Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee Meeting Minutes May 29, 2014

The meeting of the Wareham Beach and Tourism Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Bruce Hutchins. Also present were members Peter Teitelbaum, Linda Burke, Mary Bruce, and new member Frank Gay, as well as guest Paul Cripps of Destination Plymouth County.

Destination Plymouth County: Ms Burke provided an overview of the marketing assistance being sought from the county Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Cripps said Wareham could follow one of two models: Middleborough's, where a town group has asked for assistance in getting grant funding to create their own visitors' website, of Destination Plymouth's (the town), where a long-standing organization receives significant public dollars (a local rooms tax earmark) and private dues (such as \$5,000 from hotels with 100 rooms or more). Mr. Cripps recommended the Middleborough model and noted that Destination Plymouth County could create a section of its own website for Wareham, so long as the focus was on non-profit organizations and special events, not promotion of businesses which are not CVB members.

Mr. Cripps said the CVB could also provide assistance with the creation of a brochure to be used in conjunction with the Cape Flyer service.

After extensive discussion, the committee decided to meet on June 6 to review:

- A draft website outline and
- A draft trifold directed towards Cape Flyer users.

At a subsequent meeting, those who attended the Cape Flyer meeting in March would be invited back and asked to participate financially in the brochure on a limited level, to match CVB funds. Mr. Cripps said the CVB could serve as the fiscal agent for the project.

Approval of minutes: On a motion by Mr. Teitelbaum, seconded by Ms Burke, minutes of the May 16, 2014, meeting were approved (4-0-1).

On a motion by Mr. Teitelbaum, seconded by Ms Bruce, the committee voted to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. (5-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Burke Clerk

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