

# West Barnstable Civic Association Board Meeting

Agenda ~ Tuesday, May 4, 2021

7:00 PM ~ Via Zoom

## I. Call to Order

Nancy Meagher, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:06 PM on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 via Zoom.

## II. Attendance

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

## III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from April 6, 2021 meeting.

Dave Kern motioned. Bob Stolte seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

## IV. Councilor's Report

Kris started the meeting by expressing condolences at Pam Chase's passing.

Town Council completed the Capital Improvement Plan expenditures on April 15, 2021. The Town Manager held six webinars in February and March.

Kris reported on latest updates to Sewer plan for the Town. Of note, assessment is over a 30 year period for residents who will be moved to Sewer. Residents will be asked to vote on an override to Prop. 2 ½. One uniform cost of \$17,000 per resident.

Kris then reported on the latest updates regarding the trash blowing off the Mass Coastal Railway cars that pass through West Barnstable as well as other villages and towns on the Cape.

There was another reminder of the Boat Shrink Wrap recycling program, and upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

Update on the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) Ordinance. The updated draft can be reviewed on the Town website.

Kris has been in touch with Eversource regarding trash complaints from residents near the Oak Street Substation. Eversource has pledged to remove the trash by May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kris again reminded attendees of the WBCA meeting to consider joining a Town committee or board.

## V. Officer Reports

### Treasurer - Bob Stolte

Another active month. Memberships and scholarship donations coming in every day! \$140 in memberships and \$3000 for scholarships.

Annual bulk mail fee was paid in the amount of \$245.00.

\$8,846.58 total in scholarship fund. A great year!

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

In addition to the report, there were two bills that needed approval to be paid:

InfoTree for Website Design and Maintenance - \$199. Hank motioned and Dave seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

Annual insurance from The Hartford - \$640. A \$22 increase from last year. Bob motioned, and Andy Lee seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

### **Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee**

Andy noted that he sent a card to Pam Chase's family on behalf of the WBCA.

### **Membership – Jon Britton**

Jon reports membership sign-up has been a bit slower the past month. We are currently hovering around 75 members. We will continue to promote membership among Village residents.

Dave Kern suggested that he and Ed Jay walk around the village with postcards and distribute to residents to promote the General Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **VI. Old Business**

- a) The issue with cigarette butts at the Tommy Wallace Circle after outdoor meetings has been resolved. Nancy asked Rusty Gage about it and he arranged for a sand bucket to be placed at the location for attendees to dispose of their cigarettes.
- b) Scholarship Committee Update - Sue started the Scholarship update by offering gratitude to those who contributed to the West Barnstable Scholarship fund.

Sue then briefed the Board on the Scholarship committee's recent activities, including interview dates. The Scholarship Committee recommends awarding \$1500 to four applicants. The Committee also recommends awarding \$1000 to two applicants. An additional \$500 was donated so an email decision was made to give \$1,500 to each of the six students. Tony Lovell agreed to help two students complete their WB Community Service. Due to work schedules and college visits, they were not available to participate 4/18/21.

The Scholarship Committee was impressed by all of the applicants, and the Committee feels that all will make the Village of West Barnstable proud.

Kris offered caution that we should consider having a reserve for the scholarships, and not set expectations that the Civic Association will be able to offer scholarships each year.

Jon Britton motioned to approve. Ed Jay seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

- c) April 18<sup>th</sup> Village Cleanup

Tony Lovell reported there were about 32 volunteers who attended the Village Cleanup. The group picked up 45 contractor bags of garbage. It was a tremendous turnout!

- d) There will be a publication of the *Cornerstone* in May 2021. Nancy is working on the newsletter, and this will be mailed in advance of the May 18<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting.
- e) The General Membership meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be in the parking lot in front of the Community Building. The WBCA has been given permission to use this area. The Fire Department will provide lights, and there will be

a microphone. Chairs will be spaced 6' apart. Mark Ells will be attending the General Membership meeting to discuss Barnstable's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

## **New Business**

- a) The group discussed the passing of Pam Chase. Nancy will write a piece in the *Cornerstone* noting Pam's death and acknowledge her contributions to the village and the WBCA. The group will make a \$200 donation in her memory to the West Barnstable Educational Scholarship Fund.
- b) There was a brief discussion of the Village Festival and the Forth of July Celebration. There are still no updates, but Bob will report back after his next meeting.
- c) The group discussed the current status of the "Nip Bottle Bill." Nancy is talking to Rep. Xiarhos and has asked him to report on the status. Village Residents have been discussing this issue again.
- d) The WBCA received correspondence from Marstons Mills resident Meaghan Mort discussing the Resident Zoning Task Force and asking if the WBCA was endorsing the group. They also asked anyone interested in joining their task force to let them know:

Despite the fact that there is already a public process for addressing zoning issues and changes, and that this process includes opportunity for public comment, this Task Force seeks to create a redundant layer of regulation designed to slow down or stop homeowners from being able to create accessory dwelling units (ADU's) on their property. This petition is in response to the ADU bylaw proposal that will also be going before the Town Council for a vote in the near future. This proposal can be found here: <https://www.town.barnstable.ma.us/departments/planninganddevelopment/projects/ADU-Meeting.asp>

- e) Flag Day – Judy will allow the group to use Meetinghouse Farm for Flag Day. Chief Maruca will be in attendance, and the WBCA is working on the flyer. The event will be held on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. This event will be held in-person since it will be outdoors at the farm.

## **VII. Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

## **VIII. Meeting Dates**

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

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting Zoom

Tuesday, July 6, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting Zoom

Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting Zoom

## **IX. Adjourn**

The Board voted on a new recording secretary for the WBCA. Board voted to elect Marissa Caney to the post.

The meeting ended at 8:46 PM. Motion to adjourn by Andy Lee. Seconded by Bob Stolte. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Caney, Director