

**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 2018
Wellfleet Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.**

BOS Members Present: Janet Reinhart, Jerry Houk, Helen Miranda Wilson, Justina Carlson, Kathleen Bacon – Clerk.

BOS Members Absent: none.

Staff: Dan Hoort - Town Administrator, Joe Powers – Assistant Town Administrator / Town Clerk, Radu Luca – Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Janet Reinhart.

I. Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

Houk nominated a slate of nominees to serve as officers on the Selectboard as follows: Carlson – Clerk, Wilson – Vice-Chairperson and Reinhart as Chairperson.

I move to nominate Justina Carlson as Clerk, Helen Miranda Wilson as Vice-Chairperson and Janet Reinhart as Chairperson of the Wellfleet Selectboard.

Motion: Houk Second: Bacon 5-0-0. Motion carries.

II. Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

Note: Public comments must be brief. The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comment.

Houk said the County Selectmen's Association would be meeting this coming Friday, May 11, on Martha's Vineyard. Marijuana Commissioners Jenn Flanagan and Kyle Doyle will be there to discuss marijuana. Whoever is interested to attend can inquire about the complimentary roundtrip ferry tickets being offered to attendees. Free refreshments and free parking will also be provided.

Wilson said that the annual beach cleanup is this coming Saturday, May 12, from 9 am to 6 pm, and will start at Mayo Beach.

Reinhart commended the Finance Committee for their 5-Year Strategic Perspective Plan.

Chief Fisette said that the paving at Lieutenant Island Rd and bridge will occur tomorrow from 8 am to about 1 pm. For a while there will not be any access to and from the island. Fisette also announced the retirement of Dispatcher Cheryl Mulligan after over 30 years on

the force. Bacon asked whether this was the second dispatcher to retire. Fisetette said yes and that they're in the process of looking for a new dispatcher.

Houk also announced the retirement of Marianne Nickerson after 42 years with the Town of Wellfleet. Nickerson was elected to the position of Town Collector when she was hired.

III. Public Hearing(s)

A. Hardship Exemption- Luene Grady

Luene Grady and Nancy Civetta presented Grady's application for a hardship exemption under Shellfishing Regulation 6.1.4, from the requirement for getting her commercial permit renewed before January 31st. Civetta said Grady encountered some major medical issues and last year was the only year in decades that Grady did not apply in a timely fashion. Grady meets all three criteria to qualify for the exemption, as listed in Section 6.1.4, which was included in the included in Board's packet.

I move to approve the commercial shellfish license (*sic*) hardship according to our Section 6.1.4 to exempt Luene Grady, per the Shellfish Constable's recommendation.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Bacon

5-0-0. Motion carries.

The exemption applies to Grady's commercial permit, not an aquaculture license (grant).

B. Two-day beer and wine license – SPAT

Michele Insley from SPAT was there to present the application.

I move to approve a two-day beer and wine license for Wellfleet SPAT in a secure and contained area located in the Town Hall parking lot on October 13 & 14, 2018 from 10 am to 5 pm each day.

Motion: Carlson

Second: Wilson

5-0-0. Motion carries.

IV. Licenses

A. Common Victualler:

- Chequessett Yacht & Country Club

Bacon said this is a repeat business license and we can go ahead and approve this application.

Wilson asked whether the BOS needed a signoff from the Board of Health. Hoort said the Principal Clerk vets all applications before submitting to the BOS for approval.

I move to approve the common victualler business license for Chequessett Yacht & Country Club.

Motion: Bacon

Second: Wilson

5-0-0. Motion carries.

V. Appointments/Reappointments**A. Michael Kubiak – Shellfish Advisory Board**

Mike Kubiak was present to speak on his application.

Wilson said another application for this position had just been submitted. She suggested that the Board postpone the vote for this appointment as the BOS would normally do in these situations. Houk would like to postpone this item until the next meeting.

I move to postpone the interview with Mike Kubiak as an alternate member to the Shellfish Advisory Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2021.

Motion: Wilson Second: Bacon 5-0-0. Motion carries.

VI. Use of Town Property**A. Zach Pawa – Sacred Surf School at White Crest Beach (June 1 – Aug 31)**

Zach Pawa was present before the BOS to speak to his application. Pawa has been doing the school of surf for nine years. Bacon asked Pawa if he purchases parking stickers for the instructors. The answer was yes. Bacon said parking is at a premium in summer.

