

***Wellfleet Selectboard
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Tuesday March 15, 2022; 6:00pm
Meeting Minutes***

Members Present: Ryan Curley, Chair; Michael DeVasto, Vice Chair; Janet Reinhart, Helen Miranda Wilson, John Wolf

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Rich Pauley, Police Chief, Suzanne Grout-Thomas, Community Services Director; Jay Norton, DPW director; Becky Rosenberg, Recreation Director; Hillary Greenberg-Lemos, Health and Conservation Agent, Lili Ann Green, Assembly Member; Christine Shreves, Co-Chair of The Recycling Committee; Lydia Vivante, Recycling Committee Co-Chair; Dick Elkin, Chair of Energy and Climate Action Committee; Suzanne Ryan, Carol Magenau, Committee Member; Ellaine McIlroy, Chair of the Wellfleet Housing Committee

Chair Curley Called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

I. *Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments*

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

Wilson informed the board that there is a serious bird flu going around and explained it can't be transmitted to humans and dogs but to chickens. She gave directions on what to do if a person was to see a lethargic bird.

Chair Curley asked Wilson and Reinhart to reiterate what they were doing as far as the selectboard is concerned. Reinhart stated she did not hand in her papers. Wilson stated she will continue and finish her term as a selectboard member.

II. *Committee/Community Updates*

A. Broadband Assembly Update ~ Lili Ann Green

Green began her presentation to the board stating who she was and welcomed residents and board members to their meetings. She spoke to the board about broadband and the ability to receive it. Stating she has spoken with Comcast and that anyone can receive fast internet services. She gave her email to the public explaining that anyone can contact her to get information on high-speed internet and cable.

B. Climate Action Reserve fund for Grant Matching ~ Energy & Climate Action Committee

Elkin spoke to the board about setting up a fund for the committee that will be matched by the town. He explained how this reserve fund would function.

Magenau spoke to the board giving more detail on this fund.

Chair Curley Moved, Board Member Wilson Seconded, and it was voted to insert and recommend an article in the 2022 Annual Town meeting warrant to establish a climate Action Reserve fund in the amount of \$50,000.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

C. Recycling Committee Plastic Bottle Article

Shreves spoke to the board about their article regarding the plastic bottle ban. She stated the committee would like to add to all nonalcoholic beverages to the ban. She explained the changes. She stated the committee remodeled these changes after the ban in New York City. The board discussed this with some noting their concern. Vivante showed the board and public some examples of aluminum bottles that have other beverages than water in them. The board discussed this article at great length, including recycling of aluminum.

Board Member Reinhart Moved; Board Member Wilson Seconded; and it was voted to insert the Wellfleet Recycling Committee's Plastic Bottle Article into the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 4-1-0 (DeVasto voted no)

Discussion: Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wilson Seconded and it was voted to amend said article to read under section #2 the sale of other plastic nonalcoholic carbonated beverage bottles effective May 1, 2023, to be unlawful to sell nonalcoholic carbonated beverages other than uncarbonated and flavored drinking water in plastic bottles less than 21 fluid ounces enforcement of this regulation begins May 1, 2023.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (DeVasto abstained)

D. ADU Zoning Bylaw Amendment ~ Wellfleet Housing Authority and the Local Housing Partnership

Board Member DeVasto recused himself from this section

Mellroy spoke to the board about this bylaw and the changes that have been made with the approval of the housing authority and local housing partnership. The board went over the bylaw on the screen and discussing the changes.

Board Member Wilson moved; Chair Curley Seconded; and it was voted to insert and recommend the ADU article as presented in the Selectboard Packet on March 15, 2022 and refer it to the Planning Board.

Roll Call Vote: 3-0-2 (Reinhart, DeVasto abstained)

E. The opening and closing of the Herring River ~ Shellfish Constable ~ Nancy Civetta

The board discussed Herring River and Civetta sent out a Shellfish crier, that explained the Department of Marine Fisheries has opened the Herring River at sunrise on March 16, 2022.

Board Member Wilson Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded; and it was voted to open the Herring River Area as defined in the Wellfleet Shellfishing Regulations as of sunrise Wednesday March 16, 2022, and to close it on sunset August 31, 2022, as directed by the Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (DeVasto Recused himself)

III. ***Budgets***

A. DPW 417-434

Chair Curley updated the board that there was some confusion with the original DPW budgets, but the board has been emailed the most current and up to date budgets.

Norton spoke to the board about each line item in the various budgets.

He began with 417, DPW Facilities, there was an increase in his budget which he explained was contract services, and prevailing wages.

Norton moved onto line item 420, operating which also had an increase in contract services, with seasonal wages increasing as well due to the hourly wage increase.

Norton continued to line item 422, DPW highways which he explained was level funded.

Norton moved onto line item 423, Snow and Ice which he explained they were over the budget for this year. Norton explained this spending and how it is allowed through the state. Norton was asked about the sand to salt ratio when sanding the roads, Norton explained it was a 3 to 1 ratio because the sand isn't effective to deice the road but is when there is already ice on the road it helps with friction.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to authorize deficit spending per MGL chapter 44 section 31D, snow and ice removal for fiscal year 2022.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Norton moved on to line item 424, Street lighting which he explained is a level funded budget. There were no questions with this budget

His last budget to be presented was line item 433, Transfer station. Norton explained there was an increase in this budget, contract services and land fill consultant services.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to approve line items 417-433 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

B. DPW Warrant Articles

Norton spoke to these items, beginning with the Capital improvement budgets. He explained that he spoke with Sumner, and they chose which items on the warrant could be moved to the special fall town meeting or wait until the following year. He explained which articles those were.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wilson Seconded; and it was voted to insert the FY 2023 DPW Capital Budget Items as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Norton stated they moved on the transfer station article, and they were going to keep the Keller's Corner project on the warrant as it is an ongoing project that has already begun.

Chair Curley Moved, Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to insert and recommend the Keller's Corner Revetment Project into the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

C. Health and Conservation 510

Lemos Spoke to the board about her budget, she began stating that the budget was very straight forward. She explained that the only item that has jumped in her budget was household hazardous waste has jumped 30% from the previous year.

Chair Curley Moved, Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to approve the FY 2023 Health and Conservation budget 510 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

D. Human Services 520-543

Thomas spoke to her budgets explaining them by each line item. She began with 520, Human Services which she explained is level funded. She explained what this budget is used to pay for.

She moved on to 541, Council on Aging, she explained there is a discrepancy on the salaries and wages line, so she asked the board to wait on this vote. She stated the rest of the budget was level funded.

She continued with line Veteran Services which she stated is in her budget, but she has nothing to do with creating or overseeing that particular budget.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve Human Services Budget line items 510 through 520 and 553 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

E. Human Services Warrant Articles

Thomas explained to the board that the one article she had in the Annual Town Meeting warrant has been removed and will be brought back in front of the board next year.

No Action was taken with the warrant article

F. Culture & Recreation 630-699

Rosenberg gave a presentation with her budget items 630

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to approve budget 630 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Thomas continued with the Community Service Budget which she explained was her salary, cell phone and portable toilets. She explained the amount requested for the year was adequate.

She moved on to 699, beaches. She explained it has increased due to seasonal wages being increased, she stated she isn't sure she will be fully staffed this summer but explained that if there was any money left over in the budget, she would put it back in the budget. She spoke to the board about purchasing two droans to be able to detect sharks in the water. The board discussed the droans and how they would be used.

Chair Curley Moved, Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to approve Culture & recreation Budget item 630-699 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

G. Culture & Recreation Warrant Articles

Resurface the basketball courts at Mayo Beach, Thomas explained that this is something that needs to happen this year.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded, and it was voted to insert an article to resurface the basketball courts at Mayo Beach into the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

The board collectively decided to wait on the financial plan that Sumner sent in because he wasn't at the meeting.

Chair Curley asked Chief Pauley to speak to the New Fire Engine replacement, Pauley explained to the board that he has been working closely with Sumner to be able to purchase a new fire engine, the down payment would be made from the Ambulance receipt fund and paid over a five-year span which he explained is a common practice.

IV. *Selectboard Warrant Article*

A. Wildlife bylaw

Chair Curley shared his screen and spoke to the amendments made to this bylaw. The board discussed the bylaw at great length and made amendments throughout.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded, and it was voted to insert and recommend an article for the Wildlife Protection Bylaw Feeding of Wildlife as drafted into the 2022 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

V. *Adjournment*

Board Member Wilson Moved; Board Member Reinhart Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

The board discussed the upcoming Meetings, Chair Curley gave the list of upcoming meetings which deals with the Town Administrator Candidate interviews.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm