

**Wellfleet Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 23rd, 2018, at 7 p.m.
Wellfleet Senior Center, 715 Old Kings Highway, Wellfleet MA 02667**

Select Board Members Present: Janet Reinhart – Chair, Helen Miranda Wilson – Vice Chair, Justina Carlson – Clerk, Kathleen Bacon.

Regrets: Jerry Houk.

Also Present: Dan Hoort - Town Administrator, Radu Luca – Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator.

I. Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

Note: Public comments must be brief. The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comment.

Bacon said that Preservation Hall had commenced the renovation of the building and they hope to have the project completed by April 2019.

Reinhart said that Radu Luca accepted a job offer as Executive Director of the Provincetown Chamber of Commerce. Wilson said that we're looking for applicants to fill that position.

Chief Fisette asked whether the Selectboard would be interested in holding a public hearing to address issues with the intersection of Bank and Commercial Streets. Bacon agreed with Fisette. She would like to bring it up under future concerns. Fisette also said that Oyster Fest was a success and he wanted to commend all Town departments involved during the weekend. Lt. Hurley had provided the Selectboard with an update and recap of the event in the form of a memo prior to the meeting.

II. Use of Town Property

A. Mayo Beach – Della Spring (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 – 9:45 am, June 25 – Sep 5, 2019)

Della Spring was present to speak about her request for the use of town property. Wilson asked what the fee for last year's use of town property was, in this instance. Spring said that last year she paid \$200. The board agreed that for ongoing events the fee would be \$100 per month.

I move to approve the use of town property by Della Spring at Mayo Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:30 am to 9:45 am, from June 25th through September 5th, subject to the conditions, if any, as listed on the application, for a fee of \$100/month, for a total of \$200.

Motion: Bacon

Second: Wilson

4-0-0. Motion carries.

B. Driveway on East Side of Town Hall – Friends of the Wellfleet Libraries, Inc. (Susan Bruce) (July 7 (rain date July 14) and August 4 (rain date August 11), 2019 from 7 am – 2:30 pm)

Wilson said that we usually wave the fees for applications from non-profit organizations.

I move to approve the use of town property by the Friends of the Wellfleet Libraries, Inc., on the Town Hall lawn and in the driveway on the East side of Town Hall on July 7th (with a rain date of July 14th) and August 4th (with a rain date of August 11th), 2019 from 7 am to 2:30 pm, subject to the conditions, if any, as listed on the Application.

Motion: Wilson

Second: Bacon

4-0-0. Motion carries.

III. Business

A. Discussion of Water, Wastewater, WMA and 208 Plan [Carlson]

Curt Felix and Alex Hay presented an update on this agenda item, which was included in the Selectboard's packet for the meeting.

Bacon asked if the CWMC was planning on coming back before the Selectboard with an update in the Spring of 2019. Alex Hay said yes, and in addition he said that the CWMC would have to schedule at least three public hearings to have input on this matter.

Carlson said that it's her understanding that Brian Dudley at the State was not in favor of alternative technologies. She also said that we all need to be on the same team and hire a professional person to manage this project.

Wilson asked how much had been spent, from what had been authorized by Town Meeting, on this project so far. Hay responded and said that approximately 85% of the budget had been spent.

Tom Flynn, from the audience, asked what the goal for the 208 Plan was. Felix said that the goal was the 10,000 Kg / year of nitrogen removal. Wilson said the 208 Plan was about Wellfleet having a structure for addressing watershed pollution and having a plan for monitoring it. Wilson also said that we should leave the charge of the WMA as is for right now and wait for direct feedback from Horsley Witten on the current or a future language

for the WMA charge. Hay said that the motion creating the charge for the WMA should be rescinded for now because the CWMC had not been asked for their input in the matter at the time of its creation and that it part of the problem. Wilson disagreed and said that they had been told about it, but maybe it fell through the cracks.

I move to rescind the charge for the Wastewater Management Authority (sic) as voted on July 24, 2018

Motion: Wilson

Second: Carlson

4-0-0. Motion carries.

