



# TOWN OF WARE

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## Minutes from May 6, 2019

### Community Development Authority

Meeting held at Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA

**Members present:** Paul Opalinski, Danielle Souza, John Carroll

**Members absent:** Brenda Cooper, Tracy Opalinski

**Guests:** Ted Harvey (PVPC), Rebekah L. DeCoursey (Director of Planning & Community Development)

Chairman P. Opalinski opened the meeting at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by D. Souza and seconded by J. Carroll to approve the meeting minutes of 4/8/19 as submitted.  
Vote 3 - 0

T. Harvey informed the CDA that the pre-construction meeting is next week for the Spring Street project. The company doing the work was also the winning bid for the Elm Street project. They should complete both projects this summer. The contingency funds that were built into the original budget did not include a new sewer line. This revision basically used up the contingency factor funds. So long as there are no significant changes that need to occur in the field, we should be in under budget. Any field changes will need to be addressed carefully in case we need to find additional funds.

Buy Ware Now. The group has put together the application for the First Time Homebuyers grant. There will be \$10,000 given out in \$2,500 increments to qualified applicants. The Worcester Housing Authority has an application for their own grant and BWN mimicked that application. The group has been pushing the advertisement on the radio and throughout Town. It is expected the money will be gone quickly.

Code Enforcement. Letters have been sent out to owners of the multifamily buildings in Town. They are being notified that the annual inspections, that are much overdue, will begin in the next year. They have been invited to call and make an appointment for this. If the owners do not reach out to make an appointment, the Building Department will be reaching out to them individually to schedule the inspections.

Monroe Street Brownfields. MassDEP has suggested funding options in the past for grants or something similar. Even if the space was capped and used for parking, it would benefit the area.

Parks Committee. Near the end of 2018 the Parks Committee met with CDA to discuss the problems and repairs to Reed Memorial Pool. At that time there was discussion of putting out a survey to see what the Town wanted in terms of repairs, replacement, or rebuilding something like a splash pad. Having a Town Pool gives residents the opportunity to leave how to swim, which they wouldn't have with a splash pad. There are grants available for projects like this. R. DeCoursey will follow up with Parks and see where we can pick this project back up.

D. Souza made motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM Mr. Carroll seconded. In favor 3/0.

***Next meetings (Updated):***

***July 15, August 12, September 16, October 21, November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>***