I move to approve the use of Town-owned property at White Crest Beach for Zach Pawa's Sacred Surf School between June 1 and August 31 for a fee of \$385.

Motion: Bacon Second: Wilson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

B. Chloe Houston & Dan Welch – Indian Neck Beach (July 7th)

The father of the groom presented a short synopsis of the event and the setup process.

Wilson said the event was scheduled at a time that would not conflict with access for shellfishing at low tide and that people setting up for the event should have parking stickers.

I move to approve the use of Town-owned property at Indian Neck Beach for Chloe Houston & Dan Welch on July 7th, 2018 for a fee of \$110.

Motion: Bacon Second: Carlson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

C. Wellfleet Oysterfest – Various (October 13 & 14)

Michele Insley said there aren't any changes for the event this year. SPAT has been considering having the event expanded to an entire week. SPAT has been looking for ways to promote the Wellfleet oyster brand, to increase revenue for our shellfishermen.

Bacon thinks everyone knows and recognize our brand and Wellfleet oysters and doesn't believe more marketing on this is necessary. And that the impact on Town services are considerable.

Wilson asked whether there is any change in what was being applied for this year compared to last year. Insley said no. Insley wanted to bring up the fragility of the Live for Lou Memorial Garden which abuts the back lawn at Prez Hall, where the kids' section is set up. Reinhart thought that we should revisit the use of that area in the fall.

I move to approve the use of Town-owned property for the Wellfleet Oysterfest on October 13th and 14th, 2018.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Bacon

5-0-0. Motion carries.

D. Wellfleet SPAT – Various Aquaculture grant tours (June 17, 21, 30; July 1, 14, 15, 16; Aug 11, 15, 30; Sep 8 & 9)

Michele Insley is proposing to reduce the number of tours to twelve (at 2 locations: Mayo Beach and Indian Neck Beach) this year and keep them free for everyone.

Houk asked where SPAT would set up at Town Hall. Insley said they chose the two beach locations because there is parking.

Carlson asked whether the grant owners would be compensated. Insley said the plan is to compensate both the grant owners and the naturalists and to have the tours be free to the public. Carlson agreed that there is a lot of work involved in shellfishing and that grant owners should be compensated for allowing the tours to happen on their leases.

Bacon asked how many people usually show up for a tour. Insley said typically 15-19 people sign up per tour. With a maximum of 25.

Bacon asked what qualified the tour guides as naturalists. Insley said Alanna McGovern has a degree in marine biology, she worked for the coast guard and she was very good at it.

Bacon also asked whether people who would be going on the tours would be charged to park at White Crest Beach. Insley said that most people attending are from town and already have a sticker, but last year Thomas provided people from out of town with stickers.

Wilson asked how people get out to the grants, because vehicles are not generally permitted. Insley said everyone meets in the parking lot and then walk. She said that she felt that there couldn't be too much education about shellfishing and that keeping it free was a good idea.

Houk would like to see SPAT charge for these tours and make it voluntary.

Civetta said SPAT has been great at coordinating with the Shellfish Department and that they had run the plan and the tour guide's script by the Shellfish Department and that Mankevetch would be working closely with McGovern when possible, given his schedule.

I move to approve the use of Town-owned property for Wellfleet SPAT on June 17th, 21st, 30th; July 1st, 14th, 15th, 16th; Aug 11th, 15th, 30th; Sep 8th & 9th, 2018.

Motion: Bacon Second: Carlson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

E. Suzanne Grout Thomas – Bandstand (June 28, rain date June 29)

Thomas said this is a community square dancing event sponsored by an anonymous person who has enjoyed these events in the past. and is open to the public.

I move to approve the use of Town-owned property for Suzanne Grout Thomas at the bandstand on June 28th (rain date June 29th), 2018.

Motion: Bacon Second: Wilson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

VII. Business

A. Approval of June 8th, 2018 as "Piece of Peace Day in Wellfleet" Proclamation [Karen Pagano]

Karen Pagano was present with some of the kids in the elementary school's after-school peace club, to speak in support of this proclamation.

Houk asked about the time of the parade and whether this would be for the entire school. Pagano said the parade would proceed from the school and get into the center of town around 1 pm, and that the event is for the entire school.

I move to proclaim June 8th, 2018 as "Piece of Peace Day in Wellfleet."

Motion: Wilson Second: Carlson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

B. Review of 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Houk said we needed new sound equipment. Reinhart agreed. Bacon doesn't believe the sounds equipment is at fault. She asked whether it would be a good idea to get a professional in to do the Town meetings.

