



MEMORANDUM

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To: Selectboard
From: Richard J. Waldo, Town Administrator
Cc: Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant to Town Administrator
Subject: Department Update Report for the December 20, 2022 Select Board Meeting
Date: December 13, 2022

Administration

- We had our Housing Production Plan Forum on Thursday, 12/8. It was well attended! The slides can be viewed here:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:058f629c-78f4-44ce-a496-d66e1c98840e>
- Bids were opened for the Clean Sand Dredging engineering/permit drawings project on 11/30. There were 4 bidders. Bids are still being reviewed and analyzed.
- 95 Lawrence – POAH/CDP has been invited to apply for DHCD funding in January. Field testing was also conducted last week at the 95 Lawrence Ballfield with coordination with the Town's Engineer.
- The Town has successfully taken ownership of Maurice's Campground, the closing was held on December 15th. The release of a Request For Proposals (RFP) for campground operations is soon to be released for response.
- Budget meeting are taking place with department heads with the hopes of being in front of the finance committee in January.
- On behalf of the staff in Wellfleet we would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Building

- Review Building Permit Applications, Issue Permits, Issue Certificates of Occupancy, Issue Certificates of Completion, Annual Inspections, Issue Certificate of Inspections, building site inspections, Respond to Complaints, Office Hours 8:00 – 10:30 a.m., (or by appointment) to address Building Code and Zoning questions with applicants and the public.
- Responding to written complaint letter concerning 70 Main Street, regarding (7) alleged Town of Wellfleet Zoning Bylaw Violations from an abutter to 70 Main Street property.
- Reviewing 2023 Business License applications.

Community Services

- No Update

Harbormaster

- Fuel tanks: Many exciting things happening in the world of fuel tanks, not really! But it is quite stimulating to be working with the Contractor and Engineer finalizing orders, details, delivery dates, and the like.
- Concrete docks: Docks 5-10, materials have been ordered, and construction is continued once again. With the current financial climate and how the drastic increase in inflation, from the 1% for years to the current 7,8 9%'s we have seen recently, it is very hard to accurately predict the cost of materials and goods. We will most likely be asking for a transfer of the parking revenue to the materials budget line in the near future to finally finish this project.
- Parking: At their request I met with the members of the Marina Advisory Committee on a brisk afternoon not for the faint of heart (ask all of our Pedestrian traffic) to go over parking layouts and ideas to aid (combat?) the summer influx of visitors to our humble community. We have grown as a town, we must manage for not only the future but the present.
- Staffing: Due to various reasons we have been down to one employee for most of our operational hours, hopefully trying to overlap through passing. Which reminds me of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's "Ships that pass in the night, and speak each other in passing, Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness; So on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one another, Only a look and a voice, then darkness again and a silence".
- Winter Solstice: As we all do our own Kachina dance to honor the sun's rebirth, we are reminded of the change in weather, where times can become extreme in an instant. And it is constantly on our mind as we spend the valuable sunlight hours preparing for what is to come. This is the time of year when the Fisherman are traveling around in colder darker waters, and we see an influx of migratory waterfowl and the Hunters that, well hunt them, but most are by small boat. So we stand semper paratus.

Health/Conservation

- We are continuing to distribute covid antigen test kits to residents and employees of local businesses. In the previous two weeks we have had 0 positive test identified on our online reporting tool and may phase that out after the holidays and 2 identified in the state reporting database (PCR Only). The County is currently in the medium-risk category.
- We are beginning to see a rise in the number of flu cases across the county and RSV cases are also continuing to increase. We will continue to monitor these over the coming months.
- The BOH joint regional meeting has been rescheduled to zoom due to technical issues. The presentation on the Health Assessment will be given live in Wellfleet and broadcast to Truro and Provincetown on Wednesday December 14 at 5:00 pm. Patrice Barrett from Barnstable County will review the results and give an overview of the report and discuss a roadmap for the future health and wellness of our communities.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87694944039>

Meeting ID: 876 9494 4039

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- We continued working with Anne Reynolds from the Cape Cod Commission and Arozana Tesson from the Town of Truro on the revision to our septic and well viewer. We had a joint meeting with Lynne Martin, MIS from Provincetown and Zona Tesson, AHA from Truro to review our GIS software for compatibility with the other outer cape towns and the County and to review proposals from ESRI for future needs.
- We continue to work on our full submission for the APRA grant with our regional partners to meet the required deadline.
- We continued work on the regional CZM Resiliency Grant on shoreline management. This past week I submitted our monthly update to the state to comply with the grant requirements.
- I am attended and made public comment at the MA DEP hearing on the new proposed draft Title 5 regulations.
- Met with MA DEP employees to review design and installation issues with provisional use Enhanced I/A technologies. A list of questions was generated and will be transmitted for their review and formal response.
- Met with Barnstable County MASSTEC staff to review their EPA grant for RME work and to see how Wellfleet wants to partner and participate. We will be working collaboratively over the coming months and years and a formal MOU will be forthcoming. This is an exciting opportunity that has been in the works for a while.
- Met with NPS Staff to discuss a LOI for a UFWS fish passage grant for upper herring river culverts.

