

Wellfleet Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, December 18, 2018
Wellfleet Senior Center

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

Regrets: Jerry Houk

Also Present: Town Administrator Dan Hoort; Assistant Town Administrator Joseph Powers

Chair Janet Reinhart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPEN SESSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kathleen Bacon announced an upcoming event with Sarah Peake.
- Police Chief Ronald Fisetta said that Wellfleet Police would be participating in Safe Rides on New Year's Eve.

BUSINESS

Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension

Chair Janet Reinhart introduced the proposed Cape Cod Rail Trail Extension and its terminus onto Route 6. Helen Miranda Wilson gave further background on dealing with the Department of Transportation and summarized points from a letter from Martha Hevenor, an experienced bicyclist, stating ideas which Wilson recommends. Kathleen Bacon expressed her opposition to creating a paved parking lot at a Rte. 6 location. Justina Carlson outlined a number of positive aspects of the bike trail extension. Elspeth and Alex Hay, Loise and Ramon Rustia, Joshua Etsten, Andrea Gensler, Steve Swain, and Tom Murray had submitted letters of opposition to the proposal of locating the bike trail extension terminus at Rte. 6.

Members of the audience came forward to express their thoughts about the bike trail extension process and plan. Barbara Taylor, representing a dozen neighbors and herself, enumerated the negative impacts. She submitted a letter of opposition for the record. Steve Oliver spoke against adding bicycles onto Rte. 6. Barbara Boone reported on the difficulty of riding her bicycle onto Rte. 6 at the proposed terminus site. Carol Mara was opposed to the parking terminus at Rte. 6 and not separating the extension proposal from the next steps. Rebecca Noble asked about the letter that the Town has been asked to write to the DCR. Katherine LeTourneau outlined safety, environmental and abutters concerns. Brent Herold said that the Cape Cod Commission had the location of the parking lot in its area of concern. Peter Noble explained his opposition to the planned terminus at Rte. 6. He said he has presented his opinion on *The Point*.

Chair Reinhart will write a letter to the DCR on environmental impact with input on saving trees; need, placement, and paving of a parking lot; parking at Paine's Campground; and safety. Town Administrator Dan Hoort suggested that the other Selectboard members write letters as well, before the December 26 deadline.

Fiscal Year 2020 Proposed Budgets

The Selectboard commented on the Budget process, which is now taking place in separate meetings of the Finance Committee and the Selectboard. From the Finance Committee, only Robert Wallace was present.

Department of Public Works

DPW Director Mark Vincent with DPW Administrative Assistant Jeanne Leidenfrost presented the six budgets for the Department of Public Works: Line 417 Facilities increases in electricity offset by decreases in fuel lines; 420 Operations level funded with no increases; 422 Highways level funded; 423 Snow Removal level funded; 424 Street Lighting level funded; and 433 Transfer Station level funded. The Town continues to work on recycling efforts for environmental reasons, but the market fluctuates. Vincent would like to see more work on types of materials being recycled.

Wilson moved to recommend the DPW Budget as presented. Bacon seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Police Department

Before presenting the Police Budget, Chief Ronald Fisetta gave information on the possible long-term future of Special Officers. The training required for them will be changing and they may become obsolete. However, this doesn't affect the 2020 budget. He said the Town should start to plan for his expected retirement next year, and he has added a line item to cover a transition plan. The Chief recommends hiring from within the Department, so this required the extra line item. He had added another line item for Special Events. Fisetta said that 210 Police Budget and 215 Communications/ Dispatchers were basically level funded. The Chief reported on decreases in opioid incidents since the Navigator program was instituted.

Wilson moved to recommend Police Budget Lines 210 and 215. Carlson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Richard Pauley gave a report on calls within the last month and anticipated personnel losses. The Selectboard will hear from him again about adding members to the Fire Department. He said he would encourage regional shared services for Public Safety. The Town Administrator said that negotiations are underway with the Fire Department taking into consideration ways for attracting candidates. Pauley discussed sponsoring candidates for paramedic training with provisions that they stay with Wellfleet for one year. He said that the County dispatch service was working well.

Bacon moved to recommend Fire Department Budget Line 220. Carlson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Shellfish Department

Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta came to the table to present for Shellfish Budget Line 179 and Shellfish Conservation and Propagation Budget 180. Hoort said he had requested a five-year

plan for the Shellfish Department. Civetta explained Shellfish Department goals of producing a million oysters and a million clams, as well as the increased need for oversight of oyster patrol, which could lead to another full-time position in the future. She is seeking a full-time seasonal employee for propagation and grant inspections, money for the barge, new motors, and a new truck. Civetta favors creating a Revolving Fund that can only be used for Shellfish Propagation, which would need Selectboard approval and Town Meeting approval. She said an increase in growth would come with an increase in fees. She has built in about \$1,100 extra to investigate new software for inputting data on licenses. After speaking with the Beach Administration she is interested in increasing a salary line for one dedicated summer employee to do the licenses at the beach sticker office. Shellfish also needs a line for cleaning the office in the off-season. Finance Committee member Robert Wallace commented upon balancing the Town's investment and the current oversupply of oysters. He recommended having a barge, but not an upweller. He and the Selectboard discussed ways to procure a salt water ice machine at the Marina for shellfish safety, a Shellfish Department truck, and use of the South Wellfleet fire station for Shellfish Department Purposes. Hoort clarified the two additions of an extra \$2 an hour for the data processing tasks and \$750 for cleaning..

Wilson moved to recommend the 179 Shellfish Department Head's Budget of \$241,673 as amended. Bacon seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Bacon moved to adjourn. Carlson seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers,
Secretary

Public Records Material of 12/18/18
December 18, 2018 draft of FY20 Budget