



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of November 10, 2009
Wellfleet Public Library, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Dale Donovan, Michael May, Jacqueline Wildes-Beebe and Ira Wood; Town Administrator Paul Sieloff.

Not Present: Jerry Houk

Chairman Dale Donovan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Open Session and Public Comment

Wood announced that there is a new section on the Town's website listing various Wellfleet businesses that are open for the winter. Assistant Town Administrator Rex Peterson added that the Town will be updating the information throughout the winter and expanding it as new information comes in. Peterson said that the goal is to try to keep this regularly updated with a month or two lead time so that people can use the information to plan their visit to Wellfleet in advance.

Donovan invited Town Clerk/Treasurer Dawn Rickman to come forward and explain the paperwork requesting the board's vote and clerk's signature authorizing the Town to issue a bond or bonds pursuant to Chapters 29C and 44 of the General Laws and a vote of the Town passed April 27, 2009 (Article 32) which authorized a total borrowing of \$5,486,917.

Rickman explained that these monies in the amount of \$1,000,000 constitute an interim loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust from the State Revolving Fund.

MOTION 09-0265: Wood moved that the board vote to approve the six (6) items in the document as written and for the clerk of the board to sign the document.

May seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Hearing(s) [7:30]

Shellfish Grant Applications

- ◆ Application received October 13, 2009 from Rebecca Nazarian for a .5 acre shellfish grant to the left of shellfish grant #771.
- ◆ Application received October 15, 2009 from Evan Bruinooge for a .5 acre extension to shellfish grant license #771 at Old Wharf Point.

Shellfish Constable Andy Koch was present to explain that these two competing grant applications were submitted within days of each other and that the Nazarian application presents a very rough-drawn map of the location of the grant that is requested. He does not feel comfortable at this time approving these grant applications. Koch would prefer to wait until something that is more well-defined in terms of exact dimensions and location can be prepared so there is no doubt as to the location of the grant or grants being

requested by either applicant. He also said that the applicants are amenable to discussing an agreement on their own about the parcel.

Donovan asked how long would this process take? Should we continue this hearing until sometime in January, rather than denying anything here tonight?

Koch explained that it might not take that long, but that he would like to have the opportunity to get the exact dimension and location information from the applicants. Koch and the applicants believe that they could be ready to discuss this at the next Selectmen's meeting on November 24, 2009.

Co-Applicant Berta Bruinooge explained that grant license #771 has been in her family for approximately 30 years and she expressed her hope that this extension request will be granted.

MOTION 09-0266: May moved to continue the hearing to November 24, 2009

Wood seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Reappointments

Wood moved to reappoint Peter Watts to the Local Housing Partnership.

May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Use of Town Property

MOTION 09-0267: Wood moved to approve the request from Lydia Vivante of the Recycling Commission to use the Town Hall Lawn on Sunday, November 15, 2009 from 11am – 2pm for a National Recycling Day display with 2-3 people, a table, chairs, and a space for compost machines (on pavement).

May seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Schedule Future Public Hearings on Fee/Permit Changes

Sieloff explained that this is just a brief preliminary discussion to start the process for discussing fee and permit changes, and he will present something in the next meeting's packet.

Donovan asked whether there has been any progress on a fee waiver schedule for residents with limited or fixed incomes.

Sieloff explained that Suzanne Thomas has prepared a draft of such a policy and that he will put it on the agenda for the next meeting and include the draft in the packet.

Review of Letter of Request from the Town of Wellfleet to the CCNS to Install Cable Gates

Steve Gazzano from the Board of Water Commissioners made a presentation explaining the request to install two cable gates (one at the northeast end, and one at the southwest end) to close off the sand road to vehicular traffic to protect the Town's watershed.

Wildes-Beebe asked for clarification on what continued recreational access people are going to have to the area.

Gazzano said that this area is really only going to be closed to vehicular traffic. Pedestrians would not be excluded from the area. Gazzano explained that the idea is to keep vehicles out to reduce the possibility for groundwater contamination and illegal dumping, as has happened in the past.

MOTION 09-0268: Wildes-Beebe moved to approve the letter from the Town of Wellfleet requesting the CCNS to install cable gates as indicated.

Audience member and Finance Committee member Robert Kelley asked whether there is any degree of contamination in the area already, and whether the Town maybe overreacting by closing the area to vehicular traffic at this time.

Gazzano agreed that this is a good question, but reiterated that this is an attempt to keep vehicle traffic out of the sensitive area to prevent contamination of the wellfield area. In the process of cleaning up the area in preparation for the water project, crews found items that had been dumped in the woods, including two old car batteries.

Wood seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Schedule for Joint BOS- FinCom Budget Meetings

Donovan explained that he would like to suggest that we have a more streamlined budget meeting process for those departments that have, in fact, level-funded their budgets and don't have much to explain. If the FinCom +/- or the BOS would like to meet with specific departments to get more information, then such meetings could certainly be arranged as needed.

Wildes-Beebe agreed that this would be useful.

Sieloff explained that we have extended an invitation to the FinCom to the December 8th and 22nd BOS meetings, and have scheduled the budget discussions to take place from 7:00 to 8:00pm each meeting. He also explained that the schools have asked to make a presentation and are scheduled to come to the December 22nd BOS meeting at 7:30pm.

Donovan pointed out that we would have to make note that the Announcements and Open Session periods would have to occur later as well.

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MOTION 09-0269: May moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2009.

Wildes-Beebe seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Adjournment

MOTION 09-0270: Wood moved to adjourn the meeting.

May seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Cox Executive Assistant