

West Barnstable Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

7:00 PM

West Barnstable Community Building

Call to Order

Andrew Lee, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:00 PM.

Attendance

Board members Andy Lee, Jon Britton, Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, and Councilor Kris Clark were in attendance. Guests: Joanne Wallace, George Zoto, Mark Wirtenan, Stacy and Hector Guenther, Susanne Conley, Adam Mirick, and Bob Schulte

Approval of Minutes

A vote to approve the April 4, 2023, minutes will be taken at the June 6th Meeting as a quorum was not present.

Report from Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark

Town and local updates:

I've been working with Judge Joe Reardon, Trustee of the Lombard Trust, to work with the town manager, assistant town manager and the Legal Department to reconcile the ownership of the West Barnstable Railroad Station. The Judge contends that the Town owns the Train Station building and that the Trust merely owns the land. The Town's Legal Dept. contends that the Trust owns the Train Station. Over this past weekend, the Judge sent to the Town documents that show that the Town owns the Railroad Station and Attorney McLaughlin finally agreed. In the meantime, the Town Architect will proceed with filing the application for funds from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. We believe that this will finally be resolved.

The Town Manager has now received three letters of support for the purchase of the 18 acres of open space that is currently for sale adjacent to the Bridge Creek Conservation Area. The request for an appraisal was before the Community Preservation Committee. The appraisal has been completed, but a CPC member asked that this property also be evaluated for housing and that has not yet been done. It is zoned as Chapter 61B property, giving the Town the first right of refusal. I've been meeting with various councilors to lobby for their support.

The Town Council has voted on items that have been suggested by the Town Manager and staff for Capital Improvements to our Town. The agenda for this Thursday continues this process.

Rusty Gage and Samantha Gray are heading up the volunteer effort to place flags on Veteran's gravestones in West Barnstable. Sunday, May 28th is the targeted date for this...time to be determined.

Lombard Field has had the gates locked because some folks are using it as a dog park. Dogs were diggings holes throughout the field and urinating on the grass (kills the grass). Bags of dog poop were found inside the dugout, under the bench where players sit during the game. The gates are now open, but please pass the word that there is now a dog park in Barnstable. Dogs should not be on ball fields where users pay to use the fields.

The WB Fire District held its meeting on April 26. Ed Smith was reelected to continue as Prudential Committee member and Brian Paradise was elected as the new Water Commissioner. The next Water Commissioner's meeting will be on Monday, June 5th at 6:30pm at the WB Community Building.

Tomorrow, May 3, at 7pm, there is a public hearing from the Commonwealth of MA for the proposed transfer of land to Cape Cod Community College. It will be held at CCCC's Lorusso Technology Building, Room 114.

Herring were relayed to Mill Pond today by the MA Division of Marine Fisheries and the Marine and Environmental Affairs Division. Given that Mill Pond does not have public access, the relay was conducted on private property with the support and permission of the property owner. It is the hope that the herring will imprint on this pond and reestablish a population there. So far, the monitoring results are not encouraging from the relay efforts done in the past.

Today, I heard that due to this week's weather, MA DOT is cancelling operations for the remainder of the week. Paving and bridge joint work are rescheduled for Monday 5-8-23 and Tuesday 5-9-23, weather permitting. The detour will be in place for both of these night shifts.

Proud to serve as your councilor, Kris

****Andy will ask Marie to send a thank you note to Randy Hunt who initiated the Overpass Project.**

Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Approval of the March and April Treasurer's Reports will be postponed until the June 6th Meeting.

Bob secured 1717 Meetinghouse the 3rd Tuesday in October from now until further notice to hold the General Membership Meet the Candidates Meeting. WBCA will make a donation to the foundation each year.

West Barnstable Civic Association - Financial Reports			
MARCH 2023			
		Income	Expenses
March 1, 2023	Beginning Balance	\$7,454.18	
March 2, 2023	Memberships - Paster, Wallace	\$40.00	
March 2, 2023	Pay Pal Fees		\$2.37
March 5, 2023	Membership - Lewis	\$15.00	
March 5, 2023	Pay Pal Fees		\$1.01
March 5, 2023	Merchandise Sales - 2 "T's" & 1 Sticker	\$53.00	
March 5, 2023	Pay Pal Fees		\$2.34
March 5, 2023	Armat Fundraiser	\$301.00	
March 5, 2023	Armat Drawing Fundraiser	\$145.00	
March 5, 2023	Memberships - Jay, Schermer, Britton	\$75.00	
March 8, 2023	Memberships - Philo-Jensen (2)	\$50.00	
March 8, 2023	Pay Pal Fees		\$2.72
March 10, 2023	Scholarship	\$1,000.00	
March 10, 2023	Memberships - Leary, Starr	\$50.00	
March 14, 2023	907 - Barnstable County - MOW		\$100.00
March 17, 2023	Scholarship	\$100.00	
March 17, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fee		\$3.20
March 21, 2023	Scholarship	\$350.00	
March 21, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fees		\$10.75
March 21, 2023	908 - Lighthouse Keepers- Coffee & Pastries for 3/25/23 Social	\$150.00	
March 23, 2023	Scholarship	\$100.00	
March 23, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fee		\$3.20
March 25, 2023	Merchandise Sale - "T": Shirt	\$24.00	
March 30, 2023	Membership - Hebert	\$25.00	
March 30, 2023	Town of Barnstable-4th of July Parade	\$500.00	
March 31, 2023	Interest Scholarship Savings	\$0.22	
	TOTAL INCOME	\$2,828.22	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$275.59
	Balance as of 3/31/2023		\$10,006.81
	Checking	\$6,295.12	
	Savings-Scholarship	\$3,624.50	
	PayPal	\$187.19	

West Barnstable Civic Association - Financial Reports			
APRIL 2023			
		Income	Expenses
April 1, 2023	Beginning Balance	\$10,006.81	
April 10, 2023	Membership - Manzelli	\$15.00	
April 10, 2023	Scholarship	\$25.00	
April 11, 2023	"T" Shirt Sales @ Spaghetti Supper	\$155.00	
April 11, 2023	Memberships - Guage (F), Lovell (I)	\$40.00	
April 15, 2023	Scholarship	\$450.00	
April 15, 2023	Scholarship	\$100.00	
April 19, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fee		\$3.20
April 21, 2023	909 - USPS - Bulk Mail Permit Fee		\$290.00
April 24, 2023	Scholarship	\$1,200.00	
April 27, 2023	Debit - Signature-Annual Web Domain		\$19.17
April 27, 2023	Scholarship	\$100.00	
April 27, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fee		\$3.20
April 28, 2023	Scholarship	\$1,000.00	
April 28, 2023	Go-Fund-Me Fee		\$29.30
April 28, 2023	Interest Scholarship Savings	\$0.29	
April 29, 2023	Scholarship	\$50.00	
April 29, 2023	Pay Pal Fee		\$1.94
April 30, 2023	Sales - WB Stickers	\$6.00	
April 30, 2023	Pay Pal Fee		\$0.70
	TOTAL INCOME	\$3,151.29	
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$347.51
	Balance as of 4/30/2023	\$12,810.59	
	Checking	\$6,070.25	
	Savings-Scholarship	\$6,499.79	
	PayPal	\$240.55	

Membership – Jon Britton

We have one new Family Membership. (Donna Berry)

Old Business

Andy reported that the Earth Day Village Clean Up went well. Village Clean Up and Spaghetti Supper photos will be posted in the May 2023 *Cornerstone*. Spaghetti Supper photos will also be posted in a Slide Show on the WBCA website.

New Business

Nancy Meagher reported that WBCA Educational Scholarship Applications and GoFundMe are posted on the WBCA Website with nearly \$8,000 raised to date. The Committee will conduct interviews May 8 and 9. (Jon Britton, Ed Jay, Debbie Leary, Julie Lee)

Mark Wirtenan shared a map of the area to save as open space by supporting the Town's purchase of the 18 acres along Rt. 149. **Andy and Nancy will work on a letter of support from the WBCA to the Town Manager.

Save Greater Dowses Beach Group (Stacy and Hector Guenther, Susanne Conley, Adam Mirick, Bob Schulte) presented their concerns, provided information, and answered questions.

Patrick Johnson of Avangrid (Vinyard Wind/Commonwealth Wind) will speak at the May General Membership Meeting May 16th.

Public Comment: Above

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Meagher, Recording Secretary.

Nancy A. Meagher

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting and WBCA Educational Scholarships

Awarded ~ West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM ~ West Barnstable Village Festival