



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2011  
Wellfleet Library, 7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chair Jacqui Beebe, Ira Wood, Dale Donovan, Jerry Houk, and Berta Bruinooge;  
Town Administrator Paul Sieloff.

Chair Jacqui Beebe called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Economic Development Committee Chair Paul Pilcher announced a call for exhibitors who have a special relationship to the Marina and the Harbor to come and take part in the Wellfleet Community Harborfest<sup>1</sup>. Harry Terkanian announced that he has decided not to seek re-election as Town Moderator. There will be a free Tap Dance performance one week from today on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Wellfleet Senior Center and refreshments will be served.

**Public Hearing(s) [7:15]**

**Licenses/Appointments/Reappointments/Use of Town Property**

Renewal of Business License for Vintage Auto Center located at 235 Main Street.

**MOTION 11-0021:** Wood moved to approve the renewal of business license for Vintage Auto Center located at 235 Main Street. Houk seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Old Business**

**Discussion on Senior Tax Work-off Recommendations [Suzanne Grout Thomas]**

Thomas recommended that the Board amend the Senior Tax Work-off policy and increase the cap from \$750 - \$1,000 for this program. She also recommended that the Board base the maximum income levels on the current Fuel Assistance maximum income levels and adjust the figure annually at the beginning of each Town of Wellfleet Fiscal year.

**MOTION 11-0022:** Wood moved to increase the cap of the Senior Tax Work-off policy from \$750 to \$1000 and base the maximum income levels on the current Fuel Assistance maximum income levels and adjust that figure annually at the beginning of each Town of Wellfleet fiscal year. Donovan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion on Additions to Proposed Warrant for Annual Town Meeting [Rex Peterson]**

Assistant Town Administrator Rex Peterson discussed the draft articles of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. There have been two more requests since it was put together last Friday, one from Mr. Terkanian to work on the composition of the Human Services Committee and a request from a private property owner on a utility easement to be voted at Town Meeting. The Warrant will go to the printer on April 1. The March 22 Board of Selectmen meeting will be the last meeting to vote on any changes to the Warrant. Sieloff stated that there is a proposal from the Recreation Department to put in a soccer field by the Elementary School through CPA funding. The Energy Committee is likely to ask the Board to add to the Warrant that the Town of Wellfleet join the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative.

**New Business**

**Discussion on Approval of Cape Light Compact Insert in Spring Tax Bills**

Sieloff discussed Cape Light Compact's insert for the spring tax bills<sup>2</sup>. The Cape Light Compact is promoting energy conservation on the Cape through free energy audits.

**MOTION 11-0023:** Wood moved to approve the Cape Light Compact's insert for the spring tax bills. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Discussion on Resolution in Support of Updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill [Lydia Vivante]**

Vivante, Chairperson of the Recycling Committee discussed the Resolution and stated that the funds raised would go to the Clean Environment Fund. Donovan suggested the Committee should add to the Resolution on the last sentence at the end of the word law, "provided that at least ten percent of all revenues collected from this bill are returned to the municipality in which the revenue is collected". Houk stated that we should leave the bill the way it is. Wood suggested that Donovan write a separate letter on behalf of the Board.

**MOTION 11-0024:** Donovan moved to change the sentence, no second. Motion did not pass.

**MOTION 11-0025:** Wood moved that the Town of Wellfleet support the Resolution in Support of Updating the Massachusetts Bottle Bill and write a separate letter to the State. Beebe seconded. Donovan dissented. Motion passed 4-1.

**Discussion on Requiring Business Licenses for Rental Units [Rex Peterson]**

Sieloff stated that the issue of requiring business licenses for rental units came up and is seeking direction from the Board. Donovan referred to the By-laws and suggested that the Town make a checklist that would allow us to find out how many rental properties there are. Wood suggested that if this process is going to involve the Board of Health we need to communicate with them quickly. The IRS code states that individuals must declare if they are renting for more than two weeks. Wood suggested that this be made a priority for the following summer. Houk suggested that Sieloff speak with the TA in Dennis to get current information and Beebe suggested that Board of Health be placed on the agenda to discuss the issue.

**Presentation by Nauset Regional School District on proposed FY 2012 budget**

Richard Hoffman, Nauset Regional School Superintendent, presented the FY2012 budget proposal<sup>3</sup> to the Board of Selectmen. Last year's budget increased by 2% and this year's budget increased 5.8%. A study is being conducted on School Choice to determine the cost-benefit and a report will be issued at the next School Committee meeting in March. There will be a Public Forum held on May 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss moving the transportation system to a 2-tier system that will save approximately \$90,000. Hoffman went through line items of the budget and gave a basic summary of the FY11 and FY12 operating costs. Donovan suggested creating a sustainability plan to determine how much the taxpayer can sustain.

**Future Concerns**

Sieloff stated that the Town received the Tech School budget. Houk stated he has reconsidered Chief Silverman's request that was denied at the last Selectmen's meeting to address the Board with his concerns and suggested that he be placed on the next agenda.

**MOTION 11-0026:** Houk moved to allow Chief Silverman to be placed on the next meeting agenda to address the Board. Bruinooge seconded. Beebe and Donovan dissented. Motion passed 3-2.

**Correspondence & Minutes**

The correspondence report is available in the Selectman's office. Donovan stated that he would like to make note of an item on the correspondence report – Plumber Inspector Stephen Pechonis' resignation after 30 years of service should be recognized.

**MOTION 11-0027:** Wood moved to approve the Minutes of the December 28, 2010 and January 11, 2011 meetings. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting will be voted upon at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION 11-0028:** Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruinooge seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nefrediezha Barbel, Executive Assistant

**Public Records Materials from the meeting of 2/8/11**

<sup>1</sup> Wellfleet Community Harborfest Flyer

<sup>2</sup> Cape Light Compact Tax Bill Insert

<sup>3</sup> Nauset Regional Schools FY12 Budget Presentation