



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of April 7, 2015  
Wellfleet Senior Center**

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

Chairman Paul Pilcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed Selectman Jerry Houk back.

**Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment**

Pilcher reminded that Pre-Town Meeting, an informal discussion of articles on the Wellfleet Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 16 at the Library.

Town Administrator Harry Terkanian announced:

- Committee secretary Christine Bates will retire in May, but will continue to serve the Town on part time basis.
- Animal Control Officer Suzanne Trasavage will be in training for the next 12 Fridays.
- Assistant Town Administrator Brian Carlson is in procurement training.

Police Chief Ronald Fisetette announced:

- Lt. Mike Hurley and Officer Geraldine LaPense have selected two community service officers as a result of the recruitment process
- The second Open House for the for the proposed new police building design and the 13<sup>th</sup> Police Officer will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Fire Station.
- Selectman Dennis Murphy has graciously donated \$500 towards the Drug Abuse Prevention Fund and his contribution is greatly appreciated.

Fire Chief Richard Pauley announced:

- Fire Fighter/EMT Jim Willis will retire after 24 years of service effective July 1, 2015.
- Free pancake breakfast sponsored by the Wellfleet Fire Relief Association will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Senior Center.

**Public Hearing(s) [7:05]**

Pilcher opened the public hearings at 7:05 pm.

Joanna Roche, WHAT Development Director presented the request of WHAT for one day liquor license for fundraising event on July 28, 2015.

**MOTION 215-173:** Murphy moved and Morrissey seconded to approve the request of WHAT for a one day all alcohol license on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 to be served and consumed under an event tent on the patio of the entrance to the theater. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION 215-174:** Bruinooge moved and Morrissey seconded to approve the request of SPAT for a two day beer and wine license on Saturday, October 17, 2015 and Sunday, October 18, 2015 to be served and consumed in a secure and contained area located in the Town Hall parking lot from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Licenses/Appointments/Reappointments/Use of Town Property**

**MOTION 215-175:** Houk moved and Murphy seconded to approve the Common Victualler License for Blue Willow Fine Foods and Bob's Sub & Cone. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION 215-176:** Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to approve Automated Amusement License for Bob's Sub & Cone. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION 215-177:** Bruinooge moved and Murphy seconded to appoint Mark Vincent to the Cape Cod Commission Joint Transportation Committee with indefinite term. The motion passed 5-0.

**MOTION 215-178:** Morrissey moved and Bruinooge seconded to appoint Brian Carlson as alternate to the Cape Cod Commission Joint Transportation Committee with indefinite term. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization Sub-Region D Nomination**

No action was taken on the request of the Cape Cod Commission for nomination(s) of a selectman to the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization Sub-Region D.

### **Use of Town Property**

The request of International Women's Flag Football Association (IWFFA) to use Baker Field on September 19 and 20, 2015, 9 am - 5 pm for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kate Clinton Flag Football tournament was postponed to the meeting on April 21, 2015 because there was no representative of the IWFFA and the Selectmen's questions and concerns of March 24, 2015 were not addressed.

Terkanian said that the request of Face Book Group *Trey Helliwell Remembered* to hold memorial live music concerts has been previously granted with an event fee of \$100 a day.

**MOTION 215-179:** Bruinooge moved and Murphy seconded to approve the request of Face Book Group *Trey Helliwell Remembered* to use Whitecrest Beach parking lot on Ocean View Drive on Saturday June 27, 2015 and Saturday July 11, 2015 from 5 pm to 9 pm (rain dates 6/28 & 7/12) for two memorial live music concerts in honor of Trey Helliwell with an event fee: \$100 a day and providing four portable potties and trash pick-up as requested by DPW. The motion passed 5-0.

