

West Barnstable Civic Association

Meeting Minutes via Zoom

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

I. **Call to Order**

Nancy Meagher, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:05PM on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 via Zoom.

II. **Attendance**

Nancy Meagher, Jon Britton, Andy Lee, Ed Jay, Tony Lovell, Bob Stolte, Hank Farnham, George Zoto, Marissa Caney, Kris Clark, Sue Leary, and Dave Kern.

III. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of meeting minutes from March 2, 2021 meeting.

Bob Stolte motioned. Ed Jay seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

IV. **Councilor's Report**

Kris discussed the Sewer project. Webinars are now available to residents on the Town Of Barnstable website. Kris has provided a link for Civic Association to share out.

Residents will be encouraged to sign up for an e-newsletter "Community Current" that will provide ongoing updates on the wastewater management plan.

Kris is continuing to pursue the issue of trash along the railroad tracks. She also informed the group that there will now be recycling for boat shrink wrap at 6 locations across the Cape. Kris also noted an extension of oyster shell fishing at Bay Street in Osterville until April 28th.

Kris wanted to remind residents to consider filling out an application for a Town board or committee.

Lastly, Kris will pursue holding the May 18th General Membership meeting outside of the West Barnstable Fire Station. (If rain that day, then meeting will be held via Zoom)

V. **Officer Reports**

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

We continue to add new members to the Civic Association. We had several new donations to the GoFundMe for the scholarship fund. We are up to \$3400 for the scholarship account.

Ed Jay motioned. Dave Kern seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve the report.

Bob Stolte also motioned for pay the annual Post Office Bulk Fee for mailing at a cost of \$245. Jon Britton seconded the motion. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee

Nothing to report at present.

Membership – Jon Britton

It has been busy! We now have 73 current members, and the Household membership level has proved popular. There was also a discussion on ways to improve gathering phone information for members.

VI. Old Business

- a) Scholarship Committee Update. Spread the word about the GoFundMe link.

The Scholarship Committee will meet on Thursday, April 8th to outline application review process and next steps. There are six (6) applicants.

Group will continue to promote the GoFundMe site to see if we can add to the Scholarship fund. Goal of \$5000-\$6000.

- b) Earth Day Cleanup

Tony Lovell reported that the Earth Day Cleanup signs are now posted around various spots in the Village. He has also spoken with neighbors around the Village to share news of the cleanup.

Quick overview of supplies available for clean-up volunteers. There will be a sign-up sheet on the day of the clean-up, and due to COVID will include contact information for all participants. Participants will be assigned a route on the day-of.

Discussion of whether to have coffee/donuts available for volunteers. Photos will be taken and provided to Barnstable Patriot after the event.

New Business

- a) Joanne Wallace wrote to the Association to discuss the circle in front of the Meetinghouse. It is currently littered with cigarette butts left by a group that meets outside there. Asked if volunteers could help address this on Village Clean-up day.

Group discussed solutions going forward. Suggestion of a “carry in/carry out” model for the group. They could use a sand filled canister and appoint someone to make sure the area is cleaned up after their meeting. Kris noted Town would not provide a trash receptable here.

Nancy will try to find a contact for the group to discuss the issue and a solution.

- b) Village Festival Discussion

Decision still on hold. Kris noted that festival is held on Town property, so they make the final decision.

- c) May 18th General Membership

Meeting location outside at the Fire Station was proposed. If rain, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Kris Clark will pursue approval and logistics.

VII. Public Comment

No public comments at this meeting.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting Zoom

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ General Membership Meeting

X: Adjourn

George Zoto motioned. Andy Lee seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 7:59pm.

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Caney, Director