



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 24, 2017
Wellfleet Elementary School, Teachers' Lounge**

Present: Dennis Murphy, BOS Chair, Helen Miranda Wilson, Janet Reinhart, Berta Bruinooge; Dan Hoort

Regrets: Jerry Houk

Chairman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments

- ☐ Chairman Dennis Murphy recognized outgoing member Berta Bruinooge and thanked her for her service on the Board by presenting her with a “fare-well” card signed by the Board.

Business: Consider amending recommendations for 2017 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting warrant articles

Reinhart opened a discussion about recent articles she had read in the Cape Cod Times and New York Times about Sanctuary Cities. Based on these articles she said that she had changed her position on Article 46 and will speak against it. Discussion ensued. Wilson said that she also had some reservations, but those reservations were addressed by Theresa Parker on April 11, as well as the recent Appeals Court decision in Santa Clara, CA. Wilson did not support changing the recommendation of the Selectmen at this point. She said that there was a difference between Article 46 Safe Communities and the designation of Sanctuary City. Wilson suggested that the Board keep the vote to recommend as printed in the warrant and make a statement about the Article's pros and cons in light of recent developments. Murphy proposed presenting this with the statement that voting in favor of Article 46 might not be in the best interest of Wellfleet in terms of securing federal funding for the Harbor Dredging. There was unanimous consensus to support Murphy's statement.

Hoort went over the articles for union and non-union salaries adjustments.

MOTION 217-309: Wilson moved and Bruinooge seconded to recommend article 6. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 217-310: Wilson moved and Bruinooge seconded to recommend article 7. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 217-311: Wilson moved and Bruinooge seconded to recommend article 8. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 217-312: Reinhart moved & Bruinooge seconded to recommend article 10. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 217-313: Bruinooge moved & Reinhart seconded to recommend article 17. The motion passed 4-0.

Hoort presented a background information about Article 24. Bruinooge said that she has done research on all Massachusetts towns and based on her research, Wellfleet has the 17th lowest tax rate out of 351 municipalities. Discussion ensued about the financial state of the Town. Hoort advised to not use free cash to cover operating expenses. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of re-arranging the gymnasium set-up for future Town Meeting to possibly have the Board and Finance Committee sit on the stage.

Adjournment

MOTION 217-314: Reinhart moved and Bruinooge seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. The motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Miteva, Executive Assistant

Public Records Materials: NONE