



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 17, 2015
Wellfleet Senior Center**

Present: Paul Pilcher, Chairman, Dennis Murphy, Berta Bruinooge, John Morrissey, Town Administrator Harry Sarkis Terkanian and Assistant Town Administrator Brian Carlson

Regrets: Jerry Houk

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

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments

Selectman John Morrissey said that the reason for his early leave during March 10, 2015 meeting was for the birth of his granddaughter Jessica Morrissey.

Fire Chief Richard Pauley announced that two new ambulances were purchased and will be in service by next week. He thanked the Town Administrator for his assistance with the purchasing process. Chief Pauley also said that a Perfect Inspection was completed at the Fire Station thanks to the efforts of all staff.

Annual Town Meeting warrant continued review and approval of articles and budgets

Terkanian presented his memo¹ and summarized the remaining issues with FY15 budget transfers and their impact on FY16 budget. He explained several budget adjustments of the Nauset Regional School District. The last part of his memo represented minor changes to the 2015 ATM Warrant articles after Town Counsel's reviewed them. Terkanian briefly presented changes to the Original Budget submission. He said that some adjustments have been done. As a result the FY16 Operating Budget is now under Proposition 2 ½ by \$15,053. Pilcher had a comment on possible upcoming expenditures from the Citizen's Economic Development Committee budget. Murphy talked about potential Chapter 90 additional funds. The selectmen had no changes or additional comments to the proposed TA FY16 operating budget.

MOTION 215-136: Murphy moved and Morrissey seconded to place and recommend Article 1. The motion passed 4-0.

Terkanian suggested deferring recommendation of Article 2 to Town Meeting.

MOTION 215-137: Bruinooge moved and Morrissey seconded to defer recommendation of Article 2 to 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Terkanian went over changes to the FY16 Capital Budget since the last meeting on March 10.

MOTION 215-138: Murphy moved and Morrissey seconded to recommend Article 3. The motion passed 4-0.

Articles 6, 7, 8, 9 were deferred for recommendation to Town Meeting due to ongoing Union negotiations.

MOTION 215-139: Morrissey moved and Bruinooge seconded to defer recommendations of Articles 6,7,8,9 to Town Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

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Discussion ensued about Article 10 - adding a 13th Police Officer and the possible additional costs in terms of benefits. Terkanian said that the \$60,000 staffing cost estimate cannot be more accurate due to many variables. Bruinooge suggested having some sort of information on the possible variables at Town Meeting to help voters better understand the cost associated with adding an additional police officer.

MOTION 215-140: Morrissey moved and Murphy seconded to place and recommend Article 10. The motion passed 4-0.

Terkanian recommended reducing the OPEB funding on Article 12 to \$200,000 instead of \$250,000.

MOTION 215-141: Bruinooge moved and Murphy seconded to place and recommend Article 12 as recommended by TA to transfer \$200,000 to OPEB. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 215-142: Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to remove Article 13. The motion passed 4-0.

Pilcher gave an opportunity to Morrissey to voice his position on the Articles he missed to vote on when he left the March 10, 2015 meeting early. Morrissey went over Articles 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 and said that he will vote in favor of all of them. Pilcher said that Morrissey's recommendations of these Articles should be added to the warrant.

MOTION 215-143: Murphy moved and Morrissey seconded to place and recommend Article 22. The motion passed 4-0.

Terkanian presented Article 23 and said that FinCom did not recommend it. Discussion ensued. Gerald Parent, Chairman of the Planning Board said that there may be a better use of CPC funds. Pilcher agreed and suggested possibly allocating the funds towards housing assistance, affordable housing projects and other higher priorities. Bruinooge supported Pilcher's position. Murphy wanted to know if this property has been on the open market. Parent gave a brief overview of the property history.

MOTION 215-144: Picher moved and Bruinooge seconded to NOT recommend Article 23. The motion passed 4-0.

Morrissey voiced his position on Articles 27, 28, 28A, 29, 30 and 31 by saying that he will vote in favor of all of them.

Lydia Vivante and Lonni Briggs from the Recycling Committee presented Article 32 about plastic bags ban and answered Selectmen's questions. Bruinooge wanted to know who would enforce this ban and what feed back has been received from businesses in Town. Vivante said that the ban would be enforced by the Health Agent and Police at the point of purchase. If approved, the bylaw would take effect on January 1, 2016. Vivante added that currently most businesses in Town already use paper bags. Brigs talked about the benefits of the recyclable bags. Morrissey wanted to know how other communities that have adopted the bylaw are doing. Jan Morrissey wanted to know what the difference between the allowed and not allowed plastic bags. Briggs said that the plastic pollutants in the environment attract chemicals; then the plastic particles get eaten by the fish and eventually end up in the human food supply. The Selectmen discussed this matter among themselves. They found it prudent to wait until the Recycling Committee meets with businesses to discuss the change.

MOTION 215-145: Murphy moved and Pilcher seconded to defer recommendation of Article 32 to Town Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Morrissey voiced his position on Article 33 and by saying that he will vote for it.

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Terkanian said that he still does not have the complete list of DPW equipment for proposed disposition and suggested deferring the recommendation of this article to Town Meeting.

MOTION 215-146: Bruinooge moved and Pilcher seconded to defer recommendation of Article 34 to Town Meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

Gerald Parent, Chairman of the Planning Board was present to answer questions about Articles 39-40. Bruinooge wanted to know what the differences between the existing and the proposed bylaws are. Murphy wanted to know if there were any opportunities left for commercial buildings. Parent went over the questions. Terkanian explained the present bylaw and said that the proposed bylaw changes will be based on set of standards rather than just labeling what is considered a home occupation.

MOTION 215-147: Bruinooge moved and Murphy seconded to recommend Article 39. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 215-148: Bruinooge moved and Murphy seconded to recommend Article 40. The motion passed 4-0.

Morrissey voiced his position on Articles 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47 by saying that he is recommending all them. He said that he is NOT recommending Article 48.

Parent had concerns about Article 46 and presented the Planning Board recommendation in terms of access from Paine Hollow Rd. Terkanian talked about possible complication of access via the neighboring private roads. No action was taken by the Selectmen, because Article 46 does not address the matter of access to the property.

Pilcher presented Selectman Jerry Houk's request to move Petitioned Article 48 earlier in the Annual Town Meeting agenda. Bruinooge said that historically in Wellfleet petitioned articles are always at the in the end of the warrant, and according to her placing it early in the meeting may have an adverse effect on attendance.

MOTION 215-149: Picher moved to place Article 48 before the General Bylaws Section of 2015 ATM warrant. There was no second and the motion failed.

Future Concerns

- Discussion on Liquor License signatures

Executive Session and Adjournment

Pilcher read the purpose of the executive session: *"To discuss a strategy in respect to collective bargaining agreement"* and said that discussing this matter in open session may have an adverse effect on the negotiations.

MOTION 215-150: Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to adjourn the public meeting at 8:19 pm and enter into executive session and not go back in public session. The motion passed by a roll call vote where Pilcher, Bruinooge, Murphy and Morrissey each said "Aye".

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ TA memo on remaining FY15 and FY16 Budget issues, dated March 17, 2015