



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2011
Wellfleet Public Library, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Chair Ira Wood, Berta Bruinooge, Jerry Houk, Mark Borrelli, Paul Pilcher and Town Administrator Paul Sieloff

Board of Selectmen Chair Ira Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

Paul Pilcher attended the first 250th Anniversary Committee Meeting and pronounced that it was an excellent start to the process. Pilcher was asked to announce that the Committee would be soliciting celebration ideas from the community at large. Suzanne Grout Thomas, Acting Chair of the 250th Anniversary Committee, stated that the public can send their ideas to a designated email address: 250years@wellfleet-ma.gov.

Jerry Houk discussed funds raised and distributed by the Alzheimer's Committee and announced that the drainage system would be fixed on Commercial Street, with work commencing the Monday following OysterFest through December 2011.

Lydia Vivante, Chair of the Recycling Committee, spoke about a proposed mixed-paper shredding and recycling program at the Wellfleet Transfer Station, tentatively available to Wellfleet and neighboring town residents in November 2011.

Fire Chief Dan Silverman announced the start of Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15, 2011. Residents can go to www.firepreventionweek.org for safety tips and additional information.

Jan Morrissey of the Wellfleet Community Forum announced the organization would host a pre-Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wellfleet Public Library, 55 West Main Street in Wellfleet. Bruce Bierhans, Wellfleet's new Town Moderator, will preside over this informal discussion of Articles on the October 24, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant. All residents are welcome to attend.

Lydia Vivante announced a free Halloween costume exchange on Thursday, October 20, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Preservation Hall, 355 Main Street in Wellfleet.

Appointments

Stefan Seitler, Appointment as a Wellfleet Fire Department Call Member: In accordance with Charter Section 3-5-3, Fire Chief Dan Silverman requested the Selectmen appoint Stefan Seitler as a Wellfleet Fire Department call member¹.

MOTION 11-00298: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 5-0.

Personnel Board: The Selectmen interviewed Arthur A. Parker, Jr. to fill one of two vacancies for the Wellfleet Personnel Board². Houk commended Parker for his impressive resume and years of service to the Wellfleet Police Department. Discussion on Parker's final appointment would be withheld until two other applicants to the Personnel Board are interviewed at the November 8, 2011 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Use of Town Property

Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners Sign on Main Street: Sieloff made a request on behalf of the Wellfleet Board of Water Commissioners³ to use a portion of the area located on the north side of Main Street, near Town Hall, adjacent to the bicycle rack, to place an 18” x 24” sign manufactured by the DPW acknowledging, with gratitude, the \$4.5 million grant from the USDA that made possible the expansion of the water system and renewing of the Main Street sidewalks. The signage will not be permanent.

MOTION 11-00299: Moved: Borrelli. Second: Pilcher. Motion passed: 5-0.

Old Business and New Business

Wood recused himself from the discussion regarding health plan reform because he receives health insurance through the Town of Wellfleet, and temporarily turned the Chairmanship over to Berta Bruinooge.

Health Plan Reform Update: Carol Cormier of Group Benefits Strategies explained the changes to Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Law regarding modifications to the collective bargaining process and advised the Selectmen on requirements for adopting Section 21 in order to amend the current health insurance plan to meet allowable changes⁴. Cormier also advised that the Town must form an Insurance Advisory Committee. Suzanne Grout Thomas posed questions about notifications to the “appropriate public authority” and what the formation of an Insurance Advisory Committee entailed.

Wellfleet Bike and Walkway Committee Charge: Suzanne Grout Thomas and Clay Scofield of the Cape Cod Commission presented an overview of the proposed extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail from Wellfleet to Provincetown and reviewed the integrated bicycle plan from the Cape Cod Commission, which will include uniform signage, a transit bike map that highlights all Town Centers on the trail, and additional paths and walkways that encourage Town visits to increase commerce. There is a planned workshop to review all bike and pathway extensions at the Council on Aging on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Borrelli suggested taxing bike rental shops to raise revenue to help fund the extension. Mac Hay asked who would own the trail extension. Scofield responded that the ownership answer was to be determined, but that the Department of Conservation is currently in charge of the trail. Wood asked for a master plan for the bike and walkway extension to be placed on a future Selectmen agenda for adoption. Grout next read the draft Charge for the new Bike and Walkway Committee⁵, to consist of five members with one to three-year terms.

MOTION 11-00300: Moved: Bruinooge. Second: Pilcher. Motion passed: 5-0.

Berth Transfer: Harbormaster Mike Flanagan and Wellfleet resident Keith Rose formally requested a transfer lease⁶ for dockage on the L-Pier from Jon Nordahl’s boat ‘Kimberly Ann’ to Keith Rose. Flanagan stated he would not object to the transfer pending the condition that payment for the berth is up-to-date.

