

West Barnstable Civic Association
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
West Barnstable Community Building, Meetinghouse Way

I. Call to Order

President Andrew Lee called the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association to order at 7:03 PM.

II. Attendance

Board members in attendance were Andy Lee, Ed Jay, Jon Britton, Maria DeMayo, Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, Dan Dewey, and Dan Philos-Jensen. Also in attendance were Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark and Scholarship Chair Sue Leary.

III. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes from April 5, 2022 were amended and approved by a unanimous vote. The motion to approve was made by Maris DeMayo and seconded by Ed Jay.

IV. Councilor's Report

Construction within Route 149 overpass is anticipated to take around 22-months. The construction will be staged with lane shifts, and two-way traffic will be maintained throughout construction. No major updates to report. The contractor has begun concrete pours on the east side of the bridge and work is progressing as planned. For questions, please contact the District 5 Construction Office at 508-884-4281.

A generator for the West Barnstable Community Building WAS PASSED by the Town Council in the Capital Improvement Plan budget hearing on April 28th. Fire Chief Joe Maruca explained at the Public Hearing of its importance to the West Barnstable community since our residents are on wells and septic systems. The WBCA should begin discussions with the Fire Chief and Police Chief to develop a protocol for staffing a "Warming Station" once the generator is installed. Nancy Meagher and I have attended training for staffing a shelter and have come to understand some of the considerations for developing a plan for action if and when there are extended power outages in West Barnstable.

Also, Representative Xiarhos, filed Amendment 765 requesting \$75,000 to fund this same generator. The Commonwealth is in budget discussions now. The hope is this expenditure can help defray this expense to the Town.

I was re-elected as Water Commissioner, winning more votes than Ryan Coholan who ran a robust write-in campaign. According to the WB Fire/Water District Clerk, Elaine Grace, there were 35 votes for Kris Clark; 26 votes for Ryan Coholan and 4 blanks.

Ed Jay was elected to the Prudential Committee member as a write-in candidate with 38 votes, 1 for Ryan Coholan, 2 for James Stergis and 1 for Rosalie Bell. 23 were left blank. We thank Van Northcross for his 14 years of service as Prudential Committee member for our Fire District. Van chose not to run for re-election.

I/we also thank Elaine Grace for her years of service as District Clerk. She is retiring this year after 26 years of service. Dan Furbish will be the new Fire District Clerk as of July 1, 2022.

The Annual Meeting for the West Barnstable Fire and Water District was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 7pm at the West Barnstable Community Building, passing the proposed budget

The Water Commissioners hosted a Public Information Meeting where the public saw the same PowerPoint presentation that we (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 this meeting may view it on Channel 18, the Town's public access television channel. A link to this meeting is on the Town's website under the Water Supply Division's webpage as well as on the West Barnstable Fire Department's website.

The WB Water Commissioners will host meetings on the first Monday of upcoming months at the West Barnstable Community Building. The first meeting will be on June 2 at 7pm.

The WB Festival Committee hosted a community picnic instead of the traditional WB Spaghetti Supper on Saturday April 30th with a rain date of May 1st at the Meetinghouse Farm from 3—6pm. The main goal is to promote community spirit as we emerge from the pandemic.

The Village Store has reopened.

Thanks to those who helped collect a big pile of trash at the Village Cleanup and to Tony and Marissa for spearheading the effort. Problem: trash was left in the handicap pavement of the WBCB. There was a complaint made by the user of the building that day. I was notified of it by Structures and Grounds Supervisor, Joe Marshall, who was told about it by Recreation Division Director John Gleason. We have two recommendations going forward for next year. Tony Lovell and I spoke to write up a "How to do the Village Clean-up" so that we can remember to incorporate these two suggestions for next year. It was recommended that the WBCA will send a letter of apology to the affronted party.

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

West Barnstable Civic Association - Financial Reports				
APRIL 2022			Income	Expenses
April 1, 2022	Beginning Balance	\$11,512.53		
April 5, 2022	Amari Fundraiser		\$304.00	
April 6, 2022	881-Joanna Wallace-Penlights-Tree L.			\$298.25
April 13, 2022	Amari Fundraiser Contribution - Leary		\$25.00	
April 25, 2022	Signature POS Domain Host			\$19.13
April 25, 2022	Scholarship Donation		\$100.00	
April 25, 2022	Go Fund Me Fee			\$3.20
April 29, 2022	Interest Scholarship Savings		\$0.46	
April 30, 2022	Scholarship Donation		\$250.00	
TOTAL INCOME			\$679.46	
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$320.58
Balance as of 4/30/2022		\$11,871.41		
Checking		\$5,794.55		
Savings-Scholarship		\$5,798.49		
PayPal		\$278.37		

A motion was made by Ed Jay and seconded by Maria DeMayo to approve the treasurer's Report. It was unanimously approved.

A motion to reimburse Andy Lee \$16 for a Bullhorn was made by Bob Stolte, seconded by Maria DeMayo, and unanimously approved.

Corresponding Secretary – Maria DeMayo

Maria will send a note of thanks to Amari.

Maria will write a letter to The Town of Barnstable requesting \$500 for the Fourth of July Parade festivities.

Maria was in touch with Mark Ells and he has agreed to attend the May 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting. She will contact MA Senator Julian Cyr and MA Representative Steve Xiarhos.

Membership – Jon Britton

We currently have 112 memberships! An email was sent to remind about 80 people that their WBCA Memberships expired. 6 new memberships were purchased at the WB Community Picnic. 4 Family and 2 Individual.

VI. Old Business

Scholarship Fundraising – Nancy Meagher reported that \$8000 was raised to date. Thank you notes or emails have been sent.

Scholarship Committee – Sue Leary reported that 4 excellent students were interviewed and recommended that each student receive \$2000. A motion to give \$2000 to each of the four students was made by Bob Stolte, seconded by Ed Jay, and unanimously approved. Judy Desrochers will provide flowers to be presented to each student at the May 17th Meeting. Nancy Meagher will contact Rep Xiarhos' Office to request certificates.

Flag Day Ceremony – Nancy Meagher will contact the parties involved, send eblasts, and post the traditional Flyer that Will Plikaitis created and updates each year.

VII. New Business

Ed Jay and Andy Lee are on the Fourth of July Committee. There was a discussion about selling food/beverages. The group liked the idea of having food at the Hollow. Ed and Andy will keep us updated.

Feedback on the WB Festival Committee sponsored Community Picnic: Great event, both might be nice. Whatever the WBVF Committee decides is fine.

General Membership Meeting May 17, 2022

Sue Leary will contact students and parents, Nancy Meagher will take care of the coffee, tea, etc. Baked goods from Julie Lee, Sue Leary, Nancy Meagher.

Bob Stolte reported that 1717 Meetinghouse would be willing to host the October 18, 2022, General Membership Meeting (Candidates' Night). Bob made the motion, Jon Britton seconded, and it was unanimously approved.

WB Welcoming Committee - Determine Chair

Tabled to next Board Meeting

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Meeting Dates

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, Meetinghouse Farm

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

Ed Jay motioned to adjourn. Andy seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Nancy Meagher, acting Recording Secretary in Marissa Caney's absence.