

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Date of Meeting: March 31, 2015  
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### **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator  
Attorney Rich Bowen

At this time the board recited the Pledge of Allegiance before starting the meeting.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Beach and Tourism Committee exhibition will be held at 8:30 pm on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the new Marriott.

Selectman Whiteside mentioned they have been hanging up some improved art work around the Selectmen's meeting room and the colored photos were taken by Grumpy Conway.

Selectman Whiteside attended the Veterans Council meeting and she asked them why they say the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that we do owe it to our Country.

Coffee Hour this week will be held at 9am at the Agawam Senior Center, speakers will be Deputy Moderator Joe Ashley and Judy Caporiccio who is running for the School Committee.

### **4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Present before the board: Claire Smith, Town Moderator  
Ms. Smith attended a moderators' meeting in which they spoke about electronic voting. She invited the board to attend the Town meeting in Wayland next Monday to see how the devices are used.

Ms. Smith also stated that the Finance Committee will be having four vacancies after the April election.

**5. APPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

(None)

**6. LICENSES AND PERMITS**

- a. Application by the Gleason Family YMCA, 33 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, c/o Cathleen Longfield for the use of the Town roads for their annual 5K road race through the Village of Onset on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 8am-12noon.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the application by the Gleason Family YMCA, 33 Charge Pond Road, Wareham, c/o Cathleen Longfield for the use of the Town roads for their annual 5K road race through the Village of Onset on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 8am-12noon. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**7. TOWN BUSINESS**

- a. Vote on new contract with Comcast and the Town

Selectman Teitelbaum stated that they have negotiated a new contract however the person they did negotiate with isn't authorized and they have to wait for the person who is authorized to return from a family leave. The board would need to deny the contract in order to get a 30 day extension.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved and read (as attached) that the Town of Wareham Board of Selectmen as Cable Television Licensing Issuing Authority Preliminary Assessment that the Cable Television Renewal License of Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc., should not be renewed Pursuant to Section 626(c) of the Cable Act dated March 31, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- b. Memorial Bench request

Present before the board: Family of the late Ryan Levangie

Members of the family were before the board seeking approval for a memorial bench to sit on Onset Pier.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved approval of the bench. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

Present before the board: Catherine Thomas

Ms. Thomas was also before the board seeking approval of a bench.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved approval of the bench. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- c. Presentation by Mr. Dutch on the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School budget.

Present before the board: Bob Dutch

Mr. Dutch went over the FY16 Budget Highlights – The Foundation budget increased 4.428% from FY15, no additional staffing, Chapter 70 increase \$20 per student, enrollment increase, school choice students, Mass State Post Retirement obligation, health insurance had a 10% rate increase. He spoke about the outcomes from the School 100% of the students passed the MCAS, 96.8% graduation rate, 0.3% dropout rate and 70% go on to a 2 or 4 year college. Mr. Dutch stated that they had 236 students for FY15 and 243 students for FY16.

**MOTION:** Selectman Teitelbaum moved to approve article #8. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- d. Presentation by Good Energy re: Electricity Aggregation

Present before the board: John O' Rourke

Mr. O'Rourke was before the board giving a presentation on his company's aggregate electricity purchasing program. The board expressed interested in learning more, as this program is sponsored in part by SRPEDD.

- e. Continued discussion and vote on Regular and Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

- f. Vote and approve the FY15 2nd half sewer usage omitted commitment

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the FY15 2<sup>nd</sup> half sewer usage omitted commitment in the amount of \$1688.76. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- g. Discussion and possible vote on the Senior work-off program

The Town has \$17,500 available for the Senior Work-off program and applications will be available starting April 6<sup>th</sup> and they will have to be able to work as well as qualify.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the Senior work-off program. 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.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of meeting minutes of March 10, 2015 meeting minutes

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 10, 2015. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

- c. Approval of payment of Invoice from Attorney Rich Bowen.

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the payment to Attorney Rich Bowen in the amount of \$15,000. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 10, 2015 with the correction under item 9 to change the word me to be. Selectman Teitelbaum seconded.

**VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Whiteside abstained)**

**MOTION;** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 17, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of February 17, 2015. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Sullivan showed the public what the new parking sticker will look like. The cost of the resident parking sticker is \$10 which would also allow 4 visitor passes at a cost of \$5 each. More information can be found on the web at [www.parkwareham.com](http://www.parkwareham.com)

The Veterans District is \$22,426.12 which is down.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Foster will be meeting with the Mayflower Group.

Mr. Sullivan was forwarded an article from WCVB naming the lowest taxed towns in the Commonwealth in which Wareham ranked #2 and stated that if you do figure in the fire district tax it would actually bring us to be #15.

**10. LIAISON REPORTS**

Selectman Tropeano stated that he did attend the ZBA meeting as discussed last week to show the support of the billboard sign on Cranberry Highway; however he stated that it wasn't discussed and postponed until April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chairman Slavin stated the meeting with the Lt. Governor Polito has been moved to May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am. All the surrounding towns are invited to meet with the Lt. Governor and ask questions.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Tropeano moved to adjourn. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

**VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

***Patrick G. Tropeano, Clerk***

Date Signed: 4-14-15

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4-15-15