

**Wellfleet Selectboard**  
**Tuesday October 3, 2023; 7pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting: Zoom/ 715 Old King's Highway**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Timothy Sayre, (Virtually), Deirdre Oringer, applicant for use of town property; Mary Beth Rodman, retired Wellfleet Elementary School Principal; Adam O'Shea, New Wellfleet Elementary School Principal; Jay Norton, DPW Director; Brian Friedman, applicant for use of town property; Anastasia Rudenko, GHD; Scott Horsley, Elaine McIlroy, Wellfleet Housing Authority; Elizabeth Wade, Habitat for Humanity; Bill Dugan, Wellfleet Scholarship Program; Greg Mischel, Mass DOT; Jill McLaughlin, Stantec; Susan Revery, seasonal resident; Brad Morse, resident; Ginny Parker, resident.

Chair Carboni Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**I. *Announcements 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.

Chair Carboni explained to the audience that this meeting was being held by webinar, but this will be discussed later in the meeting,

Chair Carboni spoke about appointing a member that needed to be appointed for the cape cod commission.

Sayre spoke to the board about being at the meeting remotely.

**II. *Consent Agenda***

**A.** Deirdre Oringer ~ Thursday's June 27, 2024 – August 29, 2024; 9am – 4:15pm ~ Wellfleet Makers Market; grassy strip on Mayo Beach.

**B.** Della Spring ~ Summer of 2024; June 25<sup>th</sup> – September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 8:30am – 9:45am; Tuesday's and Thursday's; Mayo Beach behind basketball courts and Ceraldi; for yoga on the beach.

**C.** Approval of the letter to the National Seashore regarding fire prevention management.

**Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the consent agenda as printed.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**III. *Wellfleet Elementary School ~ Staff***

**A.** Recognition of Mary Beth Rodman for her many years of service to the town of Wellfleet

Eldridge read some comments from the staff and families that were sent in appreciation of Mary Beth's service. Rodman thanked the board, staff and families of Wellfleet for their support over the years and she welcomed Adam O'Shea into the community.

- B. Introduction of Adam O'Shea new principal of Wellfleet Elementary School  
O'Shea came to the microphone and introduced himself and also thanked Mary Beth for her help in his transition. He explained what a great staff and student body that he has been welcomed into.

Curley spoke to O'Shea asking what his philosophy is and what he is looking forward to in the years to come. He explained that leadership is important to him.

#### IV. **Community Updates**

- A. **Approval of Route 6 Night work; Mass DOT; Jay Norton, Stantec**

Norton introduced the topic to the board and then explained he was going to hand it over to Mischel to better explain the project and why the night work is better for the town. Mischel spoke to the board about the pavement preservation project and a town proponent project to improve the intersection of route 6 and main street. He explained the time frame for the project which he explained could take 6 years because there is a moratorium on work on route 6 during the summer months. He talked about the work schedule and referred to the emails that are in the selectboard packet.

Wolf questioned the night work, what that would entail verses road closures. Mischel explained that there will be lanes open and no closures at all there would just be some detoured options. McLaughlin spoke and stated that they will maintain alternating one-way traffic.

Curley spoke to the board asking when the work would begin. It was stated that the intersection project there was a contractor identified and right now there isn't a specific date as they are still waiting for a pre-construction conference. He stated that the pavement conservation project has been advertised and the bid opening is October 24, 2023. Curley had a few more questions for Mischel and McLaughlin on the details of the projects. DeVasto spoke about the noise for the residents along route 6 and what they can expect regarding noise. It was further discussed if the board wanted to take a vote or continue this and work with the DPW to decide on stipulations.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the night work for the Route 6 pavement preservation and Main Street and Route 6 project and subject to the satisfaction of the DPW Director.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

- B. **Zoom Platform** ~ Discussion on the zoom and webinar platform.

Chair Carboni spoke to the board and public about this agenda item, stated that they board has been using zoom and due to some security issues, the town switched to the webinar platform. She stated with the webinar format there have been some concerns that people listed as attendees cannot see other attendees. She asked for thoughts and colleagues, Wolf stated that regardless of the zoom bombings in the interest of transparency people like to see who else is at the meeting. He believes it is worth the risk. Curley stated he believes there are ways to minimize. DeVasto questioned what the difference is. Chair Carboni, asked JP Ludwig to speak about the differences of a regular zoom meeting verses the webinar. Ludwig spoke to the board about the differences stating that

if any other board members wanted to see who was attending, they could be made a cohost or panelist. He continued explaining how things had changed. This conversation continued back and forth with Ludwig and the board. Morse, Reverby, and Parker spoke to the board in favor of the regular zoom meeting rather than the webinars.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Curley Seconded; and it was voted that the selectboard use the meeting format with zoom rather than the webinar platform.**

**Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1 (DeVasto Abstained)**

Curley wanted the board to vote to have all boards follow the meeting format rather than the webinar, Chair Carboni wanted to wait for the new member Tim Sayre to be sworn in and discuss this at a later date.

