

**Wellfleet Finance Committee**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

**Wednesday February 23, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Fred Magee; Chair, Kathy Granlund, Jeff Tash, Ira Wood, Jeff Behrens, Steven Polowczyk, Moe Barocas, Bob Wallace, Jenn Rhodes.

**Others Present:** Karen Plantier, Charlie Sumner; TA, Nancy Civetta; Shellfish Department

Chair Magee Called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

**Minutes:** January 15, 2022

**Motion** Steven Polowczyk To approve January 15, 2022, meeting minutes

**Second** Kathy Granlund **Vote** 7/0 Accepted Joint Meeting Minutes

- **Town Administrator – Town Finance Status -Charlie Sumner TA**

Formatting has changed to lead us through financial budget “what ifs” scenarios.

First page is local receipts/revenues. State aid and Town receipts. \$343K in FY22 to \$417K in FY23. Over 70K related funding for chapter 70 for education aid.

Section B – Misc. Town receipts used everything to balance the budget \$2.8M –In FY23 \$2.5M reduced it (10%) and reduced it again in FY24 (5%). Don’t want to use all estimated receipts.

What are Misc. Receipts? = Tax recap revenues – vehicle excise meal tax, room occupancy tax, cannabis tax, solid waste fees, Fees for permits, conservation permits. fines, investment income, licenses, Medicare reimbursement. Beach revenues as a stand-alone item not part of Misc. Receipts.

Second page of the Report:

Estimated Expenditures: Section A – Town and School Operating Budge, Water and Marina: 270K has come down for FY23. The Elementary School budget down \$9K due to staff retirements. Nauset Regional School budget is down – enrollment is down by 10 kids. (\$68K reduction) Tech School is also down which helped. (Deficient is down to \$586K). Water enterprise funded by town by \$240K. Working on water revenues currently with outside consultant.

Town budget –

Section B – Warrant Articles – (All raises and every article that everyone wants comes to a total of \$1,359,700). We need to find ways to find other revenues and or push out some of these projects to future time.

Cable Franchise Fees Program: We can get equipment for hybrid meetings. Charlie signed a contract and has ordered equipment for Hybrid meetings. In 6-8 weeks to get equipment delivered. – In mid spring we can hold hybrid meetings. The equipment will be Installed at the Senior Center. Looking at hybrid meetings in Town Hall.

Shellfish Equipment: \$56K to buy the truck (\$30K) and repair for the shellfish offices - in the warrant article.

Grand Total Estimated Expenditures: \$30.7M

Operating budget: \$1.94M deficit (Spending exceeds our revenue capacity)

Operating Budget Deficit \$586K

Capital Budget Deficit \$1.35M

Last page:

Show what the implications are based on each policy decision.

Reduce expenditures \$586K deficiency to cut that out. Section A will be the Reality Property tax levy \$744 to \$765 (2.85% increase) on a house that average values is \$619K with a 2.85% increase (\$129.00 in increase taxes).

Section B. Menu of items – we don't want to cut town services, item number 1 the \$586K.

We will have to raise that money as an override. Another 2.74% increase in the tax rate.

(\$129.81) This is almost the same as Section A.

We need all the requests on the Warrant (All 1.35M). Need an override to fund everything would cost \$301 taxes.

Section C – There are several requests from various department and shown as individual requests and would have to build into the overrides. They are new services so left separate.

If everything is completed that is included (\$732.00 per homeowners). For everything.

Propose to the Select Board is to cut the budget.

- **Shellfish Budget**

There are three full time people. There is a 3.5% increase due to Union contract which happens every year. Request for Part-time winter Assistant Deputy. This job is full time in summer who is in place and then add part time work in winter.

**Motion:** Stephen Polowczyk To recommend shellfish budget as it stands

**Second:** Moe Barocas **Vote:** 8/0 /1 Recuse Approved Shellfish budget

**Motion:** Stephen Polowczyk To include the additional request phone line and to exclude

Assistant Deputy (\$17,075) **Second:** Kathy Granlund **Vote:** 3 Yes / 5 No / 1 Recused

Approved the request for an Assistant Deputy.

- **Marina Budget:** - Level Funded: Budgeting for more training.  
**Motion:** Jeff Tash To approve Marina Budget **Second:** Steven Polowczyk  
**Vote:** 9/0      Approved Marina Budget
- **Operating Budget:** Recreation, Beach, COA, Health & Conservation.  
**Motion:** Steven Polowczyk To approve all four budgets Recreation, COA, Health & Conservation, and Beach **Second:** Jenn Rhodes  
**Vote:** 9/0      Approved Recreation, COA, Health and Conservation, and Beach
- **Next Meeting:** March 16, 2022  
**Motion:** Steven Polowczyk Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm **Second:** Moe Barocas **Vote:** 9/0