



Board of Selectmen

**Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Selectman John E. Carroll, Selectman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski, Selectman Nancy J. Talbot, Selectman Alan G. Whitney, Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Clerk Mary L. Midura, Ware Community TV General Manager Stanley Ciukaj.

Meeting Opened by Chairman Carroll. There was a moment of silence to honor Charles Moulton.

Chairman Carroll welcomed Nancy Talbot back to the Board.

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair

Selectman Kruckas thanked the Police Department and officers from surrounding towns for their great work on the recent break-in incident!

Reorganization of Board of Selectmen

Selectman Whitney made the motion to keep the current organization of the Board of Selectmen (Chairman Carroll, Vice-Chairman Whitney, and Clerk Opalinski); Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No. Selectman Opalinski requested to revisit in September 2019.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes of April 16, 2019**
- **Retroactive Approval of One-Day Liquor License: St. Mary's Church, Appreciation Dinner for Fr. Jeffrey Ballou, Saturday, April 27, 2019**
- **Approval of One-Day Liquor License: St. Mary's Church, Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, May 11, 2019**
- **Approval of One-Day All Alcoholic Liquor License: Earle F. Howe American Legion Post 123, Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27, 2019**
- **Approval of One-Day Liquor License: Workshop 13, Graduation Celebration, Saturday, June 1, 2019**
- **Approval of One-Day Liquor License: Workshop 13, Ramshackle Concert, Saturday, June 22, 2019**
- **Approval of One-Day Liquor License: Workshop 13, PopsComm 2019, Sunday, July 21, 2019**

Selectman Whitney made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Selectman Talbot seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

Scheduled Appearances

- **Public Hearing: Pole Petition National Grid/Verizon #24235506 Pleasant Street**

Mandy Patenaude, National Grid representative, was present. Chairman Carroll read the public notice. Ms. Patenaude noted the pole is new with new equipment.

Selectman Talbot made the motion to approve Pole Petition #24235506; Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

Old Business

- **Appointment to Committee to Recommend Legislative Action Regarding Sex Offender Density**
 - **Joel Pentlarge**
 - **Jack Cascio**

Mr. Pentlarge was present. He stated that President Roosevelt appointed Joe Kennedy and said "it takes a thief to catch a thief". He stated that it makes sense to have someone on the committee who understands why other offenders are living here in Ware. He stated he also had given many years of service to the Town.

Chairman Carroll read Mr. Cascio's letter of qualifications. Selectman Talbot questioned if there had been a resignation; it was explained that one appointee had a conflict of interest and was never sworn in.

Selectman Kruckas made the motion to appoint Jack Cascio to the Committee to Recommend Legislative Action Regarding Sex Offender Density; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

Chairman Carroll noted to Mr. Pentlarge that the Committee's meetings are open to the public.

- **School Building Committee**

Mr. Beckley recommended the following:

Keith Kruckas, Board of Selectmen
Aaron Sawabi, School Committee
Dr. Marlene DiLeo, Superintendent
Stuart Beckley, Town Manager
Chris Dymon, School Facilities
Chris DiMarzio, Community
Principals as needed

Mr. Beckley recommended the above to be named to the School Building Committee. Selectman Opalinski requested that the open position of a community person with construction experience be posted on the Town website.

Selectman Talbot made the motion to approve the School Building Committee as named above; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

New Business

Comments and Concerns of Citizens

Emma Monahan, Ware River News reporter, asked for an update regarding the Fire Chief; the Board of Selectmen had no information as yet.

Town Manager Report

Upcoming dates:

May 12 – Ware Baseball Opening Day

May 13 – Town Meeting

Town Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the High School Auditorium on Monday. Town Meeting packets will be available tomorrow including the proposed budget and backup materials for the articles.

The Town received good Bids for the Spring Street CDBG project. A preconstruction meeting will be held next Wednesday, with construction expected to commence in June. Similarly, the Elm Street project will commence in late May or early June.

The Senate Ways and Means budget was released today. The full Senate will then adopt a budget, and then work with the House on a final budget for approval. While details have not been issued by the Department of Revenue, it appears the Senate budget, like the House, will increase Chapter 70 (education) appropriations.

Water flushing continues from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. from Sunday to Thursday. This week, the water department is finishing Zone 2 along Main Street and conducting flushing on West Street. The process is taking longer than anticipated due to the great amount of material in the pipes. The process will be complete by mid-June at the current rate. The daily schedule of streets is posted on the DPW web page on the town website. Also posted are instructions on how to prepare and respond to discoloration that will occur due to the flushing. The flushing process will take approximately 6 weeks.

Selectman Kruckas noted that some areas have not had water flushing for 6-7 years. Selectman Talbot noted that the robo-call should notify all residents of the water flushing; Mr. Beckley noted that residents must be on Code Red to be notified.

Mr. Beckley noted that the Wayfinding Signs will be put up on or about May 14, and thanked Mr. Opalinski and the Urban Foundation for their work with the Planner and DPW and Dig Safe.

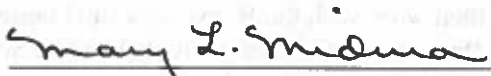
Selectman Kruckas asked about the search for a new DPW Director; Mr. Beckley noted that Mr. St. George-Sorel has 5 weeks left, and the best course seems to be to start the search over with another interim director. The Finance Committee recommended the new search have an increased salary.

Selectman Kruckas asked about the bridge at Beaver Lake; Mr. Beckley noted the schedule to go ahead on June 5, 2019. The bridge would be closed during construction and open at night. Selectman Talbot questioned the progress on the 116 Pleasant Street house and 73 West Main Street house. Mr. Beckley noted that the house at 116 Pleasant Street was purchased and presently has State equipment in it. When the equipment can be removed, it is hoped that the Town can review any offers to move or demolish the house. The Town and Town attorney is working with the owner of 73 West Main Street to complete the purchase and sale.

Selectman Kruckas questioned who made the decision on the use of DPW personnel and equipment to removed old rocks from the South Street property; Mr. Beckley noted that the rocks were from the foundation of the original building in front of the former South Street School, and some of the rocks were to be used at the proposed dog park and some to be used at the Barnes Street ballfield. Selectman Kruckas stated that the Board of Selectmen should be part of such decisions.

Selectman Whitney made the motion to Adjourn Regular Session at 7:28 p.m. to go into Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) #2 Negotiations, NOT TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION. Selectman Opalinski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.

Selectman John E. Carroll	Yes ✓
Selectman Keith J. Kruckas	Yes ✓
Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski	Yes ✓
Selectman Nancy J. Talbot	Yes ✓
Selectman Alan G. Whitney	Yes ✓

Attest: 
Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant