

WAREHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE

March 12, 2020

MINUTES

5:30 PM

Members: George Barrett; Rick England; Ron Enos, Dean Decas; Ken Baptiste (clerk)

Non-Members: Wendy Lemieux; Chief Rowley; Andrew Reid; Jay Tamagini (5:56)

5:30 Meeting called to order (George)

- George asked if anyone recording? No

5:35 Correspondence

- Invoice from Fire for repairs to heater at Station #4, \$395. Motion to pay Rick; second Dean (5-0-0);
- Invoice from Fire for annual boiler inspection (4 boilers), \$200. Motion to pay by Ron; second Dean (5-0-0);
- Purchase order from Water for meter touch pads and appliances \$5878.00. Motion to approve by Ron; second Dean (5-0-0);

5:40 Clerk/Treasurer Report

- Wendy discussed final draft of Warrant; closes tomorrow at 5 PM;
- Wendy discussed medical prices;
- Wendy discussed medical meeting at Mayflower Municipal;
- Wendy and Chief discussed corona virus emergency in state and that we have to act also. We should postpone District Meeting and Elections (See **Attachment A & B**: Copies of Mass. General Laws)

6:07 Chief's Report

- See "Attachment C"

6:12 Water Superintendent

- Andrew Reid discussed District Warrant Article 17—remove change orders sentence; Article 25—page 18, take out well rehab

6:20 Motion to go into Executive Session for Reasons #2 and not to return to open meeting by Ron; second Dean. Chairman states discussion in open meeting would be detrimental to the district

VOTE:

Ken: Yes

Rick: Yes

Ron: Yes

George: Yes

Dean: Yes

Jay: Yes

VOTE:	5/21/20
APPROVE	5
DISAPPROVE	0
ABSTAIN	0

George Barrett (Chairman) *George Barrett*
Kenneth Baptiste (Clerk) *Kenneth Baptiste*

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Attachment "A"

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title VII	CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS
Chapter 39	MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
Section 10A	RECESSION AND CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY; NOTICE

Section 10A. (a) Whenever the moderator determines that voters, or in a town having a representative town meeting form of government, the town meeting members, may be unable to attend a town meeting, called pursuant to a warrant issued pursuant to section 10, because of a weather-related or public safety emergency, the moderator shall consult with local public safety officials and members of the board of selectmen and then, upon the moderator's own declaration, the moderator shall recess and continue the town meeting to a time, date and place certain. A discussion to recess and continue a town meeting under this section shall not constitute a "deliberation", as defined by section 18 of chapter 30A, if the only subject of that discussion is the recess and continuance. If due to the emergency, a new meeting place may be required but cannot be then identified, the moderator may recess and continue the town meeting and the board of selectmen shall within 3 days of the declaration of recess and continuance select a meeting place and the moderator shall declare the meeting location. If due to the emergency no suitable town facility is

available for a meeting place in a town that typically holds such meetings within the town limits, the board of selectmen may move the meeting location to a suitable meeting place in a contiguous municipality.

The moderator need not appear at the place of the town meeting to announce a declaration of recess and continuance. The moderator shall announce the declaration of recess and continuance as far in advance of the town meeting being continued as is practicable.

(b) A notice of the declaration of recess and continuance shall be prepared by the moderator and printed in a legible, easily understandable format and shall contain the date, time and place of the continued meeting, state the reason for the declaration and identify the date and time that the moderator announced the recess and continuance. If the moderator does not identify the location of the continued meeting in the notice, within 3 days of the announcement of the declaration of recess and continuance the moderator shall issue an amended notice which identifies the meeting place. Notice shall be filed with the municipal clerk as soon as practicable and then posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building in which the clerk's office is located. As soon as practicable, the notice of declaration of recess and continuance and the amended notice shall be directed to the constables or to some other persons, who shall post the notice in the manner otherwise prescribed by general law, charter or by-laws for the posting of notice of town meetings. One copy of the notice of declaration of recess and continuance or the amended notice shall be posted at the main entrance of the place of the town meeting as soon as is practicable. In addition, the moderator may use any electronic, broadcast or print media convenient to circulate the notice of recess and continuance and any amended notice. Those towns that have a municipal

website shall post a copy of the notice of declaration of recess and continuance or amended notice on the town's municipal website as soon as practicable. Towns having a representative town meeting form of government may by by-law establish additional requirements for providing notice to representative town meeting members.

