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Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Members Present: Joseph Botaish, James Anderson, Christopher Gallo, William Harrington, Michelle Rouse

Members Absent:

Also present: Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator; Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant; Gregory Enos, Assistant Town Administrator/Human Resources Director

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Mr. Botaish. Followed by a roll call for attendance, all members and staff present.

Documentation:

December 5, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes  
Letter from Jusczyk family re Malia Legacy Memorial Request  
Email from Deb Amaya dated December 18, 2023

Announcements:

Mr. Harrington read the following, The 2024 Census will be mailed to all households beginning December 15, 2023. In this upcoming Presidential year, residents are encouraged to fill them out and return to the Clerk's office in a timely fashion in order to maintain your active voter status. Registered voters who do not respond to the census/annual street listing by June 1st are considered inactive. Inactive voters are required to complete additional forms and show ID at elections in order to vote. Completing these forms at an election DOES NOT update your census — you MUST return a census form to become active and avoid completing additional forms at future elections. Dog licenses for 2024 will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning on December 18, 2023. Residents may pay by cash, check or on-line at [wrentham.gov](http://wrentham.gov). Spayed/neutered dogs are \$12.00 each and intact dogs are \$20.00 each. The deadline to license your dogs is February 28, 2024. Late fees will apply. Nomination papers for the Annual Town Election will be available in the Town Clerk's office beginning on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 and are due back on February 12th. Openings available are: Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Select Board, Fiske Library Trustee, KP Regional School Committee, Moderator, Planning Board, Elementary School Committee and Housing Authority. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's office. Please note that the Real Estate bills mailed out on December 22, 2023, contained 'window' remit envelopes due to an error by our printing company. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. To rectify the situation, they are resending the correct remit envelopes with the address: Town of Wrentham, PO Box 2013, Wrentham MA 02093. We're inviting local businesses to participate in a Meet & Greet with Town Officials on January 10th. Expected to be in attendance is Town Administrator, Kevin Sweet, Director of Planning & Economic Development, Rachel Benson, members of the Select Board, members of the Economic Development Commission, and the Wrentham Business Collaborative. A light lunch will be served.

### Approval of the Minutes

**Motion** made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Gallo, the Board voted to approve the December 5, 2023 Open Session Meeting Minutes. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

### Discussion of Sweatt Park / Malia Legacy Memorial Request

Present was Glen and Megan Jusczyk

The Board welcomed the Jusczyk Family to the meeting and offered condolences & sympathy to them for their loss. The Board members spoke in the impact Malia's story had on them and the community.

Mr. Jusczyk spoke, reviewed Malia's history and her role in the Wrentham community, provided the Board with options/examples for a memorial/dedication to Malia in Sweatt Park.

The Board supported the Jusczyk's request and delegated the task of finalizing plans/designs to the Town Administrator's Office.

### Discussion of Signage on the Town Common – Restricting Climbing on Monuments

Ms. Rouse spoke, this is in response to a few requests from residents regarding individuals climbing on war memorials on the Town Common.

A discussion took place amongst the Board regarding different methods to deter individuals from climbing on the monuments, such as installing signs or placing barriers.

Karen Becker of the Landscape Committee spoke, the climbing on monuments was something that they've seen an increase in recent years.

The Board and Mr. Sweet discussed providing educational materials to the community and schools regarding the monuments, their significance and the importance of respecting/not climbing on them.

### Discussion of LaFamilia – License Renewal

A discussion took place amongst the Board and Mr. Sweet regarding the status of LaFamilia. Mr. Sweet reviewed recommendations from the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission on how to deal with pocket licenses.

### Update of Sweatt Park Improvement Project

Mr. Sweet shared a timeline for the Sweatt Park Improvement Project, review the history of the project, milestones completed to date, and next steps.

### Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Sweet spoke, provided a review of impact and operations from the storm event that took place on December 18, 2023.


### Executive Session: MGL Chapter 30A, §21A (2)

**Motion** made by Mr. Gallo, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21A (2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, and to exit Executive Session for aforementioned reason only for the purpose of adjournment. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Adjournment

**Motion** made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rouse, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 8:32PM. Followed by a roll call vote, Anderson – yes, Botaish – yes, Gallo – yes, Harrington – yes, Rouse – yes. Motion carries, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amanda Vasapallo', written over a horizontal line.

Amanda Vasapallo, Executive Assistant