

**Wellfleet Finance Committee
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Wednesday November 18, 2020; 7:00PM
Public Hearing
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Fred Magee, Chair; Linda Pellegrino, Bob Wallace, Jeff Tash, Ira Wood, Stephen Polowczyk, Jenn Rhodes,

Members Absent: Kathy Granlund, Sarah Robin

Others Present: Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Miriam Spencer, Town Treasurer; Maria Broadbent, Town Administrator; Mike Trovato, Assistant Town Administrator; Chief Rich Pauley, Fire Department; Chief Mike Hurley, Police Department; Nancy Civetta, Shellfish; Will Sullivan, Marina

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

Chair Magee informed the board that this is a public forum and the committee would be reviewing and recommendations that will be made or not. The meeting will be opened to the public for discussion.

Minutes

- October 28, 2020 ~ **Polowczyk moved to approve the minutes as amended, Wood seconded, motion carried 7-0**
Wallace asked for the voting on the shellfish to be changed because he recused himself, A spelling error was corrected.

Review Outstanding Capital Improvement Submissions

- Chair Magee discussed with the committee and public why this is being done and gave a Covid-19 impact statement, how it has affected all departments.
- Chair Magee informed the board that the Nauset School System hasn't finished their budget due to covid and a standstill with the new building. They will work on it.

Review Capital Improvement Plan

- The committee went over the Capital Improvement Plan by each department.
- MIS was first and was recommended
- Clerk's Office was recommended.
- Shellfish Department was discussed and broken down; the trucks were discussed. Civetta explained these trucks are cycled every five years.
Wood moved to approve the shellfish truck; Tash seconded the motion carried 5-1-1
The upweller was discussed with Civetta.
- The Police CIP was next to be discussed; Chair Magee explained there was nothing that the committee had issues with and was recommended.

Tash informed the board that he is looking into Tesla's for police cars and went to the energy committee to get more information about surround areas that use these cars.

- The Fire Department's CIP was previously recommended. Chair Magee quickly went over the plan and asked if there were any questions regarding this plan. There were no issues with the plan. Chief Pauley explained that the ambulance will be the last major upgrade for the fire department for at least ten years.
- The Recreation Department was the next item, Adult fitness station and resurfacing the basketball court. The department had no other items on the CIP. Chair Magee reminded the public that those will be extended to FY 2023
- The Beach Department was the next to be discussed. The repeaters were discussed, were they necessary and were they the final piece to the system. They are linked to the system with the police and fire department. Chair Magee read a statement from Suzanne Thomas and was willing to defer the repeaters unit FY 2023. This recommendation will be to defer the repeaters.
- The Marina was discussed next; The emergency response boat and the forklift. They were both previously recommended by the finance committee. Chair Magee asked if the older truck was going to be retired or used, Sullivan explained it needed to be retired. Pictures of both the forklift and new boat were shown. No new issues were brought up.
- The DPW was next on the list. Chair Magee explained that it was so large that it was broken up into four parts
Equipment was discussed and stated that it was previously recommended
The facilities portion of the plan were held off on recommendation until the committee receives more information
- Education was next on the list, The Nauset Regional School District has not finalized their plan yet, Chair explained they will have to wait to make any sort of recommendations. Chair Magee explained to the committee that right now they are rethinking the building of the new high school given the pandemic. He explained the elementary school had sent over their 10-year capital improvement plan with one big item being the fire suppression system. The estimate for the system is 1.2 million dollars. Chair Magee asked for comments and concerns from the board. Chief Pauley explained this system is required by state requirement code. He said that the building right now is out of code. The implication of this not being installed there is a liability to the town because of no fire suppression system.

Polowczyk moved to accept the capital improvement plan for the fire suppression system for the Wellfleet Elementary School; Tash seconded the motion; Motion carried 7-0.

The rest of the capital improvement plan was discussed next, there was a question if the shingles were fire retardant. Chief Pauley stated they were up to code

Wood moved to approve the rest of the Elementary School's budget; Tash seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0

- The final item on the list was the administration section. The GIS system was discussed. Chair Magee asked Trovato to explain what this was. Trovato stated he didn't have a further update but was able to see a presentation on what this was which is a tracking

system. Trovato asked if the committee would consider reserving their recommendation until they have better knowledge on this item. Tash asked if there was knowledge of what previous towns are using. Trovato explained that they are doing research with other municipalities and will have better information.

Chair Magee stated this was the last of plan.

Liaison Reports

- Chair Magee asked if there were any liaison reports, Tash (energy committee liaison) explained that there is a possibility of a resolution to the solar panels at the transfer station. They are hoping to start producing electricity very soon. There is an issue with the land that Eversource must put poles up and he expressed there may be an alternative that they are working on now. Broadbent explained they are waiting to hear from town counsel and anticipates a positive outcome soon.

Transfers

- There were no transfers at this meeting

Correspondence

- There was no correspondence

New Business

- Chair Magee introduced Miriam Spencer to discuss the upcoming tax bills. Spencer explained to the board that things are looking better in the finance department. She gave an update on certain finances and stated they have received over a hundred thousand dollars in prepaid tax bills and the tax bills will be ready to be mailed out on November 24, 2020. She updated the committee on the cash accounts from 2019 to 2020. Stating that the tax bills went out a lot earlier last year which brought up the numbers in the accounts. She explained the difference is the timing.
- She explained to the board that they are working with Lisa Souve who used to work in Brewster and is helping Wellfleet move forward with finances. Along with Rich Bienvenue she feels they will bring the finances back on track very soon.

Wood moved to adjourn; Pellegrino seconded; Motion carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned 8:11pm

Public Records:

Capital Improvement Plan
Memo from Miriam Spencer
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