(c) A town meeting session recessed by the declaration of recess and continuance pursuant to this act shall be convened by the moderator not later than 30 days following the date and time of the moderator's original announcement of the declaration of recess and continuance.

(d) Within 10 days after a declaration to recess and continue a town meeting pursuant to this section, a local public safety official designated by the board of selectmen of the town in which the declaration was made shall submit a report to the attorney general that sets forth the reasons why the declaration was made.

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Attachment B

Part I ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

Title VII CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS

Chapter 39 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

Section 14 MODERATORS; ELECTION; TENURE; VACANCIES; ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Section 14. At every town meeting when moderators are not elected for the term of one or three years, a moderator shall first be elected. The election of a moderator at a meeting for the choice of town officers shall be by ballot, and the voting list shall be used thereat.

Any town or district which has so voted or hereafter so votes may at any annual election of town or district officers elect from the registered voters thereof by ballot a moderator to preside at all town or district meetings. His term of office shall begin as soon as he is qualified, and shall continue until the next annual town or district meeting and until his successor is qualified. Any town or district which has elected a moderator for the term of one year shall thereafter elect a moderator at every annual election of town or district officers, unless the town or district votes to discontinue the electing of moderators for said term.

If a vacancy in the said office occurs during any term, it may be filled by the voters of the town or district. If a moderator so elected is absent, a temporary moderator may be elected.

In towns or districts where official ballots are used, the vote to elect a moderator for the term of one year shall be taken at a meeting held at least thirty days before the annual town or district meeting at which the vote is to become operative; and at the first annual meeting after the town or district has so voted a moderator shall be chosen as herein provided to serve at that meeting, and the moderator elected on the official ballot at that meeting shall act at subsequent town or district meetings until his successor is qualified.

At every town or district meeting until a moderator or temporary moderator is elected, the clerk of the town or district shall preside; but if he is absent or if there is no clerk, the chairman of the selectmen or prudential committee or body exercising similar powers, if present, otherwise the senior member present in point of continuous service, shall preside; but if no selectman or member of said committee or body is present, the justice of the peace calling such meeting, if the meeting is so called, shall preside. Such presiding officer shall have the powers and perform the duties of a moderator.

If, as provided for in section ten, a town meeting is held in separate places equipped with a public address system and loud speaker facilities, the moderator may appoint an assistant moderator to preside at each place of meeting whereat the moderator is not present. The assistant moderator shall have all the powers vested by law in the moderator to preside at and regulate the proceedings in the meeting at which he presides except that he shall not recognize any citizen desiring to address the meeting except after first obtaining permission of the moderator.

The word "district", as used in this section, so far as apt, shall be construed as it is defined in section one A of chapter forty.

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Attachment "C"

Chief's Report for March 12th, 2020

Monday, March 9th

- New Dispatcher, Makayla Young Started

Wednesday, March 11th

- Onset Fire Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Meeting with group, Wareham Fighting Addiction, concerns of the overdoses and deaths that have been happening within Wareham.

Thursday, March 12th

- MEMA tele conference on Corvin-19
 - Stay Home if Sick
 - Limit large gatherings
 - Decontamination procedures
- Call from David Camara, from Tobey Hospital asking if we'd be able to deploy the MDU, Mass decontamination unit at Tobey for outside Screening. More to follow.
- Meeting with Town Officials regarding Corvin-19
 - Employees are not to go out of Town for any meetings unless for public safety
 - Towns Lawyer will reach out to both Districts regarding some law changes happening next week.
 - All gatherings after hours at public schools will be shut down starting Monday
 - Signs have been put up at Station 1 and 315 Main Street, that "if you are sick, do not enter and call our business line".
- Department of Fire Services sent out a notice that courses that are classroom only will be postponed to a later date.

Note: District needs a contingency plan of delaying District meeting. Monday May 4th or Monday May 11th

- Be Pro-Active
- Take this seriously
- Announce the District's Plans to the press