

**Town of Wellfleet Finance Committee
715 Old King's Highway, Conference Room
Wednesday February 19, 2020, 7:00pm
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Fred Magee, Chair; Kathy Granlund; Vice Chair; Janet Loewenstein, Stephen Polowczyk, Jeff Tash, Bob Wallace, Linda Pellegrino

Members Absent: Ira Wood

Others Present: Jim Hood, Chair Board of Water Commissioners; Mary Rogers, CPC member; Gary Sorkin, CPC member, Jan Plae, Vice Chair of CPC; Jodie Reimer, Chair of CPC; Suzanne Thomas; Director of Beaches; Becky Rosenburg, Director of recreation

Chair Magee called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Water Commissioners Budget Review ~ Jim Hood,

- Hood handed out to each member his updated 2021 budget for the water department. He explained the Water commissioners went over and voted on the budget the previous night. He explained the changes in their budget.
- Hood, continued to discuss with the committee the updates and changes, the board if working with environmental partners on the affordable housing project. He gave the committee a map that environmental partners created for them that showed two scenarios for updating the water system. One scenario is replacing the main from the well field down from route 6 and along Coles Neck Rd. He explained if they did this option there would be no new service connections. The other scenario that environmental partners gave them was to bring it down route 6 to Briar Lane and have it connected at Main St. and Briar Lane.
- He explained to the committee the second option is the one that the board of water commissioners are recommending because it allows the town an option for 88 new water connections. Hood stated to the committee they are working on grants. He stated there is a warrant article for money although he is hoping they won't need it. The committee thanked Hood for coming in.

CPC Budget Review ~ Gary Sorkin, Mary Rogers

- Sorkin came to the table and presented to the committee. He went over a pie chart that he passed out to the board showing the different categories of where the CDC allocations are likely to be. Sorkin continued to explain the applications that were received. He

explained the process of why some applications are withdrawn. Loewenstein questioned why some applications weren't fully funded. He explained the reasoning for those decisions.

- The cemetery request for funding was discussed, Granlund questioned if some students could help with the cleaning of the stones.
- The Wellfleet historical Museum was another application that wasn't fully funded, Sorkin explained the committees reasoning for that. Discussion continued on the budget for CPC. The committee thanked Sorkin for his presentation.

Beach Budget Review ~ Suzanne Thomas

- Suzanne began her presentation with an overview of her salary budget, explaining it has increased because the state's minimum wage has increased.
- She explained to the committee she would like to have lifeguards on the beach from Memorial Day to Labor Day and later into the season with shorter hours for safety reasons. They discussed changing patterns in tourism and the migration of sharks.
- The revenue for beach stickers was discussed. She explained the purchasing patterns have changed with tourists.
- Chair Magee questioned the budget increase in line 83 which included the credit card kiosk. Those revenues have risen from using a kiosk instead of an attendant. She is also looking to upgrade the kiosks to make it easier for people.
- Chair Magee asked Thomas if there was anything new in the warrant that the committee needed. Thomas stated there will be a transfer at the end of fiscal year 2020 due to overtime for employees.
- Tash questioned Thomas about revenue received from the buses taking tourists to the beaches. Thomas said she is now in communications with the Cape Cod Destinations and Cape Cod Cab to find parking spaces for the buses the companies provide – and she would like to have an agreement. Thomas is in discussions with town counsel to see if an agreement that can be worked out.
- Thomas gave a quick update on the council on aging and stated there was nothing significant in the budget for them.
- The committee thanked Thomas for her report.

Recreation Budget Review ~ Becky Rosenberg

- Rosenburg came to the table to present her budget. She gave a statement to the committee updating the recreation department's new location at the Wellfleet Elementary School; they have a large enough classroom where they can set up many activities for students.
- She also gave an update that the recreation department has joined with the W.H.A.T. theater to put on a community showcase. She gave information on all the activities and programs that the recreation department is currently developing. She stated they are trying hard to utilize buildings and classrooms that aren't being used.

Strategic Planning

Nothing to report

Liaison Reports

Nothing to report

Correspondence

Minutes

- January 29, 2020 – Deferred and not reviewed due to Rebekah Eldridge recovering from an injury.

Transfers

Other Business