



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of August 23, 2011
Wellfleet Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Berta Bruinooge, Paul Pilcher, Jerry Houk, Mark Borrelli and Town Administrator Paul Sieloff.

Absent: Chair Ira Wood.

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

Berta Bruinooge, Vice Chair, sitting for Chairman Ira Wood, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. She disclosed that she will recuse herself from two votes, because of Conflict of Interest issues: 1. The Wellfleet Preservation Hall application for weekday entertainment license – because she is the Treasurer of the Preservation Hall; 2. Public Hearing for the Shellfish Grant License transfer – because it would concern her son Evan Bruinooge.

Jerry Houk announced that the 10th Annual Alzheimer's Social, on August 14, 2011, 3:00-7:00 pm was successful and all 100 % of funds raised would go to local people with Alzheimer's.

Licenses/Appointments/Reappointments

MOTION 11-00237: Pilcher moved to approve the application from Police Chief Ronald Fisette to appoint George Spirito as a full time police officer, subject to completing the Police Academy and passing the PAT Test and the Psychological Test. Borrelli seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

MOTION 11-00238: Houk moved to appoint Brad Williams, Suzanne Grout Thomas, Nancy Downs Winslow and Mark Hough to the Wellfleet 250th Anniversary Committee [Term to expire December 31, 2013]. Pilcher seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion ensued based on the letter from Town Clerk Dawn Rickman regarding the Insurance Advisory Committee appointment. Chief Fisette said that the Police Union would be nominating a committee member after getting more information regarding the purpose of the Insurance Advisory Committee. Suzanne Grout Thomas, representing the Wellfleet Employee Association, said that the WEA would need to understand the purpose of the above committee before nominating a member. Paul Pilcher also needed more details and requested that Rickman and a representative from the Group Insurance Committee would come to explain it. Town Administrator Paul Sieloff said that within two weeks the other unions would get back to him and for the September 13th meeting he would have more details on the Insurance Advisory Committee.

Public Hearing

Before the hearing Bruinooge had disclosed that the Shellfish Grant License Transfer concerned her son and would impose a conflict of interest if she voted, so she recused herself and left the Board of Selectmen table. Pilcher assumed the Chair. Shellfish Constable Andrew Koch recommended the transfer of Shellfish Grant License #783 and #783A, held by Glenn and Margaret Shields, should be transferred to Evan Bruinooge and Ian Holmes. The public had no comments.

MOTION 11-00239: Houk moved to approve the Shellfish Grant Licenses transfer. Borrelli seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Bruinooge returned, but recused herself from the next vote regarding the Wellfleet Preservation Hall request for a weekday entertainment license.

MOTION 11-00240: Borrelli moved to approve the Wellfleet Preservation Hall request for a weekday entertainment license. Houk seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Use of Town Property

MOTION 11-00241: Pilcher moved to approve the application by Paul Curley to use White Crest restrooms on Sunday, October 2, 2011, 9:00 am-1:00 pm for the 27th Annual Autumn Escape Bike Trek. Borrelli seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Sieloff explained that the local performer Jimmy Tingle did not fill the Use of Town Property form as agreed at the August 9th meeting and recommended the Selectmen to allow his signs for the next two weeks in front of Preservation Hall, but for the next year a full application process would be needed in order for Jimmy Tingle to have signs posted.

MOTION 11-00242: Houk moved to allow Jimmy Tingle's signs to remain in front of Preservation Hall until August 31, 2011. Pilcher seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

New Business/Old Business

Dr. Richard Hoffmann representing the Nauset Regional School District gave a Budget Update¹ regarding the MSBA Green School Project to replace the windows and roof, and explained the process. He also provided a list of Commonly Asked Questions². Pilcher wanted to make sure that all of the Towns would need to approve the expense. Hoffmann clarified that this was correct and said that Nauset Regional School District would not be able to incur debt without the agreement of the four towns. He also stated that these repairs would need to be done at some point, now with 40% discount or in several years at full cost. Houk had a comment regarding Truro and Provincetown and according to him they should participate in the cost sharing also. Dennis Murphy, Liz Sorrell and John Morrissey from the FinCom wanted to know why this expense just came up and was not known before. They also asked about a long-term capital plan for the future, so no surprise like this comes up again, and requested the Green School Repair Project information.

Discussion ensued regarding possible Fall Town Meeting Articles. Sieloff said that there should be a vote if the Board of Selectmen believed that a Fall Town Meeting on October 24, 2011 and Town Election on October 25, 2011 would be necessary. He also said that the Articles could be finalized on September 13, 2011.

MOTION 11-00243: Pilcher moved to approve a Fall Town Meeting on October 24, 2011 and Town Election on October 25, 2011. Borrelli seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Discussion ensued regarding the need of a temporary appointment of an Acting Town Accountant, because of upcoming Medical Leave of Absence of Town Accountant Marilyn Crary.

MOTION 11-00244: Houk moved to appoint Jane Tesson as Acting Town Accountant, starting September 12, 2011 until the return Town Accountant Crary. Pilcher seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The Hamblen Park work plan was postponed until the September 13, 2011 meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the letter of support for a pesticide study to be sent to Barnstable County Commissioner Sheila Lyons.

MOTION 11-00245: Pilcher moved to approve the Letter of Support to Barnstable County³. Houk seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Pilcher presented the final results of the Board of Selectmen Prioritized Goals⁴, and gave a brief overview. He also said he would like to take the responsibility of bringing one to two of these goals to every other meeting in the future.

Chief Fisette presented the Walk-ins at the Wellfleet Police Department Report⁵. Pilcher found the report interesting, but wanted to know the number of the emergency walk-ins.

Future Concerns:

Bruinooge expressed her concerns about the fires on the beach during July and August. The Town currently allows only four permits per beach per day, but the applicants are a lot more and the permits are issued on first-come first-served bases. People come and wait for two hours before the Beach Sticker Office opening, and then they get upset when they see 10 beach fires a night. Chief Fisette said that there is no enforcement for the first beach fire violation. Bruinooge said that something should be done, because the beaches were a mess, and she hoped something would be done before the next summer.

Pilcher wanted to have a further discussion about Selectmen serving on other committees.

Houk confirmed that the SEMASS contract would be discussed at the September 13 meeting.

Sieloff asked the Selectmen to sign two contracts that he distributed: 1. The Teamsters Contract – the probation period was increased to 12 months; 2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Selectmen and the Wellfleet Elementary School Committee to store cable TV equipment in a closet at the school.

Correspondence/Vacancy Report/Minutes and Adjournment

Pilcher gave a brief report of the correspondence file. He suggested a letter of appreciation to be sent to Michael May, who resigned from the Wellfleet Marina. Other correspondence discussed: Matthew Parent's appeal for revoked Shellfish Grant License. Sieloff believed that once revoked, there is no appeal, but said that he would check with Town Counsel.

MOTION 11-00246: Borrelli moved to approve the Minutes for August 9, 2011 meeting. Pilcher seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjournment

MOTION 11-00247: Pilcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Borrelli seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

The public meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michaela Miteva, Executive Assistant

Public Records Documents:

1. Budget Break Down for the Nauset Regional School Green Repair Project.
2. Commonly Asked Questions regarding the Nauset Regional School Green Repair Project.
3. Letter of Support to Barnstable County Commission
4. Final results of the Board of Selectmen Prioritized Goals
5. Walk-ins at the Wellfleet Police Department Report