

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 21, 2015
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator
Attorney Richard Bowen

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rob Grant from Mattapoisett will be running in the Pittsburgh Marathon next month in support of Damien's Food Pantry.

The Wareham Village Oyster Festival will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2015.

The Friends of the Wareham Free Library will be holding a used book sale on Thursday, April 30th from 5-7pm, Friday, May 1st from 10:30am-4:30pm and Saturday, May 2nd from 10:30am-1pm.

Author Anita Shreve will be at the Wareham Free Library on Thursday, April 23rd at 5pm for an interview and book signing.

Residents can recycle their sand by bringing it to the sand pile located at Municipal Maintenance on Charge Pond Road during business hours Monday-Friday.

A town wide cleanup will take place on May 31, 2015. Selectman Whiteside is looking for Zone Managers.

The Friends of the Wareham Free Library presents a Rubber Duck Race at Tihonet Pond Canal on Sunday, June 14, 2015.

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Wareham's 3rd Annual Business Expo will be held on Friday, May 8, 2015 from 11am-3pm at the Rosebrook Event Center, located at the TownePlace Suites Wareham.

Cadet Josh Childress will be the guest speaker this week during the coffee hour. He will discuss his role and his goals as a member of the Wareham Army JrROTC.

Dining for a cause will be held at the Ninety Nine Restaurant on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 4-9pm. Proceeds to benefit the Onset Beach Jazz Festival.

Jacob's Run will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at Stevie B's Onset Sports Resort, 270 Onset Ave. Donations are \$15 per bike and \$5 per additional riders.

The Last Hope K9 Rescue will be setting up a hot dog stand "Grab a dog to save a dog" at 672 County Road, West Wareham from 11:30am-1pm on May 2nd.

Selectman Slavin will be meeting on Friday with Mr. Cahir from the Hyannis Regional Transportation Office to discuss the final details on the CapeFlyer.

Chairman Tropeano held a moment of silence in memory of the passing of Zoning Board of Appeals member Mary Scarsciotti.

5. APPOINTMENTS/INTERVIEWS/REAPPOINTMENTS

a. Zoning Board of Appeals

Present before the board: James Eacobacci, Nazih Elkallassi & Jan Kendrick

All three were before the board seeking appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint James Eacobacci as an associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2016. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Nazih Elkallassi as an associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2016. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to appoint Jan Kendrick as an associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2016. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Application for (1) one day wines & malt beverages license by the Wareham Village Association, Inc.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve one day wines & malt beverages license for the Wareham Village Association, Inc., on May 3, 2015 from 10am-5pm. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Use of Town roads by Wareham Village Association, Inc., c/o Robert Brady for the Wareham Oyster Festival 5K road race to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 10am-5pm.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the application for the use of Town roads by the Wareham Village Association, Inc., for a 5K road race to be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 10am-5pm. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Update liquor policy for release of license

Selectman Slavin stated that the Director of Inspectional Services came up with 9 steps that should be taken prior to issuing a liquor license.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve the Policy to Secure License for Liquor and Common Victualler 1. Confirm zoning appropriateness 2. Apply to Board of Selectmen for license application. 3. Application is issued if applicant is qualified, but held. 4. Apply to inspectional services, fire department, water department, board of health and water pollution control facility for modifications to the unit. 5. Complete modifications and pass final inspections with all pertinent departments and obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for the premises (standard form in all modification projects). 6. Apply for change of use or occupancy. 7. Apply for a certificate of inspection (standard state certificate issued every year). 8. Request release of his license from the Board of Selectmen upon presentation of a certificate of inspection. 9. Establishment can now open. Selectman Slavin seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

- b. Presentation on the Wareham Village Parking Study

Present before the board: Lisa Jacobson from Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates and Sal Pina, CEDA Director.

Ms. Jacobson presented the board with a copy of the Wareham Village Parking Management Plan (on file at the Selectmen's Office). Ms. Jacobson stated that the study was done from the fire station to the bridge. The area has 1300 spaces, most off street and privately owned. Merchant's Way during the busiest time of day is about 50% full. She spoke about the redesign of Merchant's Way and by using Merchant's

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Way as a second Main Street it would also encourage businesses to utilize their existing back entrances as second front doors.

c. Discussion re: policy 08-10

This item was not discussed since all members of the board were not present.

d. Discussion on possibility of banning sale of nips in Package Stores.