Pilcher announced that an unforeseen Use of Town Property item was added to the original agenda as a result of changes to a previously granted Use of Town Property request by the movie makers of "Year By The Sea". Alexander Janko, movie producer, explained to the Selectmen the reason for the revised schedule for filming the movie. Pilcher wanted to know how long the closure of Main Street will be for. Police Chief Fisette said that the PD will be coordinating the traffic to avoid traffic back-ups and road issues. Pilcher asked for reassurance from Janko that there will be no long-term street closures creating back-ups and issues as a result of the movie filming. Murphy wanted to know what part of the Hatch's property will be impacted. Janko said that there will be no long term street closure and went over the filming locations. Morrissey wanted to know if residents and visitors will have access to downtown parking lots.

**MOTION 215-180:** Houk moved and Bruinooge seconded to approve the revised filming schedule for Year By The Sea, LLC with the conditions for Use of Town Property set on January 29, 2015 and with the stipulation that all police detail will be paid by the film makers. The motion passed 5-0.

## **Business**

### **Ratification of use of town property fee schedule as amended on March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Pilcher explained the reason for ratification of the Use of Town Property fee schedule. Terkanian went over the changes.

**MOTION 215-181:** Morrissey moved and Bruinooge seconded to accept the Use of Town Property Fee Schedule<sup>1</sup> as amended and presented in the meeting materials. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Indian Neck restoration proposal**

Trudy Vermehren, Chair of Wellfleet Conservation Commission presented the proposed restoration of the Indian Neck with a Power Point<sup>2</sup> slide show. She said that there were three public hearings held with no public attendance. Morrissey wanted to know how the four poles will prevent the vehicular traffic and suggested widening the area to prevent creation of a new vehicular path.

**MOTION 215-182:** Morrissey moved and Murphy seconded to approve the request of the Conservation Commission for restoration of Indian Neck. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Closure to vehicle access to the sluiceway**

Community Services Director and Beach Administrator Suzanne Grout Thomas presented the Gull-Higgins Sluiceway closure proposal<sup>3</sup> with a Power Point presentation. Thomas presented the objectives of the closure, defined the problem, showed images of the damaged sluiceway and gave a historic overview of the sluiceway vehicular use over the years Thomas presented proposed restoration management plan based on similar successful town beach restoration projects on Great Pond, Gull Pond, Long Pond and Duck Pond since 1980. Murphy wanted to know the legality of closing a Town Road. Terkanian explained that closure of Town road is under the purview of the Selectmen. Morrissey wanted to know how the abutting resident will be able to access their property. Vermehren explained that a possibility for temporary closing of the gateway has been discussed, but the preference of the Conservation Commission is permanent closure. Murphy suggested that fire truck and ambulance access should be considered. The abutter Wilson Bartlett was present and spoke in favor of the efforts of the Conservation Commission and Thomas in planning the sluiceway closure.

**MOTION 215-183:** Murphy moved and Bruinooge seconded to approve the sluiceway closure to vehicular access with the provision that the gateway is located beyond the Bartlett's property. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Discussion on proposal for paid parking at the Marina**

Pilcher presented the proposal for paid parking at the Marina and talked about possible deed restriction complications and costs associated with implementation of paid parking. Bruinooge wanted to know how the parking stations would know who has a resident sticker and who does not. Pilcher explained how the parking stations would work. Terkanian talked about a previous conversation he had with the Town of Provincetown about the operations of their parking stations. Discussion ensued. Murphy had a question on the potential revenue. Houk wanted to know what the

hours for paid parking would be. Pilcher suggested that this possibility may be considered to be further explored for next summer. Helen Miranda Wilson talked about parking situation in neighboring towns. Suzanne Grout Thomas, Community Services Director and Beach Administrator expressed her concerns for making people pay for parking while waiting to purchase a beach sticker. Murphy wanted to know where this potential revenue would go to - the General Fund or the Marina Enterprise Fund. Morrissey summarized the issues for charging for parking at the Marina and asked why only the parking at the Marina was considered as opposed to the parking lots at Town Hall and Preservation Hall. The discussion concluded by the Selectmen agreeing to further explore this matter in the future.

### **Transfer Station Amnesty Day on April 25, 2015**

Terkanian explained how Transfer Station Amnesty Day would work and talked about the missed revenue and additional cost incurred last year by the Transfer Station as result of Amnesty Day. The Selectmen did not oppose holding Transfer Station Amnesty Day on April 25, 2015.