MOTION 11-00301: To transfer the berth to Keith Rose pending the condition that payment is up-to-date. Moved: Houk. Second: Pilcher. Motion passed: 5-0.

Update on 361 Main Street Property Line Issue: Sieloff gave an overview of the issue, stating that the portion of 361 Main Street in question was on Town property. A survey of the property will be conducted by Chet Lay of Slade Associates. The Selectmen would like an update on the property survey after its completion at a future Selectmen meeting. Mac Hay requested a title for the property.

Wellfleet Water Tower: Sieloff gave an overview of the generic Memo of Understanding (MOU)⁷ for the purpose of deploying and operating data communications network links associated with the regional OpenCape Network. Sieloff stated that any decisions on the proposal must be first reviewed by the Planning Board but that the technological benefits of OpenCape are attractive to cell phone companies. Wood

requested a profit-sharing arrangement if feasible and Sieloff replied that the Water Commission was reviewing that issue.

111-F Designation: Police Chief Ron Fisette requested a motion to grant John Taylor injured on duty status⁸ from August 22, 2011 to September 25, 2011.

MOTION 11-00302: Moved: Pilcher. Second: Bruinooge. Motion passed: 5-0.

Authorization to opt-in to Statewide Public Safety and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Laws: Police Chief Ron Fisette requested a motion for the Town of Wellfleet to formally adopt two new provisions of Massachusetts General Law: Statewide Public Safety Mutual Aid Law and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Law⁹. The provisions provide a mutual aid system that allows sharing of police, fire, emergency medical and public works resources across the state for any public safety need, with prior review and approval from appropriate Town officials. This designation also allows the Town to apply for available aid funding through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

MOTION 11-00303: To opt-in to two sections of the Mutual Aid Laws once the official document is signed by Town Administrator Paul Sieloff. Moved: Borrelli. Second: Bruinooge. Motion passed: 5-0.

United Nations Proclamation: Pilcher presented a proclamation to make October 24, 2011 'United Nations Day' for the Town of Wellfleet.¹⁰

MOTION 11-00304: Moved: Pilcher. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 5-0.

Request for Selectmen Letter: Windwise Cape Cod Board Member Preston Ribnick requested that the Selectmen send a formal letter to the appropriate Massachusetts House and Senate members, as well as other Cape Cod governing officials, to withhold support for the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act (WESRA). Pilcher gave a brief synopsis of WESRA and stated that he supported the idea of maintaining local control over the construction of wind turbines. Wood stated that he objected to a law that would make it less cumbersome to build a wind turbine than a garage. Dennis O'Connell called the whole WESRA methodology lopsided because it excludes committee experts from the decision-making process. Houk feels the same as Pilcher and thanked Lilli Green and Preston Ribnick for their efforts.

MOTION 11-00305: To send a letter written by the Board Clerk and signed by the Selectmen to appropriate bodies concerning WESRA. Moved: Wood. Second: Bruinooge. Motion passed: 5-0.

Correspondence/Vacancy Report/Minutes and Adjournment

Correspondence

Pilcher gave a brief report of the correspondence file.

A Group Beach Sticker Policy was discussed amongst the Selectmen after an issue was raised by local residents requesting multiple stickers per family rather than by car. Bruinooge stated firmly that the policy should remain one beach sticker per car, not one for each family member. Pilcher suggested the possibility of selling a group resident beach sticker. Bruinooge asked for a suggested price for a group beach sticker and requested that the issue be placed on a future Board of Selectmen meeting in spring 2012.

Vacancy Report

Paul Sieloff reported that the Wellfleet Administration Office is actively filling vacant committee positions.

Future Concerns

Bruinooge announced a Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 immediately preceding the Special Town Meeting at the Wellfleet Elementary School.

Wood asked Pilcher for a completed list of Board of Selectmen Goals.

Sieloff reviewed the drainage project for Commercial Street in Wellfleet.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

MOTION 11-00306: To adjourn. Moved: Pilcher. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Voll, Executive Assistant

Public Records Documents:

¹ Memo from Fire Chief Dan Silverman re: Appointment of Call Department member

² Arthur Parker Committee Application for the Personnel Board

³ Use of Town Property Form: Board of Water Commissioners request sign placement

⁴ Group Benefits Strategies information on Massachusetts Health Plan Reform

⁵ Draft Charge for the Wellfleet Bike and Walkway Committee

⁶ Memo from Keith Rose to the Board of Selectmen for a berth transfer

⁷ Generic Memo of Understanding re: OpenCape Corporation

⁸ Police Chief Ron Fisette memo re: Recommendation for 111-F Designation

⁹ Police Chief Ron Fisette memo re: Public Safety and Public Works Municipal Mutual Aid Law

¹⁰ United Nations Day Proclamation October 24, 2011