

**Finance Committee
Wellfleet Elementary School 2nd Floor Library
6:00 PM Monday April 22, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Janet Loewenstein, Chair; J. Fred Magee, Vice Chair; Kathy Granlund, Linda Pellegrino, Stephen Polowczyk, Robert Wallace, Ira Wood, Jeff Tash

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Final review & recommendations pertaining to ATM Warrant:

Article #7 – Firefighters - \$48,211.00

Moved: Wood

Second: Pellegrino

Passed: 8-0-0

Article #8 – Teamsters \$40,371.00

Moved: Wood

Second: Pellegrino

Passed: 8-0-0

Article #10 – \$49,485.00

Moved: Wood

Second: Pellegrino

Passed: 8-0-0

HDYLT Trust:

The board discussed the proposed purchase of the property. The chair informed the board of updated information. During negotiations the, all the conditions set by the select board have been accepted by the seller. The offer on the table is two million dollars with one million being given from an anonymous donor.

The board discussed some concerns they had with purchasing this property. Granlund expressed concern with having an anonymous donor. Chair Loewenstein stated that the select board will be setting up a gift fund so that if this passes the money will be immediately accepted and put into this existing account. The board asked Wallace his thoughts and concerns with purchasing this property. He expressed the shell fisherman thought this could open an unwanted can of worms concerning the grants. There was discussion if this property has been for sale for a long time. The chair informed the board that she was under the knowledge that two other properties were purchased last November. Granlund stated that if the town wants to bring young people into Wellfleet, and to create housing and jobs for them why would the town not want to afford them the opportunity to start their own business by buying an acre of this land. The chair explained that the town doesn't grant shellfish licenses just to anyone. They must be able to prove a track record in the industry. Wallace agreed and explained that the chair is correct, no just anyone can buy a shellfish license. Grants cannot be sold.

Wallace stated he was against this purchase. Wood stated he would like to recuse himself if not the whole board from approving this purchase. They discussed if they could ask if the state was able to take the land by eminent domain. Magee questioned about access to the property. Wallace stated that there could be access

from the beach. The board discussed further the purchase of the land. They agreed this was a hard decision to make.

Tash moved to have the finance committee make no recommendation on the HDYLTA Trust Article, Magee seconded the motion. Carried 7-1-0 (Wallace abstained from the vote).

Minutes

- March 27, 2019 – Chair asked to amend the wording in the minutes that the new chair would be decided at the meeting after town meeting.
- **Polowczyk moved to approve the amended minutes, Tash seconded the motion, motion carried 8-0-0**

Polowczyk, asked if the board could reduce the recreation budget by \$6,500 because the department wouldn't be receiving the gifted van. Chair Loewenstein responded that she would check with Mr. Hoort if they could do this.

Correspondence

Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- May 29, 2019 7PM the chair will discuss the agenda closer to the meeting.

Polowczyk moved to adjourn the meeting, Pellegrino seconded, motion carried 8-0-0
Meeting adjourned 6:42 PM