

**WEST BARNSTABLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

I. Call to order

Nancy Meagher, President called to order the regular meeting of the WBCA Annual General Meeting at 7:00 PM on January 19, 2021 via Zoom followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Election of Officers

Ed Jay, Vice President presented slate of officers for 2021 after slate gave heartfelt thanks to Gary Cremeans and John Seyffert for their service.

Proposed 2021-2022 Slate of Officers:

- President – Nancy Meagher
- Vice President – Ed Jay
- Treasurer – Bob Stolte
- Recording Secretary – Pam Chase
- Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee
- Immediate Past President – Hank Farnham

Directors: Jon Britton, Marissa Caney, Dan Dewey, Dave Kern, Tony Lovell, Dolores Schermer, Leslie Wallace, and George Zoto

17 unanimously voted to approve the slate of officers.

Nancy Meagher requested that we all work at building our membership.

Another huge thank you to George Zoto for Year in Review

III. Presentation by Mark Ells regarding funding for Barnstable Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan

Mark Ells gave a Power Point Presentation of the Wastewater Management Plan with the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Listed the challenges including Salt Water areas. Certificate of Compliance has been received. Has now gone to Cape Cod Commission. Will be a 30 year plan. Fiscal Policy is under review by Town Council. He made a plea for everyone to engage.

IV. Town Councilor's Report

Gordon Stan reported for Kris Clark. Short term rentals will be discussed in the fall. At the zoning committee meeting, effect on septic system was raised.

V. Update from State Senate

Jeffrey Soares reported for Senator Cyr. He stated that they have begun their new session – 191st 2 year session. Topics are Transportation Bond Bill, Bridge upgrade, Climate bill, Park and Ride and Economic relief for payroll, restaurants, small business, tourism and travel. He also reported that you can call the Helpline for vaccine information and anything Covid related. Barnstable County Covid 19 – 774-330-3001

VI. Update from State Representative Steve Xiarhos

Steve was sworn in on January 6, 2021. He expressed how humble and grateful he was for support received. He is willing to meet by Zoom, Microsoft, phone and e-mail. He is at steven.xiarhos@MAhouse.gov.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Bob Stolte

Annual Report posted on the WBCA website. Listed Go Fund Me as we had no festival or spaghetti supper, selling merchandise was down plus we had to buy more, Christmas decorations, WEB site and set up. \$500 to Covid relief and \$100 to Barnstable High School 2020 Celebration.

VIII. Membership – Jon Britton

Jon reported it is now time to join or renew membership. West Barnstable items are now for sale.

IX. Scholarship Committee – Welcome Sue Leary

Applications are on the Web Site. Information went to Barnstable High School and other schools that have West Barnstable Children. Go Fund Me is on the Web Site.

X. Village Update

- Kelly Depin reported that the library is open for books and tapes \$4,545.90 was raised from bottles return in December at the Transfer Station.
- Deputy Chief David Paananen reported the 1st Covid Vaccine has been given at the Barnstable Fire Station. They are in the process of grant writing for equipment and finalizing the budget for the April meeting.

XI. Special Guests

- Rose DeCosta of Management of Exterior Affairs and Nate Mayo of Vineyard Wind provided an update about their two offshore wind projects with a particular focus on onshore transmission plans in Barnstable. The first stage of onshore construction begins with seasonal road work in 2021 while the second stage is estimated to begin in 2023. Over the next several years, these two projects will provide enough renewable wind power to over 800,000 households.
- Nancy Viall Shoemaker of West Barnstable Press, gave a preview to the book that she and historian Jim Gould are working on. The research has yielded fascinating stories of women of our Town... from witches, to sea captain's wives, to businesswomen and suffragists. The book will be available at local book stores later this spring.

XII. Adjourn

Pam Chase motioned, Gary Cremeans seconded and unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 8:40PM

Minutes submitted by: Pam Chase, Recording Secretary

Minutes approved by: Name

Upcoming Events and Meetings:

- Tuesday, February 2, 2021, 7:00 PM - Board Meeting Zoom - Open for Public Opinion – flags on bridge
- Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting Zoom
- Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 7:00 PM – Board Meeting Zoom