

**Wellfleet Selectboard
Virtual Meeting ~ Zoom
Thursday May 20, 2021; 6PM
Meeting Minutes**

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

Others Present: Charlie Sumner, Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Chief Mike Hurley, Police Chief; Rich Pauley, Fire Chief; Harry Terkanian, Warrant writer; Jay Norton, Assistant DPW director; Melissa Yow, Right of the Public Access Committee.

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 reminded the board that Hillary Lemos the Wellfleet Health Agent had sent a reminder about an event regarding the “Right to Farm even”. She encouraged the Board and Public to attend.

II. Business

A. 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant discussion and placement

- Chair DeVasto asked Terkanian if he wanted to tackle the Operating Budget or the Warrant. Terkanian stated he wanted to finish the warrant.
- He went right to the Wastewater articles and explained there were two articles. He stated one of them the Board hadn’t discussed putting it back in the warrant, but he placed it to have them vote or not.
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place and recommend the Wastewater Commercial Street PRB Hydrological Assessment and Engineering Article as amended.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- The Board continued with the IA Wastewater article for the warrant. They discussed which version of the article should be inserted into the warrant. Board Member Wilson stated I&A system is not what the state calls these systems. They debated about and kept it as is.
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the enhanced septic system on the annual 2021 warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; it was voted to recommend the enhanced septic system into the annual 2021 town meeting warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 3-1-1 (Curley Abstained; Wilson voted no)

- The Board moved on to Agricultural Commission, Board Member Curley and Wilson expressed their concern with this article.
- **Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Wilson seconded; and it was NOT voted to amend the written article to state: promoting agricultural and land-based aspects of aquaculture economic opportunities for the town.**

Roll Call Vote: 1-4

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to substitute and place the existing article with the one in front of the Board at tonight's meeting.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-1 (Curley voted NO)

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to recommend the Agricultural Article in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 3-2 (Curley & Wilson voted NO)

- The Board moved onto the ADU article that they had discussed and edited. Terkanian moved down the screen to go over the ADU. Board Member Wilson wanted to change a few errors in the article. The Board disagreed.

- The Board continued with this discussion.

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to replace the Accessory Dwelling Units article with Town Counsel's amendments into the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-1 (Wilson voted NO)

Wilson left the meeting at 6:23PM

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to recommend the Accessory Dwelling Unit Article as amended by town counsel in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

- Chief Pauley stated there was a mistake in article 10 as there will be no effect on property taxes.
- The Board Moved onto discussion with Yow, who is requesting \$2,500. from the board to use for her committee for surveys and other work that needed to be done. Terkanian explained how this could be funded and gave a few options to do this. There was some discussion about using the funds and which department head to go to in order to get certain things done. It was decided to keep this request in the consulting budget and the approval could come from the Town Administrator.
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to keep the funding in the Town Administrator's office as the consulting budget.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

B. 2022 Budget discussion if needed.

- Terkanian moved on to the operating budget. He stated right now the operating budget totals \$21,673,707.69. He explained that he corrected a few mistakes. The retirement fund was mistaken, and he gave details of that budget, and the Town Administrators budget was off which he explained he also fixed that. He explained they may have to take money out of the stabilization fund. Sumner recommended that it be amended on Town Meeting floor. He stated he and the two accountants will be looking more closely at the budgets to see what they can do. He explained there is a deficit that they may be able to correct. He stated they could still make a motion at town meeting to fund it differently.
- Chief Hurley expressed his concern with the number of questions and stated his concern for his police cars getting turned down. He stated this should be an expense in his budget not an election item. Chair DeVasto agreed. The Board members also agreed that police cars need to be moved back into the operating budget and not be a capital expense every year. There were some questions about how the funds would be received.
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to move the two police cruisers into the Capital Budget.**
Roll Call Vote: 4-0
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Carlson seconded; and it was voted to approve the Selectboard's Operating Budget.**
Roll Call Vote: 4-0
- Terkanian moved onto to the Beach fund as Thomas needed to transfer money from her beach fund to apply to department salaries.
- He continued with the 2 ½ override. He explained how this works and how the Board needs to vote. He continued that these articles need to be reviewed by bond counsel. He moved on to debt exclusion and he explained how that works.
- The Board discussed removing questions from the ballot or lumping some questions together. They decided that it wouldn't be beneficial to lump them together. Also, less confusing to keep them as individual articles to not confuse the residents.
- Norton questioned that if the DPW projects are put together and didn't pass would that mean that the projects fail. Terkanian stated that was the case. Norton expressed his concern that he didn't want all the projects to put off. It was decided to keep all the articles as separate articles and explain to the town how important these articles are.
- **Board Member Reinhart moved; Board Member Carlson seconded; and it was voted to place the portable radios on the 2021 town election warrant as a debt exclusion.**
Roll Call Vote: 4-0

- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the marina response vessel on the 2021 town election warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the DPW Pick-up truck on the annual 2021 town election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the DPW roll off truck on the Annual 2021 Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the Mayo Creek Revetment in the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place the Baker's Field Backstops in the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place the Route 6 Main Street Engineering on the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place the Commercial Street PRB as a debt exclusion on the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place the I/A Septic System on the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Curley seconded; and it was voted to place the Lawrence Road Treatment Plant on the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant as a debt exclusion.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **Chair DeVasto moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it was voted to place the additional Fire Department personnel in the 2021 Annual Town Election Warrant in the amount of \$168,080.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0**
- **The Board expressed their gratitude to Terkanian for his help.**

III. Selectboard Reports

- A.** Board Member Curley notified the public that a quorum of the selectboard was at the Planning Board meeting the previous night.
- B.** Chair DeVasto notified the public that the auditors will be joining their 5/25 meeting to go over the 2020 audit.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

- A. Sumner informed the board that he interviewed Mary McIsaac to come help with the accounting at town hall and has a tremendous amount of experience. He explained that Mary and Lisa will be developing a work plan together to attack the financial issues regarding the town.

V. Topics for Future Discussion

VI. Correspondence and Vacancy Reports

VII. Adjournment

- A. **Board Member Reinhart moved; Board Member Reinhart seconded; and it voted to adjourn the meeting.**

Roll Call Vote: 4-0

Meeting adjourned 7:17PM

Public Records:

Draft Warrant as of 5-20-2021

Various Department Budgets for FY2022