

***Wellfleet Selectboard
Thursday March 23, 2023; 6:00pm
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Meeting Minutes***

Members Present: Ryan Curley, Chair; Michael DeVasto, Vice Chair; Barbara Carboni, Kathleen Bacon, John Wolf

Others Present: Rich Waldo, Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Rich Pauley, Fire Chief; Michael Hurley, Police Chief; Jay Norton, DPW Director, Tim Sayre, resident; Bill Dugan, Citizen (Petition Author); Henry Brehm, Citizen (Petition author),

Chair Curley Called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

I. *Announcements, Open Session and Public Comments*

Note: Public comments must be brief. The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comments.

Sayre spoke to the board regarding the

Ahern spoke to the board regarding the consent agenda and didn't feel it was sufficient notice.

II. *Consent Agenda*

A. GEI Design, Bid, Consulting Agreement ~ Assistant Town Administrator, Rebecca Roughley

Waldo spoke to the board regarding the consultant contract. He explained why this was on the agenda to be able to continue with the grant. He stated this doesn't mean that any dredging will take place. The town will be able to get some estimates and move forward with the bidding process. He explained the phases of the project and the contract.

Bacon spoke to the board and questioned Waldo about "lining their ducks in a row" the town is trying to make sure they are in good standings to keep the 2-million-dollar grant.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Carboni Seconded; and it was voted to approve the

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1

III. *Licenses*

A. Approval of the Seasonal 2023 Alcohol Licenses

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded, and it was voted to approve the 2023 Seasonal Alcohol Licenses as listed in the Selectboard Packet.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

IV. ***Business***

A. 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Chair Curley spoke to the warrant and took the citizens petition out of order so they could present to the board the scholarship. Chair Curley recused himself from this discussion.

- ***Wellfleet Scholarship Fund ~ Citizen's Petition***

Dugan spoke to the board regarding this petition explaining what the scholarship fund is and how it will be managed. He also explained who would benefit from this scholarship program. Brehm spoke to the board stating that one of the main reasons college students leave college before graduation is because the expenses that go with attending college are too high. DeVasto spoke to the board and Dugan stating he is uncomfortable recommending this on this town warrant due to the financial issues that the town is in. He stated that he is in total agreement with the scholarship fund but the state the town is in it will be hard asking taxpayers.

Board Member DeVasto moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was NOT voted to recommend this article in the 2023 warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (Curley Recused)

Chair Curley returned to the meeting and began with the budgetary transfers. Waldo explained the most recent warrant version. He began with Article 1 and discussed the numbers that had gone down. He continued through the warrant with the board.

He explained the transfers in detail to the board. Carboni questioned the legal expenses. Waldo explained the legal expenses. Waldo stated that he met with the finance committee last night and they approved the remaining balance of their transfer fund.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded and it was voted to recommend the FY2022 budgetary transfers.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded and it was voted to amend the FY2024 Capital Budget as amended.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Waldo moved on to the fire department budget, explaining the changes that were made.

Board Member Carboni Moved, Chair Curley Seconded, and it was voted to insert and recommend Article 19, Fire Department New Staff.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Chief Pauley explained that he is working on applying for a grant to help with covering the cost of new staff.

Bacon asked to expand the summary of article 26 which refers to the annual stipend for the selectboard. She stated the numbers are explained but there needs to be more information for the voters. She explained that this update follows the surrounding towns.

Chair Curley explained to the board that he received a phone call from the Town Administrator in Truro asking to share the position of housing coordinator.

Carboni recused herself from the conversation as she is employed with the town of Truro. This was discussed, and it was stated by Waldo that this position will be very overwhelming for a person coming on board and sharing the position with Truro could be overwhelming and to much work for one person.

Board Member DeVasto Moved; and it was voted to recommend the petitioned article for the Wellfleet scholarship.

MOTION FAILED

Roll Call Vote: 1-3-1 (Curley Recused, DeVasto, Carboni, Wolf voted no)

B. 2023 Annual Town Election Warrant.

Waldo went over the election warrant with the board. Explaining the twenty-one election questions to the board and the votes that will be needed. The board discussed the election questions. Stating that was a lot of questions on a ballot.

Board Member Bacon Moved; Board Member Bacon Seconded; and it was voted to approve the annual town election warrant as presented for the 2023 annual town election.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded, and it was voted to close and publish the 2023 annual town meeting warrant.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Waldo explained he wanted to send the warrant to the bylaw committee so they could vote before it was sent to the printer. The board had no objections.

C. TA performance review update on distribution.

Chair Curley spoke about the annual performance review for the town administrator. He explained that some changes have been made. He explained those changes to the board. Chair Curley explained that the board needs to make appointments with HR and hand in the performance reviews by the 14th of April. So the review can be discussed at the meeting of April 18, 2023. The board discussed the changes made to the review.

V. *Topics for Future Discussion*

VI. *Minutes*

A. March 14, 2023 – Board Member Bacon Moved; Chair Curley Seconded; and it was voted to approve the minutes of March 14, 2023, as printed in draft.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

B. March 16, 2023 – continued to April 4, 2023

C. March 21, 2023 - continued to April 4, 2023

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Bacon Seconded and it was voted to adjourn open session to enter into executive session not to return into open session.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Open session ended 7:58pm