



Town of Wellfleet - Board of Selectmen
Wellfleet Senior Center
December 30, 2008
Joint Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Jacqui Beebe. Selectmen present included Dale Donovan, Michael May and Ira Wood. Finance Committee members present included Chair Patricia Foley, Berta Bruinooge, Robert Kelly, Arlene Kirsch Dennis Murphy, Sylvia Smith, John Makely, Stephen Oliver and Dan Wexman. Town Administrator Paul Sieloff also attended. Selectman Jerry Houk was absent.

I. Appointment

Motion 08-0362: *To move to appoint Elspeth Pierson to the Recycling Committee.*

Motion by: Wood Seconded by: May Yea 4 Nay 0

II. Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Hearings

Computerization

IT Director Cristian Patapie explained #153 Computerization. He answered questions on equipment replacement, the Open Office program, and Virtual Town Hall.

Tax Collector

Marianne Nickerson presented the budget for #146 Town Tax Collector and #756 Real Estate Tax Refunds, which was reduced by \$100.

Shellfish

Shellfish Constable Andrew Koch came forward to present the budget for #179 Shellfish, #180 Shellfish Conservation & Propagation, and #181 Shellfish Advisory Committee. He said #179 was slightly lower than last year. He answered questions on gas estimates.

Beach, COA & Human Services

As COA Director, Suzanne Grout Thomas explained #520 Human Services, #541 Council of Aging, and #542 Council on Aging Board. Human Services is level funded, she said, and discussed the services the agencies provide to Wellfleet. The COA Budget is level funded. She answered questions on Contract Services, telephone lines and the COA van.

Berta Bruinooge disclosed that she works for the Beach Department.

As the Beach Director, Suzanne Thomas distributed a spreadsheet on revenue for #699 Beach Program. She discussed improvements in bathroom conditions, stairs at beaches, trash pick-up and additional days for the upcoming season.

Marina Enterprise Fund

Harbormaster Michael Flanagan explained the budget for the Marina Enterprise Fund. He and Town Accountant Marilyn Crary explained the Paving line. He answered questions on revenue, grants, the total request for FY10, the Marina Reserve Fund, gasoline for resale and goals for the year.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Daniel Silverman and Theresa Townsend presented the budget for #220 Fire. Silverman said the salary portion reflects a contract settlement that goes back to 2007, but the Town of Wellfleet

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WEA employees' salaries are level funded. He discussed Overtime budgeting. The rest of the budget is level funded or reduced he said. Some items that used to be in the Capital Budget are now in Fire's Operating Budget. Silverman and Townsend answered questions on Overtime, staffing, mutual support from neighboring towns, Call personnel, private details, seminars, revenue for ambulance use, fuel costs, potential cuts to the Fire Department and the nature of emergency calls.

Administration & Other

Town Administrator Paul Sieloff had a number of Administration Budget items to present. Before getting to the budgets, he mentioned a proposal for some extended weekend closings for the Senior Center and gave his comments on the Fire Budget. Numbers 114 Moderator and 115 Constables are both okay, Sieloff said.

He had requested an increase in the salary line of #122 Selectmen. Ira Wood and Mike May expressed opinion against the \$1,000 raise in stipend. Other than the Salary line, #122 is level funded. Sieloff reviewed #123 for the Town Administrator. He said there were no major changes in #124 General Administration. Number #131 Finance Committee remains the same. Number 132 Reserve Fund is set at \$30,000. Kirsch requested keeping the Reserve Fund as is. Berta Bruinooge had questions on #151 Legal Expenses which Sieloff explained in terms of the transition in Administration and contract negotiations. FinCom and the Selectmen discussed use of Town Counsel for a number of reasons. Paul Sieloff said he believes that the FY10 costs will be lower, but he did not cut the projected number. Number 182 Chamber of Commerce was new this year; in the past this was handled as a Warrant Article. Sieloff said he had reduced the number of Town Reports printed so #195 was lower. Number 196 Consultancy gives the Town Administrator the potential to use consultants where necessary for engineering, DPW or other departments. Next year Sieloff anticipates merging #298 Greenhead Fly into a department. No discussion was needed for the other Budget items: #174 Planning Board, #177 Open Space Committee, #178 Herring Warden, #183 Natural Resources, #186 Urban Development, #189 Housing Authority, #441 Water Commissioners, #543 Veterans Services, #690 Historical Commission, #691 Historical Review Board, #944 Insurance Reserve, and #945 Liability/Property/ Compensation Insurance.

III. Executive Session

MOTION 08-0363: *To move to go into Executive Session for non-union matters and not return to open meeting.*

Motion by: Donovan Seconded by: May Yea 4 Nay 0

Roll call (May, Beebe, Wood, Donovan – yea)

The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rogers, Committee Secretary

Jacqueline Beebe, Chair

Michael May

Ira Wood

Dale Donovan

Jerry Houk