

West Barnstable Civic Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

7:00 PM

West Barnstable Community Building

I. Call to Order

Andrew Lee, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:06 PM.

II. Attendance

Board members Andy Lee, Ed Jay, Jon Britton, Dan Dewey, Nancy Meagher, Dolores Schermer, Bob Stolte, and Councilor Kris Clark were in attendance. Guests in attendance were: Julie Lee, Lindsey Counsell, Wendy Northcross, Jim Kupfer, Kate Maldonado, Joanne Wallace, and Priscilla Jones.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from November 1, 2022.

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

IV. Report from Precinct 11 Councilor Kris Clark

Town and local updates:

The Town's Transfer Station will be closed from 7:30 to 12:00pm on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, for annual Department wide staff training.

MA DOT informs me that the contractor for the Route 149 overpass has been making steady progress and plans to continue through the winter as weather allows. The hope is to be at a point this spring to remove the barrier and repave and stripe the roadway. **The Contractor is tentatively scheduled to install the precast bridge end posts on Tuesday December 13, 2022, from 8:00 PM - 5:30 AM, with a makeup day scheduled for Wednesday December 14, 2022. Route 149 will be closed at each end of the bridge with a full detour in place for the entire duration of the shift. The detour map is in my e-newsletter or accessed [HERE](#).**

On November 30th, I joined Judge Joe Reardon and others on his advisory committee to hear his updates and to learn of the plans to move a donated boxcar onto a more prominent area on the Lombard Trust property. There are some ownership issues that I am nudging the Town's legal department to address. Today I received a message from Asset Management Director David Anthony who is in discussions with the Town's Legal Department regarding resolving the ownership issue that is holding up action by the Cape Cod Chapter of the NHRS.

Judge Reardon would like a member of the WBCA board to join his committee. I had served in that capacity but now serve as the sitting town councilor.

Thank you for the fabulous collaboration among the WBCA, the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation and West Parish to make for a special holiday gathering for our beloved Village.

The annual elections for the Barnstable Town Council will take place at our regularly scheduled meeting on December 15th. Matt Levesque has been nominated as president and Jen Cullum has been nominated as vice-president. There are no other nominees.

In light of the Town's interest to drill for municipal water in West Barnstable, the WB Water Commissioners will meet on December 13, 2022, at 5:00pm at the West Barnstable Community Building. The main purpose is to request that an article be placed on the Annual Fire District Warrant for future professional services for water. The Prudential Committee will have its monthly meeting the day afterwards. When the WB Water Commissioners requested the same last year, we were told that it was too late- that the document was close to being printed. The next scheduled WB Water Commissioners meeting is on February 6th (first Monday) at 6:30pm. The next Prudential Committee meeting is the day afterwards, December 14, 2022, at 4 PM.

I attended the monthly meeting of the Hyannis Water Board last month. There I suggested that the Water Board support that the Town purchase the 18 acres of open space that is now for sale by the Burke family. These 18 acres are contiguous to the Bridge Creek Conservation Area and presents a rare opportunity for the Town to purchase land for municipal water use. It will be on the agenda for the next Water Board meeting to be held via Zoom on December 20 at 5pm. Please feel welcomed to Zoom in. I see it as an opportunity for the Town to

acquire more open space in West Barnstable. If my suggestion is considered, then I think that the Fire Chief's wish to have pressurized water (hydrants) in West Barnstable can be satisfied with the same action.

I expressed concerns over the proposal for Form Based Zoning in Hyannis. If the premise is to encourage more housing, I was not comfortable with the language that did NOT guarantee or incentivize Year-Round housing. I will be meeting with Planning staff and others to discuss.

Wendy Shuck was elected as a full member of the Old King's Highway Historic District Committee.

The 28th session of the Inside Town Government class will begin on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. It will be held from 6:30 – 9:00 PM at various locations throughout the Town. The program is free of charge and open to anyone who works or lives in Barnstable. Classes are limited and are almost full. Fill out an application [HERE](#).

