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**Wellfleet Selectboard with Emergency Management Team Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 10am
Zoom Virtual Meeting**

Selectboard Members Present: Chair Janet Reinhart; Helen Miranda Wilson; Michael DeVasto; Justina Carlson; Ryan Curley (not yet sworn in, will not vote)

Also Present: Assistant Town Administrator Mike Trovato; Executive Assistant Courtney Butler; Health Agent Hillary Lemos; Police Chief Michael Hurley; Fire Chief Rich Pauley; Community Services Director Suzanne Thomas; Town Accountant Gene Ferrari

Chair Reinhart called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This meeting was held via Zoom and the recording is available on the Town website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPEN SESSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- Reinhart congratulated Ryan Curley on his election to replace Kathleen Bacon
- Chief Hurley announced that on Wednesday, June 17 and Thursday, June 18 from 8AM-7PM, there will be free COVID-19 testing at Outer Cape Health Services Wellfleet, Provincetown, and Harwich locations.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

Discussion of FY21 Budget and 1/12 Spending Mechanism

Town Accountant Ferrari said that the Dept. Of Revenue (DOR) is allowing Towns to work with 1/12 of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget in Fiscal Year 2021, until the FY21 budget is passed at Town Meeting. Wilson asked if CARES Act Funds would come into the budget, and if it could be used during the 1/12 allotment; Ferrari said yes. He said he did not think there would be an issue of spending more than the 1/12. There was further discussion.

DeVasto asked if the CARES Act Funds had already been received; Chief Hurley said yes. DeVasto clarified that these funds were only for COVID-19 related matters, not for recovering lost revenue; Ferrari said yes.

CARES Act Funds

Chief Hurley said there are portions of money from COVID-19 expenses that the Town can recoup. He discussed the process for attaining funds from FEMA and other aid agencies. Reinhart asked who was in charge of the overall budget for this; Chief Pauley said it is he and Chief Hurley.

DeVasto asked how much revenue would be coming in or lost; Trovato said it was too early to tell. Wilson asked how long these CARES Act Funds would be available; Chief Hurley said this would allow them to incur any costs until June 30, 2021 and that the Town is eligible for up to \$240,000.

Beach Fire Permits

Thomas said that beach fires themselves are not problematic but the disconnect is issuing a permit for the fire without the one-on-one contact needed to supply them. She said the online process becomes cumbersome for what people are required to upload to the system. DeVasto asked if there was some way to do a drop off paper application and suggested other ways to be able to allow beach fires to occur. There was discussion.

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Thomas said she thought of having a target date of July 1 to allow more time to figure out the system. DeVasto said that was good. Wilson suggested deadlines and advanced reservations. Chief Pauley said whatever system is designed needs to be fully efficient and signed off by Dept. Heads first.

Resident/Taxpayer Beach Option

DeVasto recommended this option for resident/taxpayers to have a beach to themselves during COVID-19. Reinhart said the Board received a lot of mail in support of this option. Thomas suggested making this for the entire summer and do an assessment after the summer and to also keep note of how many spaces are available. Thomas and the Board suggested McGuire Landing (LeCount Hollow). Wilson said she was in favor of this option and also asked to not close the White Crest lot, but allow it to be open for more parking.

There was further discussion. Audience member Janet Drohan supported the issue but said that it was not considered that many residents have visitors who stay and cannot then go to the Resident Beach. Audience member Donna McCaffery was worried about the sale of visitor stickers continuing while one beach was being closed to them; she suggested using White Crest rather than McGuire Landing. McCaffery asked if the number of beach stickers being sold to visitors will be limited; Thomas said that discussion has not taken place yet.

Wilson asked how many spots were at McGuire Landing; Thomas said it is about 150, with 25% of those becoming coned off to reduce capacity. Audience member Denise Queally asked how non-resident taxpayers would use the beach; Thomas said it would be for anyone with a resident beach or resident beach/transfer sticker.

- DeVasto moved that McGuire Landing be open to resident and non-resident taxpayer beach stickers only until Labor Day, 2020.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Other updates and recommendations

Reinhart suggested not having another meeting until June 30, after the Governor's Phase 3 update. Butler noted that this meeting, of the Board and EMT would not take place again until June 30 anyway, citing the bi-weekly schedule. Chief Pauley suggested meeting on June 23 and then look at suspending or rearranging the meetings; Chief Hurley agreed.

Wilson said the updates take only an hour and inform the Board and the community about what is going on, she preferred to have the schedule remain the same.

RESTAURANT AMENDMENTS AND OUTDOOR DINING

Harrigan's Café

Chief Pauley commended the Board in getting ahead of the process by voting to streamline the Outdoor Dining Expansion requests. He said that this process has gone off without fail. The Chiefs, Health Agent, and Building Inspector gave verbal OKs for this application.

- DeVasto moved to allow Harrigan's Café to add an outdoor service bar and dining area, until the Governor's order expires or November 1, 2020, whichever is sooner.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

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TOPICS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

- Wilson moved to adjourn.
- Carlson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Butler,
Secretary

Public Records Documents available as of 6/16/2020:

1. Request for approved outdoor dining from Harrigan's Cafe
2. DLS Bulletin dated May 2020, re: An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19
3. CARES Act Fund information memo