### **Discussion on Community Policing Petition<sup>4</sup>**

Terkanian opened a discussion on community policing by saying that it would be useful to define what the objective for community policing is and what it means. Chief Fisetta agreed with Terkanian and said that he is happy and willing to work on this process. Pillar Cohens who attended the Provincetown community policing training read a brief report of the training that took place in Provincetown and spoke in favor of the training. Dennis Cunningham talked about the reason for the petitioner's proposal and the value of community policing training to the Town. Bruinooge wanted to know what kind of training was done in Provincetown and all other details associated with the community policing training before having a position on this matter. Chief Fisetta explained the process and said that it would cost approximately \$10,000 for the two-day training based on information provided from Provincetown. Murphy wanted to know what the benefits of the community policing training are and asked what problems triggered the petitioners' request. Cumminhgam explained that the community policing training concept is a state of the art concept at a very minimal cost. Cunningham explained that there was no specific event or problem that triggered the petition. Kristen Schantz talked about the training and the benefit to the stakeholders of the community where concerns are identified and addressed such as substance abuse, poverty and homelessness. According to her this is integration between police and community to solve problems. Houk expressed his support for community policing training. Helen Miranda Wilson said that she took the online course and found it very helpful and spoke about how the current society is more violent and the benefit of the training. Wilson suggested regionalizing the training with Truro and Eastham in order to share the cost. Pilcher summarized the two sides of the community policing. He said it should be a "two-way street" that involves both community and police input.

**MOTION 215-184:** Pilcher moved to ask the Police Chief to work with TA to address the concerns of Community Policing and come up with a plan for training and present it to the Selectmen in one of the upcoming meetings in May. Bruinooge seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

### **Town Administrator's Report**

Terkanian briefly went over his report<sup>5</sup> and added:

- Mass DOT has issued a one-time contract allowing the Town of Wellfleet to be reimbursed for up to \$37,426 for roadway repairs as a result of the harsh winter weather.
- The 2015 ATM Warrant and the annual Town report were sent to the printer.
- Updated the Selectmen on the FY15 snow plowing deficit and fire department engine repair

- Department Heads have been asked to refrain from spending for the remainder of FY15.
- Updated the Selectmen on the Beach concessions RFP and awarding.
- First draft of Town Meeting motions are under review by Town Clerk and Town Accountant.
- Three union negotiations are still in progress.

### **Future Concerns**

- Houk had concerns about the poor condition of the former WHAT parking lot on Kendrick Avenue.
- Terkanian said that the April 21 agenda will include amendments to the Police Department Rules and Regulations.
- Terkanian introduced a plan to re-landscape the Town Hall lawn.

### **Correspondence and Vacancy Report**

Morrissey presented the Correspondence Report<sup>6</sup> and talked about a letter by John T. Morin complimenting the services of the Fire Department and donating \$1,000 to the Firefighters Association. Morrissey also talked about a tide gauge communication by Andy Massey of USGA Letter. Terkanian gave a background for the tide gauge letter and talked about the cost and benefit associated with the tide gauge in terms of storm surge and weather forecasting.

Houk said that there are many volunteer opportunities on the Vacancy Report<sup>7</sup> and encouraged the public to serve on boards and committees with openings.

**MOTION 215-185**: Pilcher moved and Murphy seconded to approve the Minutes<sup>8</sup> of March 24, 2015. The motion passed 5-0.

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION 215-186**: Bruinooge moved and Houk seconded to adjourn the public meeting at 9:00 pm. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michaela Miteva  
Executive Assistant

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<sup>1</sup> Amended Use of Town Property Fee Schedule  
<sup>2</sup> Power Point presentation for Indian Neck restoration proposal  
<sup>3</sup> Gull-Higgins Sluiceway closure proposal  
<sup>4</sup> Community Policing Petition cover page  
<sup>5</sup> TA Report of March 27, 2015  
<sup>6</sup> Correspondence Report of April 7, 2015  
<sup>7</sup> Vacancy Report of March 27, 2015  
<sup>8</sup> Minutes of March 24, 2015