



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of October 12, 2010
Wellfleet Library, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Ira Wood, Dale Donovan, and Berta Bruinooge; Town Administrator Paul Sieloff. Vice-chair Ira Wood called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Chair Jacqui Beebe and Jerry Houk were absent.

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment [7:00]

John Riehl announced that the annual State of the Wellfleet Harbor Conference will be on Saturday, November 6th, at the Wellfleet Elementary School Cafeteria. The Conference will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 am, with presentations beginning at 9:00 am. Some topics that will be covered at this year's conference are shellfish, sediment transport, and mercury contamination in the ponds. All individuals are invited, and the event is free.

Selectman Dale Donovan announced that a benefit was held for Katie Sugg on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. Because of rain, the garden party event that was planned was moved inside to the Harmon Gallery. The benefit that included a raffle and silent auction was very successful, and over \$12,000 was raised.

Donovan announced that the Outer Cape Committee Against Domestic Abuse has asked to proclaim the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Wellfleet.

MOTION 10-0280: Donovan moved to declare that the month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Wellfleet. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Selectmen signed a proclamation¹ declaring the month of October as 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' in Wellfleet, and the proclamation will be hung in the Wellfleet Town Hall and the Wellfleet Council on Aging.

Council on Aging Director Suzanne Thomas announced that two flu clinics will be held in the upcoming weeks at the Wellfleet Council on Aging (COA). On October 29, 2010, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm a flu clinic will be held for seniors. The flu clinic for seniors will be by appointment only; seniors may call the COA at (508)-349-0313 to schedule an appointment. On November 3, 2010, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, a second flu clinic for all Wellfleet residents will be held at the COA. There is no preregistration required for the clinic on November 3, 2010.

Two representatives from the Wellfleet Recycling Commission announced that the Recycling Commission seeks to increase recycling on Main Street and at Wellfleet beaches. Additionally, they encourage the reuse of bags and would like to eliminate the use of plastic bags by Wellfleet merchants. In the future, they would like to present at a Selectmen's meeting and share a report garnered through a technical assistance grant by Edith DeMello on how recycling can be improved in Wellfleet. Wood thinks that the sooner the Recycling Commission can get on the agenda, the better it will be for them considering that some of their requests might have budget impacts.

Licenses/Appointments/Reappointments/Use of Town Property

Request received September 21, 2010 from Barbara Gray to become a member of the Planning Board.

Donovan said that in view of her past experience he believed that she should be appointed to the Planning Board.

MOTION 10-0281: Donovan moved to appoint Barbara Gray to the Planning Board. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

New Business

Recap of Summer 2010 [Suzanne Thomas]

Thomas reminded the Selectmen of the beautiful weather that brought people to the beaches and allowed the Beach Department's earnings in the summer of 2010 to surpass the earnings of the summer of 2009 by \$55,614. Thomas noted that the wages of the employees of the Beach Program have been frozen for two years. She also announced that there were various complaints about destructive behavior at Long Pond by a group of young men. Previously, the troublemakers had been active at Gull Pond, but after the Town installed a security camera, they moved their activities to Long Pond. Thomas will be working with Town IT Specialist, Cristian Patapie, to expand the security program to Long Pond this year.

This season, the Selectmen chose to allow dogs on Wellfleet's bayside beaches. During the second week in August, Thomas met with Town Administrator Paul Sieloff, a representative from the Wellfleet Police, and Conservation Agent Hillary Greenberg to address the problem. Overall, there were problems with communicating the Town policy on dogs to residents and visitors, and there was difficulty enforcing rules about leashing and cleaning up after the animals. Signage has not worked well; Thomas suggested word-of-mouth as a means to curb the problem. Thomas recommended that the discussion be reopened at a Selectmen's meeting this winter. Ira Wood said that the issue of dogs on beaches should be addressed sooner rather than later, and Thomas mentioned that the Chamber of Commerce would like to have up-to-date and accurate information to print about the dog law.

Thomas mentioned that the Beach Sticker Office had a toilet and a sink in the past, but that it was removed during a renovation and has not been replaced. There are hookups for water and to a septic system; Thomas hopes to install a toilet and a sink in the Beach Sticker Office.

Thomas reported that lifeguards have designed and priced out new, larger lifeguard stands. Her lifeguards will build the stands prior to next summer, and Wellfleet residents will see the new stands as of next season. Lifeguards and beach workers have also requested the installation of information boards at each beach so that the public might be provided with information such as tide charts, fire permitting policy, and Beach Rules and Regulations. Thomas suggested asking local businesses to sponsor signs.

Additionally, the Beach Department all terrain vehicle (ATV) is aged and having mechanical issues. After pricing ATVs, Thomas estimates that the cost to replace the ATV will be approximately \$8,000. She hopes to "nurse another year out of" the current ATV, but she will add an ATV to her Capital Improvement Plan.

Bruinooge noted that she works in the Beach Sticker Office and reported that it was a great summer. Bruinooge stressed that a lavatory should be installed. John Riehl asked Thomas if the problem with having dogs on bayside beaches had more to do with dogs not being on leashes or pet owners not picking up after their dogs. Thomas replied that both issues were problems.

Public Hearing [7:30]

Gull Pond Project and CDBG FY 2011 Grant and Status Update [Alice Boyd]²

Boyd explained that she was at the meeting to ask for permission to apply for a grant for \$350,000 for three affordable housing units. The funding that is being requested is for site improvements that make the selected property buildable. This is the first home ownership opportunity for Wellfleet residents in 9 years. She needed a vote from the Selectmen to allow for the submission of the grant.

MOTION 10-0282: Wood moved to allow for submission of the \$350,000 grant for affordable housing. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Boyd also explained that she would like to apply for a grant that pays for child care subsidies and housing rehabilitation. After applying for this same grant for FY10, she was funded with \$775,000. The FY10 grant was in conjunction with the Town of Provincetown. Boyd asked for permission to apply for the FY11 grant and to have the Chairman sign the CDBG grant for child care subsidies and housing rehabilitation. Because Provincetown has not spent all the funds from the previous grant, they are not eligible to apply for the FY11 grant, and so this year, Boyd will include Truro as a partner Town in the grant.

MOTION 10-0283: Donovan moved to allow for submission of the grant for child care subsidies and housing rehabilitation. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Recap of Summer 2010 [Becky Rosenberg]

Recreation Department Director Becky Rosenberg handed out a summary of 2010 Recreation Department summer activities³. She reported that the programs ran smoothly and had record attendance. The opening of the Wellfleet Harbor Memorial Bandstand and the addition of surf lessons were highlights of the summer. Another highlight was the installation of recycling bins at the skate park, a project that was a partnership between the Recreation Department, the Wellfleet Recycling Commission, and the Harbormaster. Rosenberg would like to see the recycling program expand. The Recreation Department was responsible for organizing 16 concerts and 9 square dances; Rosenberg extends her thanks to the Wellfleet Police Department and the Wellfleet Harbormaster for helping with the events. She noted that without interdepartmental cooperation, a large amount of the programs would not have been possible.

Rosenberg noted that regulations concerning dogs need to be updated and that the community needs to be educated on the rules that are decided. She said that at the moment, dogs and children are competing for the use of the field at Mayo Beach. She wants to address how to share the field with responsible dog owners; currently, there is a problem with dog owners leaving excrement on the field. She also reported that portable bathrooms are not adequate at Mayo Beach as parents with small children have no facility in which to change their babies. The Recreation Department would love to be based at the Mayo, and they requested that a vehicle be available to Recreation Staff during the summer considering that they must transport heavy equipment during the summer months. Dave Meyers thanked the Recreation Department for their stellar programs during this past summer. He noted the great feedback from the community, and he wanted to show his support for the department.

Old Business

Sieloff distributed the proposed FY 2012 Budget Schedule to the Board of Selectmen⁴. Sieloff noted that the FY2012 Budget Schedule is an adapted schedule from last year. Many of the dates on the schedule were chosen because they were mandated by the Town Charter or State Law. Furthermore, Sieloff said that in November, the Board will have to make a decision about how many joint meetings they would like to have with the Finance Committee and whether they want to have those meetings on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in December.

Discussion of Town Administrator Evaluation

Selectmen Ira Wood asked Selectman Bruinooge and Selectman Donovan that in light of not having a full Board, whether they would like to postpone the discussion of the Town Administrator Evaluation. The Board decided to postpone the conversation until the next Selectmen's meeting.

Correspondence [September 28, 2010; October 12, 2010] and Minutes [September 28, 2010]

MOTION 10-0284: Bruinooge moved to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2010. Donovan seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Bruinooge wanted a cheat sheet for the new language of the Open Meeting Law. Donovan noted that just such a sheet exists.

Sieloff noted that the Selectmen would move into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

MOTION 10-0285: Donovan moved to go into Executive session and not go back into Open Meeting because it may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. Bruinooge seconded. All said yes, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christin Marshall, Executive Assistant

Public Records Materials from the meeting of 10/12/10

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation from the Wellfleet Board of Selectmen 2010
2. Gull Pond Project and CDBG FY 2011 Grant and Status Update
3. Summary of 2010 Summer Recreation Activities
4. FY2012 Comprehensive Budget, Capital Improvements, and Annual Town Meeting Plan Schedule

