

West Barnstable Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 6, 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 7:02 PM on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at the West Barnstable Community Building.

II. Attendance

Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, Hank Farnham, Dave Kern, Tony Lovell, Dolores Schermer, Kris Clark, Andy Lee, and Ed Jay.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from June 1, 2021, meeting.

Dolores Schermer motioned. Andy Lee seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

IV. Councilor's Report

Barnstable County will be holding 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. Pfizer vaccine.

The public hearing of the proposed Sewer Assessment Ordinance was completed at the June 1, 2021 Town Council meeting. We also approved an Appropriation Order in the amount of \$89,950 in Community Preservation Funds for the restoration work to the Barnstable Historic Society Inc.'s building at 3087 Main Street/Rte. 6A, Barnstable.

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.

The Town Council will hold another meeting on July 15, 2021, regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's).

Kris was finally successful in getting Eversource to remove the trash on Oak Street, and to develop a plan to keep the gates at that location closed and locked.

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. I recommend that we begin getting a West Barnstable committee to be in place when approached.

It was a terrific BWB parade and we were proud to have Bob and Shirley Stolte as our Grand Marshalls for this 2021 parade, as well as Wendy Northcross, riding in an open convertible as Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year. The drive through Barnstable Village, then West Barnstable Village was a good plan

with many residents gathered along the roadside to celebrate Independence Day as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you, Mother Nature, for holding off the rain!

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Bob reported that all scholarship checks have been cashed. The Town has provided their funding (\$500) for the Village Festival in August. We had three new memberships this past month. The current balance in the account is \$3902.48

There was a \$640 bill from Hartford Insurance which was paid.

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

Corresponding Secretary – Andy Lee

No updates during this meeting.

Membership – Jon Britton

Jon was not present for this meeting. Bob had reported earlier that there was a total of three new memberships this month. Two Family memberships and one Individual.

VI. Old Business

a) Trash on the Railways

Kris reported that she continues to follow up regarding the trash on the railways. The railroad reports that they have been cleaning and will continue to stay on top of it.

b) Flag on the West Barnstable Village Green

A new American flag has been raised at Village Green. Jon Britton worked with Bradford's Hardware who have generously donated flags in the past.

c) Village Festival Update

The Village Festival has been scheduled for August 21, 2021. The event will proceed as usual, and planning has started. The Field has been reserved. The permit has been applied for.

One scholarship recipient, Alex Stampfl has volunteered to do face-painting with a friend if this activity is approved. This is still to be determined. There is some concern that certain activities from previous years may not be allowed yet due to COVID-19 prevention efforts.

The Festival committee continues to seek volunteers for this event.

VII. New Business

a) There was another discussion about the Nip bottle issues. The group discussed how other towns had implemented a town-wide ban on nips. Kris indicated this would be unlikely for Barnstable.

- b) Facility Use Permit – Nancy reported that a building use permit was submitted for WBCA Board and General Membership Meetings. All dates requested were available and a facility receipt was returned to WBCA.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, WB Community Building

Saturday, August 21, 2021 ~ Village Festival

Tuesday, September 6, 2021, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, WB Community Building

Tuesday, October 3, 2021, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, WB Community Building

Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7:00PM – General Membership Meeting, WB Community Building

X: Adjourn

Bob Stolte motioned. Hank Farnham seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 7:52 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marissa Caney, Recording Secretary