

West Barnstable Civic Association Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2022
West Barnstable Community Building, Route 149, West Barnstable MA

I. Call to Order

Andrew Lee, President called to order the regular meeting of the West Barnstable Civic Association at 7:06 PM on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the West Barnstable Community Building, Route 149 in West Barnstable, MA.

II. Attendance

Board members Andrew Lee, Nancy Meagher, Bob Stolte, Kris Clark, George Zoto, Ed Jay, Dave Kern, Dan Philos-Jensen and Marissa Caney.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes from February 1, 2022.

Ed Jay motioned; Bob Stolte seconded. Unanimous vote taken to approve.

IV. Councilor's Report

There was a discussion of the planned rehabilitation of the Train Depot on Route 149. The work will encompass the entire building, including the roof. The WBCA agreed to send a letter of support for the work by March 21, 2022.

Motion to approve sending a letter in support of the train depot restoration. Ed Jay motioned; Bob Stolte seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

Kris also provided an update on the Better Bottle Bill. The group discussed sending a letter of support on behalf of the West Barnstable Civic Association. Bob Stolte motioned; Ed Jay seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

There was a discussion regarding the drilling of a new well in West Barnstable for the public water supply. There will be public meetings to discuss this project and the potential impact on residents of West Barnstable. The group discussed where to hold the public meetings to attract the widest audience.

Kris provided an update on the procurement of a generator for the West Barnstable Community Building. The discussion included the use of the Community Building as a *Warming Station* during storms, so residents have a place to go in the event of loss of power to charge their phones, etc. It would not be a place to “shelter” or stay overnight.

V. Officer Reports

Treasurer – Bob Stolte

Bob provided a brief update on the current balance for the WBCA main account, the Scholarship account, and the Tree lighting account.

The Tree lighting account currently has \$450.00, and Bob requested to withdraw \$300 for the purchase of pen lights to use at next year's event. Marissa motioned to approve; Ed Jay seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

The PA system continues to be a challenge, but the group is looking in to whether this needs to be replaced or repaired.

Mercy Otis Warren Award – The group agreed to donate \$100. Nancy Meagher motioned; George Zoto seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

There was a question on how we file taxes. Bob Stolte confirmed we file a 990 EZ. He also confirmed we pay \$600 a year for insurance.

Membership – Jon Britton

We currently have 125 memberships!

VI. Old Business

T Shirt Order – There will be an update at the April 5th Meeting on the printing status of the new WB t-shirts we purchased to replenish stock.

Nancy provided an update on the Scholarship Committee. There are a number of new donations, nearly \$4,500. Applications are open until April 15th. There was a discussion of who will be on the application review committee. And update will be provided at the April Board Meeting.

VII. New Business

A WBCA fundraiser will be held at Amari Restaurant on Sunday, April 3rd from 4:30 PM – Closing. Amari will donate 15% of all food and beverage sales to WBCA.

Village Clean-up – Tony Lovell will be leading the charge again this year. An update will be provided at the April 5th WBCA meeting. Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd (Rain date 4/24).

The group was asked for recommendations of speakers for the May 17th General Membership and Scholarship Committee meeting.

The group discussed the formation of a WB Welcoming Committee – Need to determine who will chair.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX: Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00 PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM General Membership Meeting ~ WBCA Educational Scholarships Awarded, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 6:00PM ~ Flag Day Ceremony, Meetinghouse Farm
Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building
Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 7:00PM ~ Board Meeting, West Barnstable Community Building

X: Adjourn

Marissa Caney motioned to adjourn. Dave Kern seconded. Unanimous vote taken to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Minutes submitted by Recording Secretary Marissa Caney.