

**Wellfleet Finance Committee  
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom  
Wednesday February 24, 2021; 7PM  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Fred Magee, Chair; Kathy Granlund, Vice-Chair; Ira Wood, Jeff Tash, Bob Wallace, Jenn Rhodes, Line Pellegrino, Stephen Polowczyk,

**Members Absent:** Sarah Robin

**Others Present:** Maria Broadbent, Town Administrator; Heather Michaud, Town Accountant; Rebekah Eldridge, Committee Secretary; Jennifer Wertkin, Town Librarian; Robin Robinson, Chair of the Board of Library Trustees; Suzanne Grout-Thomas, Director of Community Services; Becky Rosenburg, Director of Recreation; Christine Bezio, Member Recreation Committee

Chair Magee called the meeting to order at 7:01PM

**Minutes**

- February 10, 2021 ~ **Tash moved; Rhodes seconded; it was voted to approve the minutes as written. 8-0**

**Review Library FY 2022 Budget**

- Wertkin introduced the new chair of the Library Trustees, Robin Robinson. She updated the board that a library employee Margaret MacLelland (Peg) will be retiring in May. She continued informing the board that she will be shifting staff members around to fill vacant positions. Wertkin was asked if her budget for salaries would go up, she explained that it would go down since there are no employees at this time with longevity. She explained that the rest of her budget is level funded.
- Wertkin went on to explain to the committee that although the library doors remain closed it is still open for business in ways of curb side pickup, copying for residents, hot spots that are available. She stated there is a phased opening plan but because surrounding towns are in the red and yellow regarding covid statistics, all libraries will remain closed for in person service. She went on to explain how the library is open and serving the residents of Wellfleet offering many seminars. She gave details of the opening plan and more details of all the services that are being offered in conjunction with the seminars.
- **Tash moved, Pellegrino seconded; it was voted to approve the library budget as written and presented. 8-0**

**Review Beach FY 2022 Budget**

- Thomas presented her budget to the committee her beach budget. She began by explaining that minimum wage has increased by \$.75 and hour so in her salary wages line there is an increase. She also explained that the beaches will be open until September so that will increase her budget there as well.

- She explained that there is an investigate on into have residents and online purchasers pay their own credit card fees and the town will no longer be responsible for these fees. She also explained that the telephone bill will be a slight increase because there are telephones that are being used at the beaches.
- Thomas continued explaining to the committee that she will be asking for beach goers to pay at White Crest Beach this summer which will generate up to twenty-thousand dollars for the town. Thomas was asked about the Beachcomber restaurant and she explained that the buses can't be stopped from driving on the public roads. She explained that if the town were to put up barbed wire at the top of the hill; beach goers would still get to the beach. She is aware that there will be many beach goers and she has put into her budget to have extra police officers at Cahoon Hollow Saturday's and Sunday's throughout the summer to manage safety.
- It was asked if the parking lot would be leased again this summer, Thomas informed them that the selectboard voted at the previous night's meeting to approve the lease of the parking lot. It will go out to bid sooner rather than later as summer is near.
- **Tash moved; Granlund seconded; and it was voted to approve the beach 2022 budget. 8-0**

#### **Review of Community Services FY 2022 Budget**

- Thomas explained this budget to the committee and stated the only major change was for the portable toilet bids. The bid came in this year for \$55,000 instead of last years bid which was \$211,000. She was asked why this was such a huge decrease this year. She stated that last summer there were portable toilets were placed all over town this year they will be in their normal locations. She stated the regular beach bathrooms will be used and cleaned as usual this summer.
- It was asked if the bathrooms were renovated, she stated not renovated but upgraded to be more covid efficient. There will be signs at the bathrooms indicating hand washing regiments.
- **Wood moved; Polowczyk seconded; and it was voted to approve the community services 2022 budget. 8-0**

#### **Review of the Council on Aging FY 2022 Budget**

- Thomas explained that this budget was a level funded budget with no changes right now. She explained the hours for drivers for the COA have gone down because now they are driving residents to and from healthy medical appointments, library deliveries and food deliveries. Other deliveries are done by volunteers.
- She explained that due to the strange year she kept her budget from 2019 because they are more realistic numbers. Tash asked Thomas if there are plans to open the COA. Thomas stated that they plan to reopen after Labor Day not to the large exercise classes but to small groups.
- **Wood moved; Polowczyk seconded; it was voted to approve the Council on Aging 2022 budget. 8-0**

- The committee decided not to vote on the Human Services Budget for 2022 because they didn't have the budget in front of them but will vote on it at a later meeting. Thomas will get that budget to them but did explain the details of what this budget is for and that it is a level funded budget.

### **Review Recreation Department FY 2022 Budget**

- Rosenberg presented to the committee and asked if they had seen the slide show presentation regarding the recreation department and all the activities they have been able to continue during the Covid pandemic.
- She gave examples of activities that have been able to happen during the pandemic and the traditions that have been able to be kept. She listed activities that will continue during the spring and summer. All following the health department guidelines.
- She went over her budget by each line explaining that there isn't much of a change in her budget and did discuss some increases including salaries due to the increase in minimum wage. She explained she does have a list of all programs being offered by the recreation department.
- She welcomed any questions or concerns. It was recommended that the power point presentation she submitted should be somehow put up and played continuously at Town Meeting so residents who aren't aware of all that is offered be able to see it. Eldridge stated she would see what she could do. Rosenberg was commended for all her and her staff's commitment to the town.
- Tash asked Rosenberg about the bandstand and would it be a yearly request to update it. She explained the background of the bandstand and explaining the awning and structure needed to be updated due to the weather it gets during the summer. It was donated but the town has been maintaining it since the donation 11 years ago. Eldridge suggested maybe looking to get some Community Preservation funds to update the stand. Rosenberg explained that the previous town administrator put the upkeep of the stand into the DPW's budget.
- The basketball courts were discussed, resurfacing and wind screens were the main topic and why windscreens couldn't be placed due to insurance issues with the fence surrounding the courts.
- **Tash moved; Rhodes seconded; it was voted to recommend the recreation 2022 budget. 8-0**

### **Liaison Reports**

- There were no reports at this meeting

### **Correspondence**

- Dredging was discussed, Area 1 and Area 2 was what the committee had voted on at their previous meeting.

## **New Business**

- Town meeting was discussed, and the new date is June 5, 2021 at 10am
- A joint meeting with the selectboard was proposed to no longer be in March but later in the spring before town meeting and all budgets have been reviewed and discussed.
- Discussion on meeting with the School officials and going over their proposed budget.
- Chair Magee asked the committee if they wanted to revisit their previous vote on the Nauset Regional School renovations. The board discussed this at great length. Truo and Provincetown have a contract with Nauset to pay tuition but have no investment in the school renovation project that will max out at \$21,000 per student.

### **Wood Moved; Wallace seconded; it was not voted to revisit and vote the school renovation project. 3-5**

- Broadbent asked the committee other than the Administration budget was the committee looking for any other budget to review that they had not yet done so. Chair Magee stated that there is no actual requirement that they look at the department head budgets but they have done so in the past few years to get a better idea whether to recommend or not recommend each budget.
- Broadbent also explained to the committee that the wastewater committee would like to have a work meeting with the fincom to go over the project that they are looking to have funded regarding wastewater.
- The Committee will wait to schedule April, May, and June Meetings.

## **Wood moved; Pellegrino seconded; it was moved to adjourn 8-0**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM

## ***Public Records***

***Library 2022 Budget***

***Beach 2022 Budget***

***Council on Aging 2022 Budget***

***Community Services 2022 Budget***

***Recreation 2022 Budget***

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