

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Wednesday, May 27, 2020
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Selectmen

Judy Froman, Chair
James Potter, Vice Chair
George Slade, Clerk
Jared MacDonald
Peter Meier

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Others Present: Renee Gratis, Bill Hubbard, Gary Maloney, Allen Metcalfe, Tom Pham, Jennifer Kennedy, Lisa Haglof

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7:00 p.m. Call Public Session to order in Open Session

Madam Chair Froman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Moment of Silence for our Troops and our public safety personnel /Salute the Flag

Vision: Bourne is a community that embraces change while respecting the rich heritage of the town and its villages. It is a municipality based on strong fiscal government with a durable economy that recognizes the rights of all citizens, respects the environment, especially the coastal areas of the community, embraces excellent education, and the amenities that it affords and offers to citizens a healthy, active lifestyle.

Mission: Bourne will maximize opportunities for social and economic development while retaining an attractive, sustainable and secure coastline and environment for the enjoyment of residents and visitors. Through responsibility and professional leadership and in partnership with others, Bourne will strive to improve the quality of life for all residents living and working in the larger community.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes for comment. The public comment period is open for a total of 12 minutes per meeting, thus no more than four speakers are allowed. Based on past practice, members of the Board are not allowed to comment or respond.

None requested.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by George Slade to approve the minutes of May 11, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 5-0-0.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by George Slade to recall the previous motion.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 5-0-0.

6) Selectmen's Business

- a. Discussion, review and vote on letter of support for Mass Maritime Academy Seaport Economic Council grant - Re: Aquaculture and Marine Science Lab
- b. Discussion related to location of the STM/ATM scheduled for June 29, 2020
- c. Discussion regarding Events during Covid-19

Allen Metcalfe said they have an opportunity for a grant with the Seaport Economic Council and would like the opportunity to partner with the Town of Bourne in this endeavor. It will allow us to completely enhance the aquaculture lab.

Bill Hubbard briefly explained what the MMA Marine Science Lab does, why they are requesting the Seaport Economic Council Grant, and the opportunities it will provide them and the town.

Jared MacDonald said he would like to see a little more engagement with the townspeople, and getting information out to the general public, to explain how much it will give to the community.

Allen Metcalfe said we are trying to maximize the relationship between MMA (MMA AMS Lab) and the town.

Tom Pham briefly spoke about what they can offer, and inviting residents to visit the lab.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by James Potter to approve the letter of support for the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Seaport Economic Council Grant Application titled Aquaculture and Marine Science Laboratory Facilities and Technologies Update.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 5-0-0.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by James Potter to post Judith as the signature for the Board in using the Selectmen's signature stamp.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 5-0-0.

b. Discussion related to location of the STM/ATM scheduled for June 29, 2020

Judy Froman said there has been some discussion about the location being on Jackson Field at Bourne High School and the time of day. We could start earlier.

Tony Schiavi said that the Legislative bodies are exempt from the gathering of bodies that people have to abide by. We want to provide the best environment and the best experience for the town residents, who want to attend Town Meeting, to feel comfortable to attend and vote. Whether to have it indoors, maybe separate rooms or to have it held outdoors. Because we are going to vote on it next Tuesday, June 2nd part of that is to vote to post the warrant with the associated place and time for Town Meeting.

Jared MacDonald said having it at Jackson Field is a great idea, but we will have to be concerned with the handicap issues and the walking distances, along with the weather.

Jim Potter said having it inside has its setbacks, people in different rooms/spaces hearing different things, but having it outside also has some setbacks. We do have leeway with the vote with regards to the quorum. Leaning toward having it at 5:00 or 5:30 if it is outside.

Tony Schiavi said the school has dealt with handicap issues during the graduations they hold on the field. We will have a tent. We will work out the details. We will put out information through the media and websites so residents are aware of the date, time, and place of the Town Meeting.

George Slade stated his concerns with having it outdoors.

Judy Froman said we should put thought into the weather, if it rains, thunderstorm, and if we have to shift to a different date.

Renee Gratis said she has concerns regarding the earlier time, people getting out of work, dinner time, and people that might have to be quarantined.

Glenn Cannon said they are monitoring the Legislation regarding reducing the quorum at Town Meeting.

Voted: Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by George Slade to approve Bourne High School's Jackson Field as the location of the June 29, 2020 Special and Annual Town Meeting.

James Potter questioned whether we have to site why we are changing the venue and time for Town Meeting, from what the Charter states. Judy Froman said if we are changing venue and possibly changing time-frame we should state a reason for the change. Ms. Froman said Town Counsel stated given the responsibility to the public and the Governor's order giving the town of Bourne the flexibility during the state of emergency. The Board of Selectmen are taking action in the best interest of the residence of Bourne.