B. Dredging update to Selectboard [Harbormaster, TA]

Hoort said that we're looking at gathering letters of support to ask for congressional support in Washington, DC, and support from the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Office of Management and Budget to consider allocating funds towards our harbor dredging project in their FY2019 funding plan. He said that he had received an update from our lobbyist in Washington DC and who drafted a letter of support to be signed by Congressman Keating and Senator Warren. Hoort also said that the Army Corps of Engineers in the MA office had applied for a water quality certificate to comply with Mass DEP regulations, but there seems to be a delay due to an issue brought up before the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

Bacon said that might still be funds available from the State for the dredging. The issue now is whether there are turtles (terrapins) in the federal channel. Bacon also said that the harbor is in dire need of dredging and that we have very little time to get this project moving forward. She said that the Selectboard is responsible for doing everything possible to get this done and that we needed to put pressure on our elected officials. Flynn and Hoort agreed with Bacon.

Wilson said that Sen. Cyr and Sen. Tarr should be copied as well on the letter to Congressman Keating, Senator Warren and Senator Markey in support of the harbor dredging project.

Flynn said that a separate, private group in town had offered to purchase a dredge, which would be available to the Town to use as it wishes. He would like to do a presentation to the Selectboard on this matter.

C. Update on improvement of beach communications [Chief Pauley]

Chief Pauley presented the Selectboard with an initial update on this agenda item, which was included in the board's packet for the meeting. The improved radio communications include: telephone boxes, cellular phone coverage and improved radio communications. Chief Pauley said this is a regional issue and it will take a regional solution.

Bacon asked how soon we could get the call boxes installed. Chief Pauley said he's hoping to have them installed by the beginning of next season. Pauley also said we should work together with the National Seashore on this matter. Bacon asked whether we could have access to today's state of the art technology. Pauley responded and said yes, the technology is available to us, but the issue is coverage, we might not get coverage down on the beach because of the sand dunes. Wilson asked whether we were only talking about the four beaches on the ocean side, and not our harbor beaches. Chief Pauley responded and said that is correct. Wilson said she's in favor of the call boxes. Pauley said that in a discussion with the Beach Administrator and Town Administrator, that we need quick access to the beach carrying heavy live-saving equipment and he advocated for a four-wheel drive vehicle or an ATV being able to have full access to the beach. The Fire department currently has an ATV that used to belong to the Beach Department, which is a one-person vehicle (approximately 4 ft wide). Pauley thinks it is critical that we have access to the beach with a four-wheel drive vehicle.

D. Shellfish Shack Update [TA]

Justin Post, the Building Inspector, presented the Selectboard with an update in the form of a memo, which was included in the packet for the meeting.

Hoort said that we have boarded up the shack to prevent vandalism, etc. and that, in talking with the Shellfish Constable, we discussed the idea of having an upweller installed. A feasibility study would need to be done first. Bacon asked whether the hole in the roof had been fixed. Hoort said he believed so, but he'd have to double-check. Bacon asked whether we could make this building usable for the Shellfish Department. Hoort said that we would investigate that possibility. Also, one of his short-term goals is to have the Shellfish Department have access to the whole building at the beach sticker office. Bacon said that it's been a tradition for Wellfleet families to queue up at the Beach Sticker Office in the summer and purchase their stickers.

Wilson said that the results of the feasibility study should be passed along to the proper contacts. Wilson also asked how much a feasibility study would cost. Civetta said that she's in the process of gathering three quotes and moving forward from there. Bacon said that we used to have an upweller in the past, going back 25 years, and that an upweller didn't get used 365 days/year. Civetta responded and said yes, that is a floating upweller (flupsy) that gets stored away, but we're looking at an upweller that is setup within a structure. Bacon said that if 35 Kendrick Ave can be restored and turned into a usable building for the Shellfish Department then she's all for it. Wilson said that the building can only be used for recreation because of needed restoration. Civetta went into some detail as to the shack's use this year, all of which was for recreational fishery purposes. Wilson also said that the Selectboard had voted unanimously to have the building demolished, but it was brought back before the board. Jude Ahern said that the building needs a new appraisal.

D. Initial Review of Town Fees [TA]

Civetta was present to speak on the memo she had had included in the packet for the meeting. Bacon said that she would be in favor of anything that supports our shellfishermen and the shellfishing industry. There was also discussion of what constitutes a resident here in town and who qualifies for a beach sticker.

