to undertake.

To assist the Veterans' Agent as may be appropriate.

To promote community awareness of Veteran's and Veterans' issues.

To plan for and coordinate the placing and retrieving flags on veterans' grave as may be appropriate and necessary.

To develop and/or promote groups for veterans and their families.

To plan and coordinate with the local VA Hospitals a transportation program for veterans who need transportation to VA administered programs.

To advise the Board of Selectmen and /or Town Administrator concerning the appropriate maintenance of Town monuments and veterans' related assets, including the Memorial Listings in Town Hall.

To develop and support cooperation with local media, including local access TV, to highlight veterans' activities, issues, and programs.