Roll Call Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote: 5-0-0.

Jared MacDonald said at the next meeting a let it be known sentence covering the timeframe, quorum, or other changes, should be ok so it is logged with the meeting.

c. Discussion regarding Events during Covid-19

POTENTIAL 2020 PUBLIC EVENTS May 4, 2020

Previously Approved Events for 2020	Event date	approved date
Pucino Ride	7/12/2020	3/4/2020

Events to be Approved	Event Date	Approved Date
July 4 Parade	7/4/2020	
Habitat for Humanity Bike Ride	9/13/2020	
Annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek	9/25/2020	
Best Buddies Challenge	9/26/2020	
Watershed Ride	10/4/2020	
Events that have been cancelled		
MS Bike Ride - 6.28.20 Race has been CANCELLED		
Harbor to the Bay Ride	9/26/2020	
Phinney's Harbor Day	7/11/2020	3/4/2020
Pan Mass Challenge	8/1/2020	
Events yet to be submitted		

Summer concerts in the Park
Canal Day
Various Block Parties

Summer concerts at the Library

Tony Schiavi said he put in the Board of Selectmen packet an updated spreadsheet of events that have been approved by the Board, events that are waiting for approval, events that have been canceled, and events yet to be submitted. We need to give some guidance for what events we can/cannot have and the conditions that would go along with those events.

Jennifer Kennedy said she would like to see the parade happen; it could boost morale. We need to discuss how we could make it happen and how we should move forward. It would/could be a smaller parade. We haven't done any fundraising for the parade yet.

George Slade said he is concerned with the groups marching and the people gathering along the parade.

Jared MacDonald said he is not opposed to having some of the outdoor events, people are going to have to take responsibility for themselves and keeping their distance between others.

James Potter said the parade could happen without marchers and be just vehicles in the parade. The bystanders will have to keep distance between themselves. If the event can adapt and follow the health guidelines it could happen; would like more information.

Judy Froman said she is very concerned regarding the crowds of people on the sides of the street during the parade. Not comfortable having a traditional July 4th parade.

Peter Meier said the parade committee puts a lot of work into this. We should partner with the Board of Health to see if we can have a smaller/different version of the Parade. If it can be done in a safe way it could happen.

Jennifer Kennedy said if people do not feel comfortable attending the parade that is their choice, but some people might like to see a version of the parade.

Renee Gratis said July 4th is too soon to have a parade, it is a very popular event. These are guidelines that are not enforced by the law. It will be hard to social distance on Main Street. Other towns have canceled; Board of Selectmen should follow other towns who have canceled.

Tony Schiavi said the parade could be postponed until later in the year.

James Potter and Jared MacDonald suggested maybe changing the route or lengthening the parade.

Judy Froman isn't comfortable having a parade on July 4th

James Potter would be OK moving the parade to a later date, gives more time for planning.

Jared MacDonald is not opposed to moving the parade to a later date but thinks it could happen on July 4th on a modified version

George Slade said it could happen in a scaled down version.

Peter Meier said it could be done on July 4th with modification.

Consensus is a decision is still not made whether to have the July 4th parade on July 4th. This event has not been approved by the Board yet, the Board will still have to vote on the event.

Pucino Ride

Tony Schiavi said this ride can draw 400-500 people. They start at the Veteran's Memorial Community Center and end at the VFW in Plymouth.

Lisa Haglof briefly went over what they are going to setup for protocols. They will cut time down spent at the community building, will be outside, have state police escort the ride. Will have contactless payments, will have masks and disposable gloves available, will have hand sanitizer, will have announcements to social distance or wear masks, volunteers will be there approximately 2 hours. Will have a team of people monitoring the crowds to make sure no one is encroaching others. Hoping to be able to have the building open to allow only 1 or 2 women and 1 or 2 men at a time to use the restrooms.

Jim Potter suggested to use port-a-potty instead of using the restrooms in the community building. Lisa Haglof said they are willing to have port-a-potty, need to speak to someone as to a place to put the port-a-potty.

Jared MacDonald suggested to set a date to go over all the protocols.

Renee Gratis said she is concerned having the starting point at the community building, it might get too packed. Judy Froman said one of the reasons to have it start there is because it is a Veterans Community Building. Lisa Haglof said also across the street is the memorial clock.

Judy Froman said she would like advanced communication that can be shared with the public. Lisa Haglof said she can put it on the Bourne FaceBook page, the Bourne Police barracks will have a sign, and she can reach out to the local newspapers.

7) Adjourn

Voted Jared MacDonald moved and seconded by Peter Meier to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Roll Cal Vote: James Potter - Yes, George Slade - Yes, Jared MacDonald - Yes, Peter Meier - Yes, Judy Froman - Yes
Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.