**V. *Use of Town Property***

- A. Brain Friedman ~ Homerun Baseball Camp ~ Wellfleet Elementary School Baseball Field ~ Tuesday-Thursday Summer of 2024, 8:30am-11:30am.**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded; and it was voted to approve the use of the Wellfleet Elementary School.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**VI. *Business***

- A. 95 Lawrence Phase 1 and I/A Program SRF Applications Overview and vote to establish Authority to File ~ Anastasia Rudenko, GHD & Scott Horsley, Marc Drainville**

Drainville explained this plan and milestones. He shared his screen and explained this project and the milestones that it has hit so far. He explained the financing procedure. He continued explaining what areas of the town this project would impact on. Horsley stated that this is the first time the state has approved a preliminary I/A program.

Drainville showed the board and public the checklist for the project. He explained that they are looking for the board to designate a person to act on the board's behalf to sign the forms. He explained that it is typically the Town Administrator. The board discussed this project with the Drainville and Horsely.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Seconded; and it was voted to designate the Town Administrator as the Certifying Signatory for SRF financing applications and provide signature to the attached Certifying Authority to File Form.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

- B. 90 Freeman Ave, transfer of deed to the Wellfleet Housing Authority ~ Elaine McIlroy**

McIlroy spoke to the board asking them to approve the vote that was made in 2019.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Curley Seconded; and it was voted to execute the deed conveying the property at 90 Freeman Ave to the Wellfleet Housing Authority as authorized by Town Meeting on April 22, 2019, Article 41.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**C. Approve the signing of the Regulatory Agreement (RA) for Habitat's Old Kings Highway Project.** ~ Habitat for Humanity; Elizabeth Wade

Wade introduced herself to the board to explain that she is in front of the board to execute an agreement for the property at Old King's Highway. She explained the process that habitat has gone through. This is a regulatory agreement.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Curley Seconded; and it was voted to authorize the town administrator to execute the regulatory agreement for the Habitat for Humanity's Old King's Highway Project.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**D. Wellfleet Scholarship Program** ~ Bill Dugan and Henry Brim ~ discussion and information regarding the scholarship program.

They explained to the board what they were looking to do with regard to a scholarship program. There were some questions and concerns about asking the tax payers of the town to fund a scholarship program. Wolf stated that he didn't think it was a bad idea to put it on the warrant and allow the residents to decide whether or not they wanted to pay the extra \$20 per household. There was no motion made for this item. They will come back before the board closer to the town meeting.

**E. Memorial Brick Walkway** ~ Rebekah Eldridge

Chair Carboni asked Eldridge to introduce the next item. Eldridge explained that the board put a moratorium on memorial benches and she has numerous phone calls a month asking about how one can memorialize a family member?

Eldridge explained that she worked with the DPW to figure out a way that we could redo the walkway in front of town hall because as of now, it is uneven and a hazard. She found a company that was on the east coast, and they did engraved pavers. Thinking people could purchase a paver, have it engraved in memory of a loved one, then the DPW would install a new walkway. Eldridge was thanked for taking the initiative, stating that there might be other ways to memorialize, Eldridge will ask the public for ideas other than benches and pavers and bring it back to the board for a larger discussion.

No Action was taken on this item.

**VII. *Selectboard Reports***

- Wolf gave a report on the Dredging Task Force, discussing dredging options and the lobbyist in Washington DC.

**VIII. *Topics for Future Discussion***

- Wolf would like to go back to a dredging discussion to go over their options for dredging the harbor. Getting a permit and doing the work in two stages.
- Working meetings were discussed, timing of the meetings was discussed. Eldridge brought up staff time about asking them to be during the day, stating the fairness of asking staff to stay late multiple nights in a row.

**IX. *Vacancy Reports***

- Eldridge explained some vacancies have been filled. She also stated that there is an application on file for the Board of Health

**X. *Minutes***

- A.** September 5, 2023 – the board had some amendments for Eldridge and gave them to her so she could fix.

- B. September 19, 2023 – There were some amendments that were corrected.  
**Board Member DeVasto Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of September 19, 2023, as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

Board Member Curley recalled an announcement and explained to the board the Seashore advisory board has been appointed and are still waiting to hold their first meeting. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the appointments have been made. Chai Carboni asked who was appointed. Curley explained that appointments are made by the secretary of the interior the two in Wellfleet were Lili Ann Green and Wayne clough.

**XI. Adjournment**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:40pm**

**\*\*\* Public Documents\*\*\***

*Applications for use of town property*

*Della Spring*

*Deirdra Oringer*

*Brian Friedman*

*Letter to the interim National Seashore Superintendent*

*Comments from Wellfleet families and Teachers thanking Mary Beth Rodman for her service*

*Presentation from Stantec, Mass DOT regarding Route 6 Projects and night work approval*

*95 Lawrence Phase 1 and I/A Program documents*

*90 Freeman Ave paperwork for transferal of 90 Freeman Ave.*

*Regulatory Agreement for Habitat for Humanity Old King's Highway Project*

*Wellfleet Scholarship Program information*

*Memorial Brick information and letter to the board.*

*Vacancy Report*

*Meeting Minutes*

*September 5, 2023*

*September 19, 2023*