

West Barnstable Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 9, 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 7:01 PM on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the West Barnstable Community Building on Route 149.

II. Attendance

Board members Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, Tony Lovell, Jon Britton, Hank Farnham, Dan Dewey, Andy Lee, Dolores Schermer, Kris Clark, Dave Kern, George Zoto and Ed Jay. Also in attendance were nomination committee volunteers Samantha Gray and Cheryl Moniz, Joanne Wallace and Fire Chief Joe Maruca.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from October 5, 2021 meeting.

Dolores Schermer motioned. Hank Farnham seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

IV. WB Fire Department Report

Chief Maruca spoke of impact of recent Nor'easter and explained the extent and duration of electrical, telephone outages and road blockages. Plum Street & Lombard Avenue blocked by trees and downed lines. Most electricity back by Saturday afternoon.

Tree cleanup addressed by WB Fire Department, DPW, and utility company workers; some issues required utility crew involvement to safely resolve the power issues.

WBFD and Sandy Neck gatehouse are the only priority power nodes in WB

Advancing a plan with Kris Clark to make Community Building an emergency warming station, offering bathrooms, electricity, internet (this is being dropped) and water (presently potable, but not very good). One issue: building not equipped for generator hook-up.

V. Councilor's Report

Work on Route 149/Route 6 overpass starting imminently after delay. Forecast duration: 22 months. There is still a vacancy on the Old King's Highway Committee. Despite nominally being closed, aspiring members might present themselves at the Nov 23rd meeting, 7-8PM.

VI. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Proposed a gift to Emergency Fund. Discussion ensues and a figure of \$200 is agreed upon.

Report shows income of \$615.04 and expenses of \$403.70, producing a Balance overall of \$5,041.40

Bob motioned. Andy seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee

No report.

Membership – Jon Britton

Three family memberships were added in the month, plus three others.

VII. Old Business

October General Membership Meeting was a success, with about 40 in attendance to meet 3 School Committee Candidates: Peter Goode, Stephanie Ellis, Andre King, .

Nomination Committee of Ed Jay and Tony Lovell will be augmented with at-Large members Samantha and Cheryl

Scholarship Fundraising Update - the Clarks donated \$400 and the associated page on our website has been updated.

November *Cornerstone* deadlines were discussed, final publication to be mailed Nov 23rd.

Holiday decorating at the Community Building and Selectman’s House were planned.

Joanne Wallace provided an update on the Dec 5th’s Annual Tree Lighting. New flag obtained.

Ed Jay welcomed Board candidate Maria.

VIII. New Business

On Nov 26th, we will be selling T-shirts at the Post Office

We decided to cancel rather than renew the WBCA Zoom Account

Discussion of Jan 18th meeting, Election of Board and Officers. Mark Ells will speak.

IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 6:30 PM ~ Board Meeting, Nancy Meagher’s home.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, WB Community Building

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 7:00 PM ~ Annual General Membership Meeting, WB Community Building

X: Adjourn

Hank motioned. Jon and Dave seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 8:25pm.

Minutes submitted by Marissa Caney, Recording Secretary from notes taken by Tony Lovell, Director.