

**Wellfleet Selectboard
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday May 18, 2021; 6PM
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Michael DeVasto, Chair; Janet Reinhart, Justina Carlson, Ryan Curley, Helen Miranda-Wilson

Others Present: Charlie Sumner, Interim Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Harry Terkanian, Warrant writer; Chief Rich Pauley, Fire Chief; Chief Michael Hurley, Police Chief; Jay Norton, Assistant Director of DPW; Will Sullivan, Harbormaster; Nancy Civetta, Shellfish Constable

Chair DeVasto Called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

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.

- Board Member Wilson stated that she emailed the board and wanted to inform them that she is in the works to get the round table scheduled for the board, and DCR.

II. Business

A. Dredging – Chair DeVasto

- Chair DeVasto stated to the Board that he was contacted from one of the chairs of the dredging task force asking him to write a memo authorizing him to represent the town of Wellfleet with all matters concerning the dredging of Wellfleet. The Chair stated that he explained to this Chair that he was unable to do that and did some research into this. He stated that the Harbormaster is the main contact person that will represent the Town of Wellfleet. There needs to be a chain of command and that starts with the Harbormaster.
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Wilson seconded; and it was voted that the Harbormaster Will Sullivan is to be the primary contact for any and all matters concerning the dredging project in Wellfleet Harbor, informing and communicating with the Marine Advisory Committee and Dredging Task Force; Will is to report to the Town Administrator and Selectboard.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

B. Annual 2021 Town Meeting Warrant Discussion and placement

- Chair DeVasto asked Terkanian if there was anything missing from the warrant? Terkanian questioned the Board about the permeable reactive barriers that was mentioned to him last night by Board Member Carlson. They explained to him that they were worded differently and equaled two different articles.
- Chair DeVasto asked if they could go through each article and number them so they can complete the warrant.
- They began going down the warrant one article at a time discussing what needed to be placed, moved and numbered. There was discussion about having each article that has a financial bearing on the town have what the dollar amount to each taxpayer and break down would be. Terkanian spoke to his availability to fix this.
- They continued down the warrant. They discussed articles that were moved or removed. Terkanian asked if the Board felt they needed to discuss the Wastewater articles and expressing he needed the language for the articles that will be placed.
- The Board continued with the Agricultural Commission article; Board Member Curley stated he was uncomfortable with this because he felt it interfered with the Shellfish Advisory Board. He stated they needed to be clear that there was an interest that people wanted to serve on an agricultural committee and there are other towns that have a right to farm bylaw and no agricultural commission. Board Member Wilson discussed her concern with this article similar to Curley's concerns. The Board discussed this and the right to farm article at great length including the Board of Health and not just aquaculture but agriculture. Chair DeVasto stated his inability to understand why some of the Board Members feel that this will interfere with the Shellfish Advisory Board. Civetta gave her opinion about this article and stated some of her concerns.
- **Board Member Hurley moved; Chair DeVasto seconded; and it was voted to place the Agricultural Commission Article in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**
Roll Call Vote: 4-1 (Curley voted no)
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to recommend the Agricultural Commission Article in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**
Roll Call Vote: 3-2 (Wilson and Curley voted no)
- They moved on to the Home Rule Petition for the Blakely article. Board Member Curley stated it wasn't to recommend the article it was to recommend the curb cut for the Blakely's. They discussed this article and the need for a summary as the article itself states what it is.
- Terkanian continued reviewing the articles and once he got to the Animal Bylaw Board Member Wilson had questions about language that was removed or added. The continued with numbering the articles and where they need to be in the warrant. The final discussion the Board had with Terkanian was the Appendices. The water enterprise, the marina enterprise are both ready to be

placed and Sumner informed the Board that Lisa Souve will be looking at the budgets and do the best she can to get it into shape where it can be placed into the warrant.

- The water enterprise was the next article the Board discussed, and it was questioned as to why the expense budget was so high. Eldridge informed the Board that a billing company was hired a little over a year ago and that has caused the increase in budget. Board Member Curley asked if the Board had voted on the budget, it was discussed that they had not. He continued with the fact that he was concerned that the water enterprise fund was running on a deficit. They discussed that there was supposed to be a consultant to be hired and he questioned why that hadn't happened yet? Board Member Carlson informed Curley that the water commissioners had not hired a consultant because they had been working diligently acquiring the 95 Lawrence road project grant. Board Member Curley asked Eldridge if the water rates have ever increased and Eldridge reported to him that every November the rates increase by 2% .
- **Board Member Wilson moved, Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to approve the water enterprise budget as printed in appendix D in the 2021 Annual Town Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- **Board Member Wilson moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place and recommend the Water Enterprise Budget into Appendix D in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- The Board moved onto the Marina Enterprise Budge. Civetta explained to the Board that both she and Suzanne Thomas pay the marina rent to use their building at the pier.
- **Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place and recommend the Marina Enterprise Budget into the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- The Final Budget that Terkanian discussed with the Board was the Capital Budget. He explained what he put into this budget and what he moved out. Civetta questioned her part time seasonal employee, she stated it was originally in her capital budget but didn't see it there up on the screen. Terkanian explained that the position was in her operating budget. Board Member Curley agreed with Terkanian and stated that the position was moved into her operating budget and should be reflected there.
- **Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Wilson seconded; and it was voted to approve, insert, and recommend Appendix B into the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

C. 2022 Budget discussions if needed.

- Terkanian discussed some changes he made in the budget and explained what those changes were.

- He continued with the Operating Budget. He explained some changes he made with these and screen shared the budget to show them what he was working on. The Board had some questions, and they discussed some salary increases.
- Terkanian recommended that the board make one vote at their Thursday meeting to approve this budget together. He informed them that the financial articles will be going to bond counsel in the next day or two. Sumner stated that he hopes to have a full response from them before Thursday's meeting.
- He explained the debt service articles. The Board expressed their sincere gratitude to Terkanian.

III. *Selectboard Reports*

IV. *Town Administrator's Report*

V. *Topics for Future Discussion*

VI. *Correspondence and Vacancy Reports*

VII. *Minutes*

A. May 12, 2021 ~ continued to the May 25, 2021 meeting.

VIII. *Adjournment*

Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Public records:

Draft Warrant as of 5-18-2021

Budgets as presented on screen by Harry Terkanian and found in the draft warrant