**Wellfleet Board of Health**

Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/ 715 Old Kings Highway

Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 5:30 pm

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Nick Picariello (chair), Janet Drohan, Deborah Freeman, Interim Health and Conservation Agent, Meredith Ballinger

**Absent:** Gary Locke, Ken Granlaund

**Others Present:** Kathleen Bacon

Chair Picariello called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm. A quorum was present.

**Transfer Station and Board of Health Fees:**

No changes were made to either the Board of Health’s proposed fees or the Transfer Station’s proposed fees after their being sent to the Selectboard and returned to the Board of Health for final approval. The suggestion from a previous meeting that the Board of Health should review the fees every five years was revisited. Drohan made a motion to review the fee schedules every five years, Freeman seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. 3-0

Freeman made a force move to accept the Board of Health fee schedule as drafted, as sent to the Selectboard, and as received back without changes. Drohan seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. 3-0.

Freeman made a motion to accept the Transfer Station Fee Schedule as drafted, as sent to the Selectboard, and as received back without changes. Drohan seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed.

3-0.

**Old Business:**

The Board discussed the AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod (ASGCC) group’s wanting to come back to a meeting to offer NARCAN training and have a full-Board vote on whether the Board would sign the letter of support for their work in the community. When the NARCAN training is offered after the appropriate Board meeting, the Board would like it to be publicized so that the public may come and benefit from the training. Drohan made a motion to welcome ASGCC to a meeting, Freeman seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed. 3-0.

Ballinger told the Board that Scott Horsley would like to come back to the Board to present a revised version of his Watershed Plan. Freeman offered that we hear his suggested revisions, get the State’s approval, and then change the Board’s regulations to be consistent with the Plan and the State’s concerns.

At this time, Selectboard Member Kathleen Bacon, shared that the Department of Environmental Protection wants the Town to expand the sewering component of the Plan to incorporate a greater size with sewers for Commercial Street down to Kendrick. The State review also recommended removal of the credit for some of the oyster component. Bacon suggested that the Selectboard, Wastewater Committee, and Board of Health have a joint meeting to hear Horsley’s presentation. Then the Plan can be tweaked, and we can hopefully receive the State’s approval quickly.

Bacon also shared that Meredith Ballinger had given her resignation a few hours earlier today and that there are several vacancies within the Town. This situation leaves the Board and the Conservation Commission with no agent.

Bacon shared updates from the Selectboard which included information on the dredging project, Town Meeting warrants, and the possibility of septic upgrade grants for residents.

Drohan invited the Town to observe the lessons learned from recent experience; get the public involved in the conversation right away. Inform them, engage them in dialogue, welcome them to be part of the conversation. This will prevent misinformation and ill will.

Bacon informed that Board that she will no longer be the Selectboard liaison to the Board and that the Board must approach the Town Administrator to obtain another representative. Bacon shared that she enjoyed her time with the Board and the feeling was reciprocated by the Board.

**New Business:**

Freeman made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Drohan seconded, a roll call vote was taken, and the motion approved 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Jennifer Elsensohn, Committee Secretary

Documents:

Transfer Station and Board of Health fee proposals