



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2014  
Wellfleet Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Paul Pilcher, Chairman, Berta Bruinooge, John Morrissey, Dennis Murphy, Jerry Houk;  
Town Administrator Harry Terkanian

Chairman Paul Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments**

Town Administrator Harry Terkanian announced:

- Route 6/Main Street meeting will take place on October 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the COA. The general public is invited to attend.
- The FY15 tax rate was set on October 10, 2014 at \$6.78 per thousand. This is 8 cents increase from FY14 or about 1.2%. For the median single family house in Town it means an increase of less than \$40. Tax bills are expected to go out in the mail within two weeks and will be due 30 days from the postmark date.

Police Chief Ronald Fisette announced that the damaged over the last winter Route 6 traffic light is scheduled to be replaced on Wednesday, October 15, 2014.

**Licenses**

Pilcher had questions about the change of hours request of Wellfleet Wine and Spirits, Inc.. Terkanian went over the reasons for the request.

**Motion: 15-085:** Houk moved and Bruinooge seconded to approve the request of Wellfleet Wine and Spirits, Inc for the change of hours for Sunday opening at 10:00 am. The motion passed 5-0.

**Appointments**

Fisette presented his recommendation<sup>1</sup> for the promotion of Joseph Conroy from Special Police Officer to Full Time police officer. Murphy had questions about the cost associated to send an officer to Police Academy. Fisette explained that the cost is about \$3,000 for the 20-week training.

**Motion: 15-086:** Murphy moved and Houk seconded to appoint Joseph Conroy to Full Time Police Officer with a term beginning January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 subject to meeting the conditions of Fisette's recommendations. The motion passed 5-0.

Nancy Golden took the stand to present her desire to serve on the Open Space Committee.

**Motion: 15-087:** Bruinooge moved and Morrissey seconded to appoint Nancy H. Golden to Open Space Committee with term ending June 30, 2015. The motion passed 5-0.

Nancy Rae, Chairperson of the Open Space Committee thanked the Selectmen for the appointment.

## **Public Hearing**

Pilcher opened the informational hearing on beach fires at 7:15 pm and thanked Beach Administrator Suzanne Grout Thomas for the provided reports<sup>2</sup> and information on beach fires. Bruinooge expressed her concerns about the amount of 1,236 beach fire permits issued over the summer. She shared her encounters with people who said that beach fires deteriorate the appearance of Wellfleet beaches. Thomas presented her reports and answered questions and concerns of the selectmen. Murphy had concerns about liability issues if someone gets hurt as a result of debris from beach fires. Bruinooge wanted to know if the number of beach permits issued was adequate. Thomas answered that the number of beach fire permits issued is not excessive. Houk suggested increasing beach security between 11:00 pm and 1:00 am, if the most issues are coming from people without a beach fire permit. Thomas explained that the current Beach Regulations state that no fires are permitted after 11:00 pm. Pilcher suggested stronger enforcement of the rules and imposing fines in stead of warnings. Murphy had concerns about the charcoal pits and debris left after the fires are over. Pilcher requested additional information about recommendation and number of fires allowed and perhaps transitioning to online beach fire permitting system. Pilcher also supported the idea of having police involved after 11:00 pm for increased beach control. Morrissey suggested engaging broader audience before making any decision.

*Pilcher closed the informational public hearing at 7:32 pm.*

## **Use of Town Property**

Della Spring (Cushing) presented her request to teach yoga classes on the beach during summer 2015. The Selectmen discussed use fee and possible change of location. Thomas spoke favorably about the need for yoga on Mayo beach.

**Motion: 15-088:** Houk moved to grant the request of Della Spring (Cushing) for morning stretch yoga class on Mayo beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am – 9:45 am during summer 2015, subject to paying use fee of \$100, and listing the Town of Wellfleet on the liability insurance. Bruinooge seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

## **Green Communities Act Energy Reduction Plan**

Marcus Springer, Chair of the Energy Committee presented and recommended the Energy Reduction Plan<sup>3</sup>. Springer also went over the Energy Manager concerns and explained the research done with the towns of Truro and Provincetown and their experience with the need for Energy Manager. According to him if a need for Energy Manager is identified in the future, the position would be part time and would be for entering reporting data. Springer said that the assumed cost would be in the \$10,000 range and could be offset by grants. Houk, Morrissey and Pilcher expressed gratitude for the work done. Houk supported the Energy Manager position. Morrissey had concerns what the Energy Manager duties could possibly be other than entering reporting data.

**Motion: 15-089:** Murphy moved and Morrissey seconded to support the Green Communities energy reduction plan. The motion passed 5-0.

**Motion: 15-090:** Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to authorize the Energy Committee to file Green Communities Act application.

**Motion: 15-091:** Houk moved and Murphy seconded to authorize Chairman Pilcher to sign and submit the letter of the Green Communities Act application. The motion passed 5-0.

## **Town Administrator's Report**

Terkanian presented the TA report of October 9, 2014<sup>4</sup>.

### **Future Concerns**

- Pilcher suggested to move the public hearings to 7:05 pm in the future
- Morrissey requested OPEB funds information from Treasurer Diane Midura and Terkanian.
- Morrissey suggested the new State grant application portal to be advertised to all departments and committees.
- Houk recommended a letter of appreciation to Richard Willacke for serving on the Board of Health. Pilcher said that the letter will be reviewed on October 28, 2014.
- Houk recommended a letter to the Bikeways Committee.
- Houk suggested reviewing the State Retirement Benefit Trust and the possibility of investing money on State Government Funds.
- Terkanian said that the presentation of police department needs and police station conceptual plan and cost estimate by Kastle Boos is scheduled for the October 28, 2014 meeting.
- Houk suggested reviewing the pavement on Old King's Highway as an emergency by-pass from Route 6.

### **Correspondence<sup>5</sup> and Vacancy Report<sup>6</sup>**

**Motion: 15-092:** Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to approve the minutes<sup>7</sup> of the September 30, 2014 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion: 15-093:** Murphy moved and Houk seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michaela Miteva, Executive Assistant

### **Public Record Documents:**

<sup>1</sup> Fisette's recommendation to appoint Joseph Conroy to Full Time Police Officer

<sup>2</sup> Thomas's Reports on Beach Fire Permits

<sup>3</sup> Green Communities Act Energy Reduction Plan

<sup>4</sup> TA Report of October 9, 2014

<sup>5</sup> Correspondence Report of October 14, 2014

<sup>6</sup> Vacancy Report of October 9, 2014

<sup>7</sup> Minutes of September 30, 2014 meeting