Fire

- No Update

Library

- No Update (sick)

Police

- This week the department, in conjunction with the DPW, completed the installation and activation of four new solar radar speed limit signs, in high-speed areas identified by residents that had the speed limit amended on several roads this past fall. The current location of these signs is as follows:
 - Main Street
 - East Commercial Street
 - Chequessett Neck Road
 - Lieutenant Island
- As we continue to receive feedback from residents, we may make the decision to adjust the location of these signs at some point in the near future.

- Officer Michael Allen completed the annual Toys for Tots Stuff-A-Bus Challenge, collecting 168 new toys. These toys will be distributed to local families across the Cape. Officer Allen and Dispatcher Cheryl Kemmer also joined officers from all over the Cape to pick up buckets as part of the Coats4Vets program. Local Law enforcement are working with Massachusetts Military Support Foundation Inc, to help keep veterans and others warm this winter.
- December 1st marked the beginning of our Winter Impairment Driving Traffic Enforcement mobilization, "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over." This will involve extra traffic enforcement on our town roads, funded by a Municipal Road Safety Grant that was awarded this past fall. The initiative runs through December 31.
- We are continuing to alternate Officers through their annual yearly 40-hour-in-service training to maintain POST Certification. This week's training saw officers completing their Taser recertification.

Public Works

- No Update

Recreation

- The Community Preservation Committee has voted to support for a pavilion/awning for the bandstand at the end of the Town pier. Successful passage at the ATM will enable enhanced usage by the rec dept and the community. Many thanks to the CPC committee, and all that supported this project.
- Recreation basketball season has begun with teams from grades 3-6 practicing. Wellfleet has 5 teams competing in grades K-6. Games for grades 3-6 begin after the holiday break.
- Open gym basketball for high school age through adult has begun at the Elementary School gym, this popular program has over 25 attendees per week.
- The Department is sponsoring a community free ice-skating session at the Charles Moore Arena in Orleans on January 1, 2023, from 11-1.
- Extensive planning is underway for winter after school and weekend activities and classes for all ages at Wellfleet Elementary School to augment current programming.

Shellfish Department

- We issued two written warnings for oyster seed to two shellfishermen and confiscated a bag of oysters with more than the state-allowed five percent of seed.
- Shellfishermen now pick into 100-count bags, yet our regulations state a limit is a bushel basket. The department conducted limit checks on many shellfishermen to educate them on the bushel basket limit and enforce this limit. We returned excess oysters to the flats from whence they came.
- 2023 shellfishing permits went on sale on December 1, and to date we have sold 124 totaling \$11,950.00. We conducted two first time commercial permit holder orientations.

- We received paperwork for two grant transfers and a grant extension, and public hearings will be held on Dec. 20. We also gave out paperwork for two other transfers and another extension.
- The application period for the grant lottery for the two one-acre grants on Egg Island closed. We received 19 applications, all of whom were eligible. Four qualified as wild harvesters and 15 as shellfishermen with grant experience. We spoke with each, letting them know the requirements for minimum productivity and the challenges these two parcels present and answering their questions.
- We confiscated the catch and explained to an Eastham recreational shellfisherman that he could not harvest on the Wellfleet flats on Lieutenant Island.
- Shellfish Constable Nancy Civetta continues to work with administration on the hiring of a Principal Clerk. She presented two regulation changes to the Selectboard; these are a work in progress. There will be a total of six shellfish-related public hearings and the shellfish grant lottery at the Dec. 20 Selectboard meeting.
- Civetta also met with the Harbormaster and a grant holder putting in a proposal for a grant extension to discuss the siting and size modifications the grant holder made to the extension in order to accommodate boating access. This is one of the public hearings on Dec. 20.
- Assistant Shellfish Constable John Mankevetch began taking our racks off our grant and is getting ready to do one last oyster distribution.
- Deputy Shellfish Constable Chris Manulla took our boat out of the water and trailered it for state water quality testing. He also hung up at Powers Landing and Indian Neck big, bright yellow “No Unauthorized Vehicles on the Beach” signs that the DPW made.
- The Center for Coastal Studies completed their counts of spat on the hats we lent them for their study on spat and sedimentation to create a baseline pre-Herring River restoration. They dropped the seed off for us, and we bagged it up and put it on our grant.
- The work on fixing the leaking roof was finished!
- We sent out a commercial Crier.