Hoort said the Town Moderator wanted to be here tonight, but couldn't make it.

Tom Cole of the Cable Advisory Commission said there are numerous problems with the sound system: the mixing board should be replaced, better management of the gated / hot mics, the room is challenging. Cole thinks upgrading the equipment would help tremendously, but we might also consider contracting a firm that already has a sound system.

Wilson asked Cole for a dollar amount for a new sound system. Cole said it might cost \$10,000 and up and that there are some funds available in the CAC budget. Hoort said we're in the process of assessing our options and gathering quotes.

Bacon asked Cole if he recommended bringing in a professional with their own equipment. Cole said this is an option to consider.

Houk said we end up having two meetings a year and we might be better off purchasing the equipment. Cole said that's an option and that we might also consider renting the equipment.

Reinhart said we missed presenting the video that someone made of all the towns' town meetings in MA.

Hoort said he updated the calendar for next year. He will work with the ATA and the Chair of the Planning Board to schedule the PB Public Hearings earlier prior to Town Meeting. Reinhart agreed with the recommendation.

Wilson said the By-Law Review Committee is comprised of three people and they should be allowed more time to meet on the articles before the Warrant goes to the printer.

Roger Putnam said the By-Law Review Committee would like to be involved and consulted much sooner in the process, when Town Meeting articles are still being drafted.

Reinhart said the powerpoint presentation of the articles and the handouts of the actual motions, as read, were very useful.

C. Board of Selectmen's Priorities and Goals – Initial Discussion

Houk said there are others waiting in the audience and that maybe we could postpone this item or take it out of order.

Wilson asked whether we usually did this in September. Hoort said we could get a head start and start the conversation early. Wilson thinks she thought that this works best if we can all look at the previous year's goals. She BOS member lists their goals and they're all presented in an open session and would like to have the TA contribute with his goals as well.

Reinhart says we still have some unresolved issues: shell shack, (affordable) housing, town offices reshuffling, etc. Bacon agrees with Reinhart, but there are things in the works and would like the TA to return before the BOS with the goals from last year and take it from there.

D. Notice of the Department of Public Health's renewal of a variance that allows the transfer of commercially harvested shellfish to wholesalers'

vehicles to be restricted to the Town pier during vibrio control season, for the next three years. [Shellfish Constable]

No action vote was required for this agenda item. The change to our Shellfishing Regulations will be posted and acted on at the Board's next meeting but the variance is now in place, in time for May 19th.

E. Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Commitment Letter
[Robert Shapiro, Energy Committee]

Wilson said we're all for being environmentally friendly, but wouldn't vote for this letter because it commits us to doing reports, an inventory, and assessments. This endeavor would be time consuming. Bacon clarified that the energy committee would be doing those tasks and said that this is a good step forward. She would like to support our Energy Committee in pursuing this endeavor.

The BOS agreed to postpone this agenda item.

I move to postpone the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Commitment Letter until the Energy Committee can present the item to the BOS.

Motion: Bacon Second: Wilson 5-0-0. Motion carries.

F. Acceptance of Donation and Placement of 4 Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations [TA]

Mike Flanagan and Walter Baron from the Marina Advisory Committee were there to discuss this agenda item, with the information included in the BOS packet for tonight's meeting.

Hoort said two of the four stations could go behind town hall and the other two could be placed at the pier.

Wilson thought that we could have at least one charging station at the library. Hoort said he wouldn't want to take away one or two parking spaces from the library, where there is limited parking.

Houk asked whether the charge would shut off automatically when it's full. Hoort said these stations come with cycles that stop the charge when full, but the car wouldn't necessarily be moved.

Bacon said the CCNS didn't accept the donation because they couldn't accept donations from a private company. Bacon would like to see them at the library and suggested the area behind the library. She thought that we should accept all four if they were donated to us.

Carlson asked whether they would use Town electricity. Hoort said yes and the Town could charge whatever rate they chose to and the funds would go into a designated Town account so the process would be seamless. Carlson agreed and thought that this would make the town look more progressive. She asked about the return policy if we're not satisfied. Hoort said we should be able to return the units if we're not happy with the product.

It was clarified that parking spaces would have to be held open when not in use, as is the case for handicapped spaces.

Reinhart said it's important to lead the way and be a progressive community.