From Rob Johnson of Avidrid:

In this filing we are identifying our planned substation location, in the 'Clay Hill' area west of Oak Street on land we have secured an agreement to purchase between Plum St. and Route 6, near the existing Fire Tower. ****I have not heard more about this issue since October.*

Proud to serve as your councilor, Kris

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Bob suggested that the WBCA donate \$200 to the Cape Cod Times Needy Fund. The motion was made by Ed Jay, seconded by Andy Lee, and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Jon Britton to purchase WBCA T-shirts at a cost of \$1,077. It was seconded by Nancy Meagher and unanimously approved by the Board.

A motion was made by Dolores Schermer to reimburse Joanne Wallace for Tree Lighting expenses. It was seconded by Ed Jay and unanimously approved by the Board.

Approval of November Treasurer's report. Ed Jay motioned. Dolores Schermer seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

West Barnstable Civic Association - Financial Reports				
NOVEMBER 2022			Income	Expenses
November 1, 2022	Beginning Balance	\$6,550.24		
November 2, 2022	892 - Commonwealth MA -Annual Rpt			\$15.00
November 13, 2022	893 - Minuteman Pres -500 Rack Cds			\$285.81
November 28, 2022	Pay Pal Sales - Stickers/Koozies -		\$17.00	
November 28, 2022	Borenski - Pay Pal Fee			\$1.08
November 29, 2022	894 - N. Meagher-Cornerstone Mailing			\$175.00
November 29, 2022	Black Friday Sales - Clothing		\$315.00	
November 29, 2022	Black Friday Sales - Stickers/Koozies		\$21.00	
November 29, 2022	Membership - Gingras - Mailed In		\$15.00	
November 29, 2022	Town of Barnstable-Tree Lighting		\$500.00	
November 30, 2022	Interest Scholarship Savings		\$0.08	
TOTAL INCOME			\$868.08	
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$476.89
Balance as of 11/30/2022			\$6,941.43	
Checking			\$5,883.36	
Savings-Scholarship			\$949.04	
PayPal			\$109.03	

Membership – Jon Britton

We currently have 126 memberships!

Thank you to Jon, Eddie, and Andy for facilitating the Black Friday Merchandise Sale at the Post Office 11/25/22.

VI. Old Business

-Marissa Caney, Tony Lovell, and Nancy Meagher were thanked for decorating the Community Building.

-Joanne Wallace reported that the Annual Tree Lighting was well-attended. About 176 pen lights were used and all went well. President Andy Lee thanked Joanne and Shirley Stolte for their hard work.

VII. New Business

-Ed Jay reported that both Marissa Caney and George Zoto will not be returning to the Board. The Slate of Officers to be voted on at the January 17, 2023, Annual Meeting are:

Officers

President ~ Andy Lee

Vice President ~ Ed Jay

Treasurer ~ Bob Stolte

Secretary ~ Maria DeMayo

Immediate Past President ~ Nancy Meagher

Directors: Jon Britton, Dan Dewey, Dave Kern, Dan Philos-Jensen, and Dolores Schermer

-Amari Fundraiser: Andy will contact Mr. Hixon to secure a February date for this.

-WBCA Educational Scholarship and Fundraising Committee: Nancy Meagher and Debbie Leary will Co-chair. Julie Lee, Ed Jay, and Jon Britton will serve on the Committee.

-Presentation - James Kupfer from the Town's Local Comprehensive Planning Committee

The Board appreciated the information and asked James and Kate to present at the January 17, 2023, Annual General Membership Meeting. The Board also agreed to send an eblast with a link to the Public Comment Survey and to notify members of the upcoming meeting.

-Dan Dewey expressed concern about cars speeding on Route 6A between 149 and the Route 132 intersection.

Public Comment

Adjourn:

Dave made the motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Jon, and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Meagher, acting Recording Secretary for this meeting.

Nancy A. Meagher

Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 6:30PM ~ General Membership Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

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

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

Tuesday, April 4, 2023, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building