Selectman Whiteside read an article "Thinking Out Loud In Sturbridge" (as attached) regarding the banning of nips. The board would need to present to Town Meeting a warrant article that would require a special act to ban or have a deposit on nips that are sold in Package Stores.

e. Vote on Assistant Assessor position

Mr. Sullivan stated that 15 applications were received, 7 were interviewed by the search committee which consisted of Matthew Underhill, Roxeanne Barboza and Jacqui Nichols. After all the interviews were completed they agreed that the best candidate is Steve Curry.

MOTION: Selectmen Slavin moved to appoint Steve Curry as the Assistant Assessor. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Slavin moved to affirm the hiring of Steve Curry as the Assistant Assessor under the 14 day rule. Selectman Whiteside seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

f. Vote on Town Meeting warrant articles

This item was not discussed.

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

8. SEWER BUSINESS

a. Any sewer business

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan asked Ms. Priscilla Porter to speak about a raffle being held at the Library. Ms. Porter stated that Christine Heyworzy created a quilt that is being raffled off with the proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Free Library. Tickets are only \$5 each and may be purchased at the Library.

Mr. Sullivan stated that with the recent passing of Mary Scarsciotti, the ZBA will need to make sure that they don't have any lapse in any decisions. Mr. Sullivan did suggest that boards and committees hold their meetings in the Selectmen's meeting room so they can be taped live, not tape recorded.

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Pre-Town meeting will be held tomorrow at 6pm.

The House Ways & Means Committee set the Cherry Sheet, the State aid received is \$42,008 however the tuition assessment will be \$42,730 which means a decrease of \$722.00

10. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectman Slavin attended an MPO meeting and the bridge at the Marion/Wareham line is scheduled for 2015. The Rte 6 & 28 project is still on target for FY2017 and the project cost has increased to \$17 million.

Selectman Slavin spoke with Mary at Senator Pacheco's office and they plan on voting the Sewer Commissioner's bill on April 28, 2015.

Selectman Whiteside stated that the Veteran's Council is in the process of making sure that all Veterans Graves in town are marked with the appropriate medallions along with American Flags.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
- b. Approval of executive session meeting minutes of March 31, 2015.

MOTION: Selectman Whiteside moved to approve and hold the executive session meeting minutes of March 31, 2015. Selectman Slavin seconded.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTE: 3-0-0 (Unanimous)

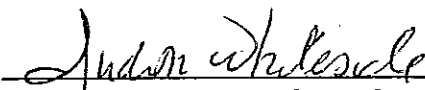
13. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted

Janet Wilson

Department Assistant

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

Attest: 
Judith Whiteside, Clerk

Date Signed: 5-5-15

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 5-6-15

Thinking Out Loud In Sturbridge

Finally, It's Spring!

Soon, color will replace the black and white world we have been stranded in for three months.

Sixty miles west of Boston, Massachusetts there is the small New England town of Sturbridge. Located at the junction of I-90 (The Mass Pike), and I-84 it has become known as the "Crossroads of New England". The town was first settled over 300 years ago, and like other small New England towns it has grown just enough over the years to be in a difficult place today. How do we embrace the future without forgetting how we got to our present? How do we attract the right kind of growth, and maintain who we are? And, what about our culture out here in Central Massachusetts?

These pages will cause one to think about how to protect what we have, our future direction, and how to move on in the very best way.

Those thoughts, and other ramblings, will hopefully inspire more thought, conversation, action, and occasionally a smile...
...seems to be working so far

Friday, April 25, 2014

Ban The Nip

I have always held a "No Interference" position when it comes to folks making decisions that I would not have made myself. I feel bad, but their life, their decision.

Unless, of course, I was asked. Then, I give my very best advice, referrals if necessary, and support.

The only other time I will speak up, whether I am asked too, or not, is when their bad decisions begin to affect me, and others.

Driving while impaired is one time I will speak up, or act up, depending on the situation. I will take your keys if you are unable to drive. I will hold those keys until a police officer comes, and then hand the entire package to them. I've done it before, I will always do it, even if I don't know jack about you. Your decision to drive could kill someone. You've already decided that your life is not worth it, but the other person did not have a voice. That's where we all come in. We are the other persons voice by proxy.