Flanagan said we run the Marina as an Enterprise Fund and adding these units wouldn't generate profit for the Marina. He mentioned logistical and management costs associated with installing the units as well as increased corrosion because of the salt air. Flanagan suggested other locations in town. Bacon agreed with the harbormaster and thinks more people are launching boats on trailers and having EV's there might create a bit of a havoc. Bacon brought up the issue of safety when the tide is high and that it might make parking issues worse than they already are. Wilson didn't think it was a good idea down at the Marina because of global warming and rise of the sea level. She also said it's not wise to have electric cables and units by the water where they would sustain damage from the salty air. Wilson recommend one unit at the library, one at the Preservation Hall Parking lot and two at Town Hall. Hoort would have to check with the Library Board of Trustees to see whether there access would be feasible.

I move to accept the donation of four (or fewer) electrical vehicle charging stations and place them at appropriate locations in town as per the Town Administrator's recommendations.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Carlson

5-0-0. Motion carries.

VIII. Town Administrator's Report

Hoort discussed the meeting Town representatives had with Mass DOT in Taunton regarding the intersection at Route 6 and Main Street. He said that the DOT was still considering a roundabout as a possibility. The Board expressed their disapproval.

IX. Topics for Future Discussion

Houk addressed fixing the flower boxes at the Marina and said the TA had had some plan regarding this. He mentioned that there was someone who would. Reinhart said it's impossible to keep up with irrigating the planters due to the amount of exposure to wind and salt. Bacon said that sometimes she must water the planter in the dingy on East Main Street as much as three times a day. And that the planters aren't deep enough or set up well for that location. Houk also inquired about the condition of the waste baskets at various town beach locations, already, this early in the season. He suggested a new way to have this done by the DPW. Houk also asked for an update on Cumberland Farms. He brought up the contract with Preservation Hall, especially the issues pertaining to the

maintenance of the property, and they are supposed to report back on maintenance activities on the property once a year as specified in their lease. Reinhart said Preservation Hall has the right to ask for CPC funds to pay for maintenance costs. She also spoke about people misusing the trash containers

Wilson addressed the issue of Section 208 regarding the Wastewater Management Plan. Wilson would like to have the Waste Water Committee's 2014 draft Management Plan sent to every member the board and committees that will be involved in implementing it. and possibly have an agenda item about this, after all these committees and boards have met and read the document. To hear from them when they have gotten it under their belts. Carlson wondered if Wilson wanted to co-ordinate this effort. She said that the vote of Article 28 at Town Meeting seemed to express support for having a water resources position.

Bacon said would like the BOS to make a final decision on the shellfish shack.

Houk mentioned having Dawn Rickman on the Finance Committee.

X. Correspondence and Vacancy Report

There are quite a few vacancies on our Town committees and boards and the BOS would like to encourage our voting re

XI. Minutes (Meeting Minutes from 4.10.18 and 4.23.18)

I move to approve the minutes of 4.10.18 as amended.

Motion: Wilson	Second: Bacon	4-0-1. Motion carries.
Carlson abstained.		

I move to approve the minutes of 4.23.18 as amended.

Motion: Wilson	Second: Bacon	4-0-1. Motion carries.
Carlson abstained.		

XII. Adjournment

I move to adjourn.

Motion: Houk	Second: Wilson	5-0-0. Motion carries.
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The public meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Radu D. Luca, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

Public Records Material for the Meeting of 5/8/18

1. Public Hearing Notice – Hardship Exemption Luene Grady (Apr 13)
2. Public Hearing Notice – Two-day beer and wine license application for Wellfleet SPAT (Apr 25)
3. Application for Town Boards / Committee Membership – Mike Kubiak to Shellfish Advisory Board (Apr 20)
4. Use of Town Property – Zach Pawa Sacred Surf School at White Crest Beach (Feb 1)
5. Use of Town Property – Chloe Houston & Dan Welch at Indian Neck Beach (Mar 22)
6. Use of Town Property – Wellfleet Oysterfest & Wellfleet SPAT various locations
7. Use of Town Property – Suzanne Grout Thomas at bandstand (Apr 4)
8. Memo – Shellfish Constable to Selectboard re: Transfer of Oysters to Wholesale Dealers Trucks During Vibrio Control Season (May 7)
9. Letter of Commitment Request –Requested by the Energy Committee for Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (Apr 24)
10. Memo – Principal Clerk to Selectboard re: Correspondence & Vacancy (May 4)
11. Draft BOS Minutes – 4.10.18 and 4.23.18 (May 4)