Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes October 4, 2013

The inaugural meeting of the Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Selectman Peter Teitelbaum, chairman pro tem. Also present were members Bruce Hutchins and Linda Burke.

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Teitelbaum, Mr. Hutchins was elected chair of the committee (3-0-0).

On a motion by Mr. Teitelbaum, seconded by the chair, Ms Burke was elected clerk of the committee (3-0-0).

Mr. Hutchins asked Mr. Teitelbaum to briefly discuss the purpose of the Committee. Mr. Teitelbaum said the committee's role is to provide recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding all tourism- and beach-related matters, with an overall goal of promoting the town's recreational and related assets to visitors and local residents.

Discussion occurred regarding town-owned recreational properties and any use restrictions on them.

Ms Burke distributed copies of a proposed action plan. The consensus of the Committee was to adopt the plan, as amended, as an overall agenda. Mr. Teitelbaum suggested that the committee present the approach at a future meeting of the Board of Selectmen and that the Board's assent be secured before the committee proceeds with a survey of local businesses.

Mr. Hutchins inquired whether the Town's insurance company has prepared an evaluation of town-owned recreational access and whether the committee could meet with Health Agent Bob Ethier to learn more about the Board of Health's beach testing program. Mr. Teitelbaum said he would research both of these matters.

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Teitelbaum, the committee voted to establish a regular meeting schedule of the first and third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. (3-0-0).

On a motion by Ms Burke, seconded by Mr. Teitelbaum, the committee voted to adjourn at 9:09 a.m. (3-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved 3-0-0 11/08/2013 Linde Birke, Clerk