So, when I see a scenario that is becoming increasingly more dangerous, and out of control, I will speak up, and I see one getting worse now.

In The Air In Sturbridge

Sturbridge, MA

Currently | Hourly Info | 15 Days | Videos

50°F



Mostly sunny

RealFeel®: 54°F

Winds: N at 9 mph

Your Extended Forecast

Today



53°/35°

Clear

Tomorrow



51°/41°

A passing shower or two

Friday



58°/45°

Partly cloudy

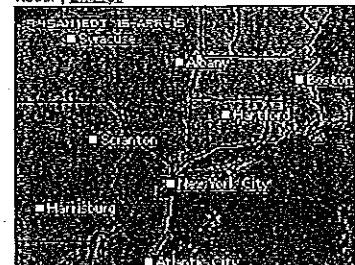
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68°/41°

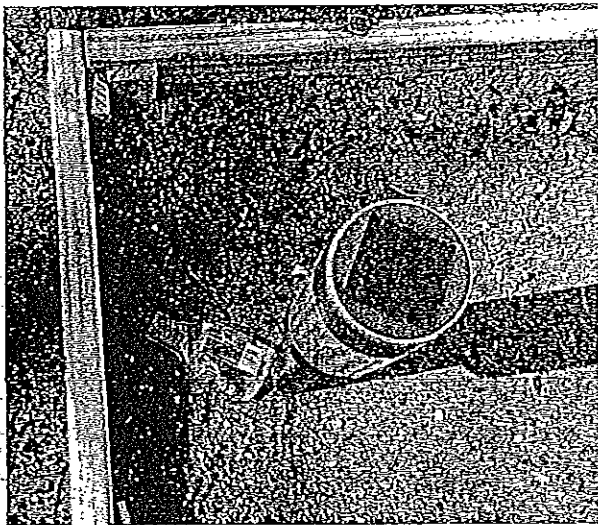
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Weather Forecast | Weather Maps | Weather Radar

Translate



A new nip found beside my front walk this afternoon.

All year long I pickup empty "nip" bottles from in front of my house. Little empty bottles of vodka, Jack Daniels, brandy, Seagrams 7, Captain Morgan will litter my front lawn year round. New bottles sprout over night as if planted the previous day. I pick them up when I see them.

I have always thought it was a bit bizarre that they appeared on my lawn. Why?

Well, the reason is that the package store down the street has a fishbowl of nips set up on the checkout counter as a point of sale feature. Much like the candy offered in the check out line at Stop & Shop, the nips are offered for the convenience of those wanting to toss back a few before getting home for the day.

That is the only purpose of a nip bottle. People don't buy nips to stockpile at home. People buy nips to suck down, and toss.

They purchase one or more, go out to their car, and by the time they have headed north on Route 148 two tenths of a mile, the bottle is empty, and planted on my lawn.

Littering I expect. I don't like it, but I live on a state road. It's going to happen. Drinking, and driving I expect as well, but making it convenient to do so, is something I don't want to see happen.

I would like to see nip bottles banned in town.

There I said it. Boy, that's going to tick a few people off, but the neat thing is most won't say a word. It'd look bad.

They serve no purpose other than what I mentioned above. People don't go to the liquor store, and stock on tiny bottles of liquor. Unless, of course, they are the size of a smurf, and it's going to last the month.

If you want to be a grownup, and have a grownup cocktail, then buy a fifth of your favorite spirit, bring it home, and open it there. The nip bottle may have served a function at one time, in a different era with a different mindset. It is irrelevant today.

One of our living room chairs is about 15 feet from the road. I never want to meet you while I am sitting in that chair.

I am offering this up to those at the helm of our town. I would like to see some conversation at the town hall about ridding the town of this useless, and potentially dangerous item.

I know. I sound like some cranky old curmudgeon one step away from yelling, "You kids get off of my lawn!", but think about it.

The nip bottle serves what purpose?

Placing a couple of dozen of them in a fishbowl at the register says what?

Maybe it's me. Maybe I just am tired of some people risking the safety, and lives of others

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