E. Discussion of an Economic Vitality and Tourism Fund [TA]

Hoort spoke on the memo he included in the packet for the meeting. The initial action would be to transfer the funds from the Blossoms Fest Fund and the Harbor Fest Fund into an Economic Vitality and Tourism Fund. Reinhart thinks that the Town should support economic vitality and that the Chamber of Commerce should be included as well. Carlson said that she would support such an article going before Town Meeting, but she would like more information on it. Bacon thought this could be a great partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, but she also asked whether we could do the same with regard with the harbor dredging project. Wilson thinks that at this point everything should be going into a dredging fund. Hoort said that, as a business owner, he'd be disappointed if the Town didn't put any funds aside for economic vitality purposes.

G. Dates of Selectboard meetings for 2019 [TA]

Reinhart said that the dates presented in the packet looked fine, but she also said that Wilson had mentioned possibly changing our meeting dates (to the first and third Tuesday of the month) to be able to attend the Truro Selectboard meetings and vice versa. Carlson said that we should wait and have Jerry Houk present in the room. Wilson suggested we should avoid having meetings on major Jewish holidays. Reinhart asked the board what they thought about meeting at 6 pm instead of 7 pm. Wilson said that in the future we should tailor our executive sessions to our needs and allow as much time as needed for discussion.

IV. Town Administrator's Report

Hoort said he was disappointed he couldn't make the celebration of life for Arthur Medici at Newcomb Hollow Beach on Oct 20. Hoort also said he met with the Chair of the Lower Cape Access Television and discussed the possibility of enticing as many boards and committees as possible to have their meetings taped.

Bacon asked when the EV charging stations would be installed. Hoort said that Eversource would need to install their new transformers first and that he hopes we would have the EV charging stations installed in December or January. Bacon asked Hoort what he thought of the CCRT extension meeting. Hoort said that the turnout was great, the community is really involved, and that the ideas presented were very good. Bacon also asked whether we could

promote from within for the Assistant DPW Director position and for the Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator position. Hoort said he always takes into consideration promoting from within when it is appropriate.

V. Topics for Future Discussion

Wilson said that we need to address the mob holiday situation on the beaches such as the one that occurred last summer on the 4th of July and she would like to have information about what Nantucket did in their decision-making process, especially when it comes to activity happening on social media. Bacon said that she'd would like to hold off on that because we've just experienced the biggest tragedy imaginable this summer and we might not have the same crowds again next summer. Hoort will follow up with public safety officials and the Beach Administrator.

VI. Correspondence and Vacancy Report

Carlson said that the TA is handing the correspondence from the Bookstore & Restaurant very well.

VII. Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of October 9th, 2018 as amended.

Motion: Wilson Second: Bacon 4-0-0. Motion carries.

VIII. Adjournment

I move to adjourn.

Motion: Bacon Second: Carlson 4-0-0. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Radu D. Luca,
Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator

Link to video here: TBD

Public Records Materials of 10/23/18

1. Use of Town Property – Della Spring at Mayo Beach (Sep 5)
2. Use of Town Property – Friends of Wellfleet Library at Town Hall (Sep 17)

3. Memo – Comprehensive Wastewater Meeting to Develop a Consensus Road Map (Oct 18)
4. Memo – Dredging Update to Selectboard (Oct 16)
5. Memo – Fire Chief to Selectboard re: Beach Emergency Communications (Oct 19)
6. Memo – Building Inspector to Selectboard re: Shellfish Shack (35 Kendrick Ave) Update (Oct 17)
7. Memo – TA to Selectboard re: Town Fees (Apr 6)
8. Memo – Shellfish Constable to Selectboard re: SAB change in Policy and Regulations Sec. 6.1.3. Commercial Permit Fee Schedule (Oct 19)
9. Memo – TA to Selectboard re: Economic Vitality and Tourism Fund (Oct 18)
10. Memo – TA to Selectboard re: Draft 2019 Selectboard meeting schedule
11. Memo – TA to Selectboard re: TA Report (Oct 19)
12. Memo – Principal Clerk to Selectboard re: vacancy report (Oct 18)
13. Minutes – Executive Assistant to Selectboard re: draft minutes Oct 9th, 2018