

West Barnstable Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

West Barnstable Community Building, Route 149

I. Call to Order

Nancy Meagher, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:04 PM on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at the West Barnstable Community Building on Route 149.

II. Attendance

Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, Dave Kern, Tony Lovell, Dolores Schermer, Leslie Wallace, Kris Clark, Andy Lee, Jon Britton, Marissa Caney, George Zoto and Ed Jay.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from July 6, 2021 meeting.

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

IV. Councilor's Report

COVID -19 Update

Barnstable County continues to hold weekly COVID-19 vaccine clinics in the Harborview Conference Room located at the top of the hill within the Barnstable County Complex at 3195 Main Street in Barnstable Village. Clinics will take place at this location every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Town Council agenda for August 5, 2021:

--Commander's update on Joint Base Cape Cod activities

--Town Manager Communications:

- Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan; Available options for General Fund Contribution
- Update on the Armory Renovation Project; Mark A. Milne, CPA, Director of Finance
- Elizabeth S. Jenkins, AICP, Director, Planning and Development; Update on Community Meeting on Proposed Zoning Revisions in Downtown Hyannis
- Update on the Local Comprehensive Plan RFP process

There is a two-pronged approach to the sewer financing. First, review and approve the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance which includes a sewer assessment to each individual property receiving the planned sewer. (This is now done and approved by the Town Council.) And second, discuss the use of general funds to pay for the remaining portion of cost associated with proceeding with the CWMP. The town has a scheduled workshop with Town Council on August 5, 2021 to engage in the second part of the proposed fiscal policy discussion which focuses on use of general funds.

The town has been working to open up town buildings to in-person meetings again. But recent recommendations from the Town Attorney and Town Manager is that committee, board and commission meetings revert back to virtual (Zoom) meetings. It appears that this is in response to the virulent D variant, and an influx of out of state visitors from areas with lower rates of vaccination.

Work is progressing on the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan by town staff. Procurement staff is finalizing the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the first phase of consultant work involving data collection and community visioning. The RFP will officially post on July 12th with the responses due on August 2nd. Planning &

Development staff continues to work on background, history, and existing conditions reports to give the community access to the objectives and results of past planning efforts. These efforts are being conducted in conformance with the Cape Cod Commission's local comprehensive plan guidance and regulations. Recommendation that West Barnstable form a committee.

Kris continues to remind residents to fill out an application to be appointed to a town committee, even if there are no vacancies.

There will be a vaccination station at the Village Festival.

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Bob provided a general update of our account. There were no bills this month, and we received \$500.00 for festival support from the Town of Barnstable. We had one membership payment. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jon Britton and seconded by Ed Jay. Unanimous vote taken to approve the report.

Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee

Andy sent thank you notes to sponsors and other donors for the scholarship fund, and for the General Meeting.

Membership – Jon Britton

There were no new memberships. Nancy has recently sent out an e-blast to Village residents, and there will also be a WBCA membership table at the Village Festival.

VI. Old Business

- a) There is a new flag now displayed on the Village Green.
- e) Village Festival Update

The Village Festival has been scheduled for August 21, 2021. The event will proceed as usual, and planning is in full swing. The WBCA will have a membership and t-shirt sales table, there will be food, activities for kids, and an antique car show.

Some members of the WBCA offered to volunteer for the Festival outside of the WBCA table.

VII. New Business

- a) Nancy Shoemaker has selected historic photos of the Community Building and those will be displayed in the space.
- b) There will be a General Membership meeting held in October. There are a number of local elections coming up, and the group discussed hosting candidates so residents can meet them. This includes:

Housing Authority
School Committee
Town Council Seats in 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 plus Town Clerk

It was suggested that the WBCA host the School Committee candidates.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ General Membership Meet the Candidates Meeting, WB Community Building
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building (Municipal Election 11/2)
Sunday, December 5, 2021, 5:00 PM ~ Annual Tree Lighting
Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

X: Adjourn

Jon Britton motioned. George Zoto seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 7:56pm.

Minutes submitted by: Marissa Caney, Director