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**Board of Selectmen
Ware Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Meeting Room
Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Opened

**Present: Selectman Talbot, Selectman Whitney, Selectman Opalinski, Selectman Carroll, Selectman Fountain, Stuart Beckley, Town Manager, Mary Midura, Clerk
Absent: None**

6: 30 p.m. - Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) #2 Negotiations: Non-Union Personnel – Police Chief, and #6 To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property

Selectman Opalinski moved to Adjourn Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. to move into Executive Session per MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) #2 Negotiations: Non-Union Personnel – Police Chief, and #6 To Consider the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused (Selectman Talbot):

Nancy J. Talbot	Recused√
Alan G. Whitney	Yes√
Tracy R. Opalinski	Yes√
John E. Carroll	Yes√
Michael P. Fountain	Yes√

Selectman Fountain moved to Adjourn Executive Session at 7:10 p.m., TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION; Selectman Carroll seconded. The motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Recused (Selectman Talbot):

Nancy J. Talbot	Recused√
Alan G. Whitney	Yes√
Tracy R. Opalinski	Yes√
John E. Carroll	Yes√
Michael P. Fountain	Yes√

The Board of Selectmen reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

Present: Selectman Talbot, Selectman Whitney, Selectman Opalinski, Selectman Carroll, Selectman Fountain, Stuart Beckley, Town Manager, Mary Midura, Clerk, Stanley Ciukaj, Ware Community TV.

Absent: None

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair - None

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Scheduled Appearances

- ~~7:05~~ **7:11 p.m. Principal Elwell – Committee to Review WJSHS Graduation Requirements**

Principal Elwell invited the Board of Selectmen to participate in a Graduation Requirements Committee. The committee will include students and parents. There will be 3 or 4 meetings. Principal Elwell noted that he would like to include personal finance, government civics, 21st century college/career readiness, and a senior year service project.

Selectman Talbot noted that Board members who are interested in participating should contact Principal Elwell. Selectman Opalinski questioned the addition of soft skills; Principal Elwell stated that the school to career partnership and summer jobs program contribute those, and those business skills will be used.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2017, July 18, 2017, July 22, 2017 and July 25, 2017**

Selectman Opalinski moved to approve the minutes; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Mr. Jackson asked about the brush near Rite Aid; Mr. Beckley noted that Rite Aid is sending someone to clear the view.

Selectman Carroll noted the grass overgrown at the new Taco Bell.

Carol Zins announced the Ware Fair & Flea on Saturday, September 16, 2017. There will be music, crafters, Colonial Re-enactors, and Revolutionary Musket group. There will be several events on September 16, including Rediscover Ware, Trinity Church Block Party, and Clowning for Kids. On Sunday, September 17, there will be a concert in Town Hall.

New Business

Chairman Talbot turned the gavel over to Vice Chairman Whitney.

- **Appointment of Police Officer: Benjamin E. Regin**

Chief Crevier and Mr. Beckley recommend Mr. Regin; Chief Crevier will ask for a waiver prior to academy training.

Selectman Carroll moved to approve the appointment; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed on a vote of 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention (Selectman Talbot).

- **Discussion of Police Department Positions**

Chief Crevier presented a handout to the Board of Selectmen with his recommendations to include a full sergeant position, new lieutenant position and a patrol detective. Selectman Whitney requested that Chief Crevier submit an Organizational Chart of the Ware Police Department.

Vice Chairman Whitney turned the gavel back to Chairman Talbot.

- **Marijuana By-Law Update: Send to Planning Board for Public Hearing**

Selectman Opalinski noted that a Public Hearing is required, as it is the purview of the Planning Board. This is based on how the community voted on Question 4. Mr. Beckley stated that the state receives 17% taxes; the town may receive 3% taxes. The draft does not include the tie to the Zoning Use Table. The By-Law should address how the Planning Board will review special permits for a marijuana facility, and whether to regulate as liquor stores. Selectman Talbot noted that this by-law is proactive, including not having a presence within 300 feet where children congregate. Mr. Beckley noted the by-law should be put to the voters by a ballot question.

Selectman Carroll moved to dismiss this; Mr. Beckley noted that dismissal is not an option.

Selectman Opalinski moved to send the proposed Marijuana By-Law to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 1 No (Selectman Carroll), 1 Abstention (Whitney).

- **Review of Vehicle Policy: GPS**

Mr. Beckley noted that negotiations have begun with unions, including this policy. Selectman Carroll stated that weekly reports should be done to tackle any issues quickly. Mr. Beckley noted that the Police Chief, Fire Chief, DPW, cruisers, ambulances and DPW pickups would be done first; Selectman Carroll stated that any new purchased vehicles should have GPS installed.

Selectman Whitney moved to table the policy with amendments to August 22, 2017; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **Retroactive approval of Special Event Permit: Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House, Sundaes on Sunday, August 6, 2017, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Selectman Opalinski moved to retroactively approve the special event permit; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **Application for Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals: Andrew Choquette or Elizabeth Calvert, Term to Expire June 30, 2019**

Mr. Choquette was in attendance and stated he was not interviewed, but is very interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Selectmen noted that the two applicants should be interviewed by ZBA. **Selectman Whitney moved to postpone the appointment to August 22, 2017; Selectman Fountain seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

- **Application for Appointment to Conservation Commission: Thomas Barnes, Term to Expire June 30, 2019.**

Selectman Opalinski moved to approve the appointment to a term to expire June 30, 2020; Selectman Whitney seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **Application for Appointment to By-law Review Committee: Francis W. Cote, No Term Expiration**

Selectman Opalinski moved to approve the appointment; Selectman Whitney seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

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- **Acceptance of Resignation: William Adams, Community Development Authority, Term to Expire June 30, 2018**

Selectman Opalinski moved to accept the resignation with regrets; Selectman Whitney seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

- **Review Updated Special Event Permit Checklist & Application**

Selectman Whitney moved to accept the updated checklist and application; Selectman Opalinski seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Town Manager Report

Mr. Beckley noted the MassDOT Public Hearing on Main Street Reconstruction will be on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7pm at town hall. The reconstruction will run from West Main Street to East Street with work to proceed from 2019-2020.

The Board is invited to the Ware Opioid Listening session, sponsored by the Substance Use Alliance, on Thursday, August 24, 2017 from 5:30pm – 7:00pm.

The engineer will again review the Senior Center structure; some shoring up will probably need to be done. Funds will be sought from the Reserve Fund.

Monson, Warren, Palmer and Ware are working as a Regional Animal Control. Ware has budgeted \$10,000 for the year. The proposed facility would allow for 2% to 2 ½% increase annually. The new Inter Municipal Agreement will be available for Selectmen to consider at their next meeting. Palmer has done a comprehensive study of the construction of a new regional shelter.

Dick Kilhart will attend the August 22, 2017 meeting of the Board of Selectmen regarding the proposed list of street repairs that the DPW recommends.

Mr. Kilhart will attend the September 5, 2017 meeting of the Board of Selectmen regarding the water and sewer rates.

There is a water ban in Ware from 9:00am – 5:00pm daily. Selectman Carroll requested that residents be notified not only when there is a water ban, but also when the water ban is taken off. Mr. Beckley noted that some cities and towns have a water ban from May through September.

At 8:13 p.m., Selectman Whitney moved to Adjourn; Selectman Carroll seconded. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

Attest: *Mary L. Midura*
Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant