

West Barnstable Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

West Barnstable Community Building, Route 149, West Barnstable, MA

I. Call to Order

Andrew Lee, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:01 PM on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the West Barnstable Community Building, Route 149 in West Barnstable, MA.

II. Attendance

Board members Andy Lee, Ed Jay, Jon Britton, Maria DeMayo, Nancy Meagher, Dolores Schermer, Bob Stolte, Sue Leary, Dan Dewey, Marissa Caney, Kris Clark, Dan Philos-Jensen.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from March 1, 2022.

Dolores Schermer motioned; Nancy Meagher seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

IV. Councilor's Report

There was a discussion of the planned rehabilitation of the Train Depot on Route 149. The application for renovations at the West Barnstable Railroad Station was postponed until ownership of the building can be clarified, according to Mark Marinaccio, TOB architect.

There was an update on the Route 149 Bridge work. The hope is to complete the first Phase in May and get the temporary barrier relocated to the other side by Memorial Day. There will be an overnight closure and detour one evening in May to relocate the barrier and traffic controls for the second Phase. Work will stop during the summer months and resume in the Fall.

A generator for the WB Community Building is up for Town Council consideration in the Capital Improvement Plan budget. WBCA support will be appreciated at the time of the hearing at the Town Council meeting this spring. First reading for Capital Improvement Plan agenda items will be Thursday, April 7.

Representative Xiarios, submitted a request for funding the same generator to the House Ways and Means chair. The hope is this expenditure can help defray some of the financial burden to the Town.

Kris is running for reelection as Water Commissioner. She sought and received confirmation from the Ethics Commission that there is no conflict for her to serve as both an elected official for the West Barnstable Water Commissioners and an elected Town Councilor. The Election will take place at the WB Community Building Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 5-7 PM.

Ed Jay is running for Prudential Committee member as a write-in candidate to fill the position of Van Northcross who chose not to run for re-election.

The Annual Meeting of the West Barnstable Fire and Water District will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

In January, the Town's DPW shared a PowerPoint presentation at a joint meeting of the West Barnstable Water Commissioners and the West Barnstable Prudential Committee regarding drilling for water in West Barnstable by Hinckley Lane off of Church Street. At the following monthly meeting, it was requested that future meetings be held later in the day so that working residents could more easily attend.

The three Water Commissioners are hosting a Public Information Meeting where the public can view the same PowerPoint presentation that the elected officials were given by the Town's DPW staff on their plans to drill for water to service the Hyannis Water Supply Division. The Town Manager agreed to arrange to have this meeting videotaped so that those who are not able to attend may view it on Channel 18, the Town's public access television channel.

This is a public meeting open to anyone, not just West Barnstable residents. The goal is to bring the preliminary information that we received to the public and to offer an opportunity to invite early public comment to the DPW representatives.

The WB Festival Committee opted to host a community picnic instead of the traditional WB Spaghetti Supper on Saturday April 30, 2022 with a rain date of May 1st at the Meetinghouse Farm from 3-6 PM. Plans are to serve hot dogs, baked beans cole slaw, chips, water, and soda.. The goal is to bring the community together without having an indoor event due to COVID concerns. Volunteers are welcome.

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Bob reported that in March the WBCA took in \$1300 in Scholarship donations. WBCA sent a Mercy Otis Warren donation of \$100. Spent \$818.35 for WB t-shirts. We are up to \$5,700 for Scholarship donations.

Bob reviewed the fee for bulk mailings (\$265) which were previously approved. \$329 was raised from Amari fundraiser.

Approval of Treasurer's report.

Marissa motioned. Ed Jay seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

A motion was made by Bob Stolte and seconded by Ed Jay to authorize Treasurer Robert Stolte and President Andy Lee to sign checks, make deposits and transfers, and transact any other business as may be necessary or required with The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod for the accounts of the West Barnstable Civic Association, Inc. (Checking xxxxxx625 and Scholarship Savings xxxxxx880).

Corresponding Secretary – Maria DeMayo

Thank you note from the Mercy Otis Warren group re: donation. Maria will send a note of thanks to Amari.

Membership – Jon Britton

We currently have 126 memberships!

VI. Old Business

T Shirt Order – The shirts have arrived and are stored in the Community Building.

Scholarship Committee – Over \$5000 in the Scholarship fund to date. The application period is almost over – there are currently three applicants. Interviews will take place on April 24th.

VII. New Business

WB Village Clean-up: To be held on April 23rd with a rain date of April 24th. 8:30 AM – 12 Noon.

Recommendations for Speakers at the General Membership – Mark Ells, Maria will contact him.

Welcoming Committee – Who should chair this committee? Should we open this up at the General Membership meeting?

Fourth of July Meeting – We need a letter to request \$500 from the TOB. Send to the Town Manager's office.

GoFundMe for the Parade – How do we get more visibility in West Barnstable?

Flag Day is June 14th. Meetinghouse Farm at 6 PM.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6:30 Social, 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting ~ WBCA Educational Scholarships Awarded, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00PM ~ Flag Day Ceremony

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

X: Adjourn

Maria DeMayo motioned to adjourn. Nancy Meagher seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Marissa Caney.