

Board of Selectmen
Library Meeting Room
March 11, 1996
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins. Selectmen present included Cynthia Paine, David Ernst and Ira Wood. Selectman John Ryerson was absent. Town Administrator John Hinckley was also in attendance.

Open Session:

- Nancy Rose, Secretary to the Recreation Committee, read a letter to the Board recommending that the positions of Recreation Director and Beach Administrator not be merged. Ms. Rose indicated that the recommendation was the result of a unanimous committee vote.
- Brent Valli, Joel Fox and Paul Conor spoke regarding proposed increases to shellfish grant license fees. Selectman Ernst recused himself. The Shellfish Constable indicated that the Mass. Shellfish Officers Association is exploring a graduated increase in the range of grant license fees from \$5 - \$25/acre to \$25 - \$250/acre with the specific fee being established on the local level. Michael Parlante indicated that the Shellfish Advisory Committee will discuss this matter at their next scheduled meeting on April 3rd. There was consensus that this topic be scheduled for further discussion at the April 8th meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 7:30 p.m. Selectman Ernst rejoined the Board.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 4, 1996 as printed.

The Board continued discussion of the Barnstable County/JTEC Shellfish Aquaculture Training Program. The Shellfish Constable also attended. Barbara Austin indicated support for the program and noted that a shellfisherman currently working with her wished to participate in the program. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously 3-0, with Selectman Ernst recusing himself, to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with JTEC dated February 26, 1996 and recommended by the Shellfish Constable, with the hope that the Town of Wellfleet will be listed as an additional insured, for four participants with preference given to Wellfleet residents, with the stipulation that if Wellfleet residents apply they will be assigned to Wellfleet.

- The Board discussed Town Meeting matters. Discussion included:
- a) Town Accountant - explained the FY 1997 levy limitations and current projected tax rate
 - b) Capital items
 - 1) Fire Truck - on a motion duly made and seconded the Board voted unanimously to place a Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion question on the ballot for funds to purchase a fire engine and to authorize borrowing of said funds to be financed via a 5 year State House Note and to include an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

2) DPW Front-End Loader - discussion included projected use of the vehicle and funding via a lease/purchase. There was consensus of the Board that further discussion of this purchase will be held at the Board's 3/13 meeting and that the Assistant DPW Director be requested to attend to supply the appropriate information.

c) Draft warrant #2 dated 3/11/96 - the Board discussed each article, its position in the warrant, and which committees the Board wished articles to be referred to for recommendation. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to include all articles proposed on the March 11, 1996 Town Meeting draft warrant except the article to fund the DPW front-end loader and the article requesting partial funds to design and construct a new playground at the Wellfleet Elementary School. There was consensus that the Town Administrator and Selectwoman Paine will draft a letter of explanation to the submitters of the playground article.

d) Capital Budget:

1) \$20,000 for design funds for improvements to the Fire Station - on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to authorize up to \$20,000 for a study and preliminary plans for improvements to the Fire Station

2) \$40,000 for design funds for improvements to the DPW barn currently included in the Capital Improvement Plan for expenditure in FY 1998 but for which the Finance Committee recommends consideration in FY 1997 - discussion included upkeep of the facility - on a motion duly made and seconded to reconsider the Board's previous vote approving the Capital Improvement Plan, the Board voted 2-2, with Kiggins and Paine voting against - the motion failed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the business licenses of Cove Gallery; Boathouse Gift Shop; Decorator's Shop; Hannah; Idle Times Bike Shop, Inc.; S.W. Art Works; Snooper Sport Fishing; Small Boat Service; Karol B. Wyckoff Gallery and Ragg Time LTD.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,




Linda Smulligan
Administrative Assistant



Carolina Kiggins, Chair

Cynthia Paine



David Ernst

Ira Wood