

***Wellfleet Selectboard
Joint Meeting with Board of Health & Clean Water Advisory Committee
Thursday June 23, 2022; 7:00pm
Meeting Minutes***

Members Present:

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

Board of Health: Ken Granlund, Chair; Janet Drohan, Nick Picariello, Debera Freeman (zoom)

Clean Water Advisory Committee: Curt Felix, Chair

Others Present: Rich Waldo, Town Administrator, Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Hillary Lemos, Health/Conservation Agent; Scott Horsley, Consultant; Tim Sayer, resident.

Chair Curley Called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

I. Announcements, Open Session, Public Comments

NOTE: Public comments must be brief. The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comments.
There were no public comments or announcements.

II. Joint meeting with Board of Health, Clean Water Advisory Committee, & Selectboard

- ***DEP MassDEP's Regulatory Strategy for Cape Cod Estuaries Impaired by Nitrogen***

The team from the DEP presented to the boards a slide show showing how the town could obtain a water shed permit, they discussed funding and the ability to accomplish it.

They finished the slide show, and the board had some questions for the DEP representatives. They discussed funding and loan options.

Chair Curley had some comments on the proposed regulations. He questioned the ability of the board of health and if they would be able to regulate the number of systems. He feels that the timeline of five years is too aggressive for the town stating that he feels the DEP is setting the town of Wellfleet up for failure. He continued stating his concerns with the plan for Wellfleet. The board discussed the water shed permit at great length, discussing issues, concerns, and possibilities for the town.

- ***Presentation of Targeted Wastewater Plan***

Horsley presented to the board the watershed plan. He began the power point presentation. He discussed with the group IA enhanced septic systems.

- ***Sewer Sheds GHD***

The next power point presentation was the sewer shed slide. He explained how the sewer portion would work for Wellfleet. He discussed the transfer station and the opportunity for treatment at the transfer station. He spoke

about the traditional compliance approach. How the watersheds play into this plan. There were questions regarding this presentation. A long discussion took place about the water sheds, sewerage, and septic systems. Bacon spoke to the DEP representatives about septic and the 95 Lawrence Road project stating that Wellfleet would benefit hugely with a wastewater system. Civetta had questions regarding the shellfish department and how the shellfish propagation plays a role in this. Felix spoke to this watershed plan stating that we need to begin the process to move forward to move towards clean water. He gave kudos to the town for passing many wastewater articles at town meetings. He asked the Selectboard to pass this plan onto the DEP so the town can begin the work towards a watershed permit. DEP stated they are committed to work with the town and walk through the plan with the town. She spoke to funding plans and options. She stated she feels the town is ready to submit the permit to the DEP and begin.

- ***Next Steps***

Chair Curley spoke to the group about the next steps. He stated the Cape Cod Commission needs to review this plan regarding the 208 plan. Chair Curley stated he has spoken with the Cape Cod Commission, and they have asked for a public forum. Lemos stated that the commission is on the meeting and willing to speak to the board regarding this submission. Chair Curley spoke to having an IMA with the surrounding towns.

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to the request the town administrator begin negotiations with the surrounding towns (Eastham and Truro) for an IMA for the Wellfleet Harbor Watershed.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (Carboni abstained)

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf seconded; and it was voted to ask the Cape Cod Commission to engage with the town of Wellfleet to

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Chair Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to submit the draft targeted watershed plan as presented to the Department of Environmental protection and the Cape Cod Commission on behalf of the town of Wellfleet

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- ***DEP proposed changes to SRF Priority Ranking System***
- ***Board of Health Draft Regulations***

Chair Curley asked the board members and Lemos if they would be okay not discussing the regulations at this meeting as it was getting late into the meeting. The board members agreed that this could wait but needed to be addressed soon.

***** a full recording of this meeting can be found on the town's website *****

III. Adjourn

Board Member Bacon moved; Chair Curley Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

Meeting adjourned 10:05pm

****** Public Documents ******

Power point presentation from Department of Environmental Protection

Board of Health Draft Regulations

Clean Water Advisory Committee power point presentation