

**Wellfleet Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 6pm
Wellfleet Senior Center – via Zoom**

Selectboard Members Present: Chair Janet Reinhart; Kathleen Bacon; Helen Miranda Wilson; Michael DeVasto; Justina Carlson

Also Present: Town Administrator Dan Hoort; Executive Assistant Courtney Butler

Chair Reinhart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held via Zoom and the recording is available on the Town website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPEN SESSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- There were no announcements.

DISCUSSION OF HOW WELLFLEET RESPONDS TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

- Wilson proposed that the Board adopt the Declaration of Emergency, provided to the Town by KP Law, with amended language to reflect that it is being declared by the Selectboard and not the Board of Health. It was moved by Wilson, seconded by Bacon, and passed 5-0.
- DeVasto presented a COVID-19 Community Action Plan which the Board agreed to implement via directing the Town Administrator and Staff to begin taking action.

2020 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

The Board discussed the proposed Budget Articles 1-15. Hoort noted that the Operating Budget should reflect a total of \$20,146,490. He also noted that the Finance Committee recommends articles 1, 8, and 9 by a vote of 8-0. Hoort said there was no Finance Committee recommendations for Article 10, but that the Housing Authority voted to recommend 3-0 and the Housing Partnership voted to recommend 6-0.

- Bacon moved to recommend Budget Articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, postponing recommendations for Article 3, and insert them into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 16. Article 16 is the Water System Upgrade.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 16, Water System Upgrade, and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Articles 17-22. Articles 17-22 are related to Community Preservation.

- Bacon moved to recommend Articles 17-22 and insert them into the Warrant.
- DeVasto seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 23. Article 23 is related to Climate Change Grant Funding. This Article was requested by the Energy and Climate Action Committee. Hoort said the Finance Committee recommends this by a vote of 7-1.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 23 and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Articles 24-29. Articles 24-29 are on the Finance Consent Agenda.

- Bacon moved to recommend Articles 24-29 and insert them into the Warrant.
- DeVasto seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 30, a Petitioned Article. Article 30 is a General Bylaw change to adopt a Commercial Single-Use Plastic Water Bottle Ban. Hoort noted that the Bylaw Committee recommends this by a vote of 2-0 with the following amendment: "Change Section 4 to replace Town Manager with Town Administrator in the three places it is listed."

- Bacon moved to insert Article 30 into the Warrant, and reserve recommendations.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 31. Article 31 seeks a General Bylaw change to adopt an Annual Town Meeting start time of 6PM. Hoort noted that the Bylaw Committee recommends this by a vote of 2-0.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 31 and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion regarding the potential postponement of Town Meeting. Hoort said that this decision would have to be made at the March 24 Selectboard meeting. Town Moderator Dan Silverman said the Town does have this option under M.G.L.c39§10A. He sent a memo to the Board regarding the matter on March 13, 2020.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 32, a Petitioned Article. Article 32 seeks a General Bylaw change to adopt a Climate Policy.

- Bacon moved to insert Article 32 into the Warrant, and reserve recommendations.
- DeVasto seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1, with Wilson abstained.

Hoort noted that the Bylaw Review Committee voted not to recommend this by a vote of 2-0 because they felt that it should be a Selectboard Policy rather than a Town Bylaw.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 33. Article 33 is a Disposition of Town Owned Property Article and seeks to "transfer care, custody, management and control of Assessors Map 14, Parcel 30 Town owned property from the board or commission currently having custody thereof and from the purpose for which said property is currently held, to Kate Clemens-Nowack and Jim Nowack, or to do or act anything thereon."

Hoort said the Planning Board voted to recommend selling the land to the Nowacks by a vote of 3-2-1; the Open Space Committee voted not to recommend by a vote of 4-0. The Board agreed that it should be determined by the Selectboard to sell or not sell the land.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 33, with amended language as provided by Town Counsel, and insert it into the Warrant.
- DeVasto seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1, with Carlson abstained.

The Board discussed the proposed Articles 34 and 35. Articles 34 and 35 are Disposition of Town Owned Property Articles and seek to transfer care, custody, management and control of land to the Wellfleet Conservation Commission for open space purposes, or to do or act anything thereon.

The Planning Board recommends these articles by a vote of 5-0.

Approved March 24, 2020 - A full recording of this video is available through the Town's video archive.

- Bacon moved to recommend Articles 34 and 35 and insert them into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1, with DeVasto abstaining from recommendations but agreeing to insert the Articles.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 36. Article 36 is a Disposition of Town Owned Property Article and seeks to Authorize the Water Line Easement for 925 Chequessett Neck Road.

- Bacon moved to insert Article 36 into the Warrant, and reserve recommendations.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 37. Article 37 is an Unclassified Article and seeks to secure title to High Toss Road between Pole Dike Road and Rainbow Lane, also known as Way 672.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 37 and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 38. Article 38 is a Petitioned Article and proposes a Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag & Seal of Massachusetts.

- Bacon moved to recommend Article 38 and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1, with Carlson abstained.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 39-42. Articles 39-42 are Standard Annual Articles.

- Bacon moved to recommend Articles 39-42 and insert them into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the proposed Article 43-44. Articles 43-44 are Standard Closing Articles.

- Bacon moved to recommend Articles 39-42 and insert it into the Warrant.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board's next meeting will be held on March 24, 2020 at 6PM, also virtually through Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

- Bacon moved to adjourn.
- Wilson seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Butler,
Secretary

Public Records Documents available as of 3/17/2020:

1. 2020 Town Meeting Warrant draft as of March 9, 2020;
2. Declaration of Emergency, enacted on March 17, 2020 at 6:10PM;
3. DeVasto's Community Action Plan;
4. Memo from Town Moderator to Selectboard re: Town Meeting Scheduling dated March 13, 2020