



**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of September 13, 2011
Wellfleet Senior Center, 7:00 p.m.**

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

Board of Selectmen Chair Ira Wood called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment

John Riehl from the Natural Resources Advisory Board announced the "State of Wellfleet Harbor" conference¹, scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Wellfleet Elementary School Cafeteria.

Jan Morrissey from the Wellfleet Community Forum announced an illustrated presentation entitled "Cape Cod National Seashore: Celebrating 50 Years and Preparing for the Challenges of the Next 50 Years" scheduled to take place on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wellfleet Senior Center.

Fire Chief Daniel Silverman announced that the Wellfleet Fire Department will offer a First Responder Course² in the training room at the Wellfleet Fire Station. Orientation will take place on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. A class schedule will be worked out at orientation. A minimum of 16 students are required. Minimum age requirement: 17 years of age. Fee: No more than \$50 to cover books and course material.

Part-time Wellfleet resident Maria Ecke expressed her concern about tax increases.

Fire Captain Tom Ferreira announced that the Wellfleet Fire Department will conduct hydrant flow testing³ along with representatives from the Insurance Services Office and WhiteWater, Inc. on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Large amounts of water will flow between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This work is required for preparation of the Public Protection Classification documents with the goal of lowering insurance rates.

Wellfleet resident Richard Fishman inquired about rescheduling the meeting with State Representatives concerning traffic issues on Route 6.

Windwise Cape Cod Board Member Lilli Green discussed information available from Windwise Cape Cod regarding the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act⁴.

Use of Town Property

Baker's Field: To allow Steven J. Selden to use Baker's Field on Saturday, September 18, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 18, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the 32nd Annual Cape Cod Windmill Open Softball Tournament to benefit Kevin Fitzgerald.

¹ State of Wellfleet Harbor Conference Agenda

² Wellfleet Fire Department First Responder Course Announcement

³ Wellfleet Fire Department Public Announcement for Hydrant Flow Testing

⁴ Windwise Cape Cod Information Paper on the Wind Energy Siting Reform Act

MOTION 11-00251: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Public Hearing: 7:15 pm

Tax Rate Classification: The Wellfleet Board of Selectmen conducted a public hearing on the issue of allocating the local property tax levy among the five classes for the fiscal year 2012. The Board of Assessors recommended allocating the tax rate uniformly between residential and commercial entities. The Board of Selectmen has traditionally voted based on the recommendation of the Board of Assessors.

MOTION 11-00252: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Two Day Beer and Wine License: To allow S.P.A.T. a two-day beer and wine license at the contained beer and wine tent behind Town Hall on Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 16, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for the Wellfleet OysterFest.

MOTION 11-00253: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Mac Hay of S.P.A.T. answered questions concerning the presence of TIPS Certified Monitors, the specific containment area, and S.P.A.T.'s liability insurance. Discussion ensued whether S.P.A.T.'s current level of liability insurance at \$2 million is sufficient. Town Administrator Paul Sieloff is comfortable with the \$2 million insurance level. Chair Ira Wood asked to revisit the insurance issue at the September 27, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Wellfleet Dispatch Options: Discussion regarding the possible regionalization of Wellfleet Fire and Police Dispatch to the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office and another Cape town.

Selectman Houk spoke first about the dispatch issue: that Town Administrator Paul Sieloff worked directly with the Board of Selectmen to provide comprehensive information about the proposed dispatch plan, that no one will lose their job as part of the plan, and that the final decision on the plan rests with the Board of Selectmen. Borrelli agreed with Houk's comments, and Wood commended Sieloff for addressing this challenging issue.

Sieloff remarked that the Town of Wellfleet is currently reviewing several options on dispatch with the goal of providing improved service to residents, increasing financial benefits to the Town, and fulfilling MA State requirements. Phase one might include the transfer of Emergency 911 (E911) calls to the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office Communications Center, which is staffed by certified personnel. Phase two and three would include a proposed transfer of Fire and Police Dispatch to either the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office or another Cape town.

Chief Daniel Silverman explained how the current Fire Dispatch operates with one person, explaining that it is a difficult model to sustain with high call volume.

Police Chief Ron Fisetta remarked that the Wellfleet Police Department will review all available dispatch options, and wants the public to be heard and have the opportunity to present comments.

There were public comments made both for and against the proposed dispatch plan. Several speakers requested the specific cost savings benefit for the Town of Wellfleet, asked the Board of Selectmen to wait for the Barnstable County Study to be complete, and noted that regionalized dispatch services worked effectively and efficiently in cities and regions much larger than Cape Cod. Several speakers also expressed concern that the dispatch issue was too large to be decided only by the Board of Selectmen and recommended that the issue be discussed and voted on at Town Meeting.

Richard Fishman, Wellfleet resident: Fishman stated that Wellfleet residents need to deal with the reality of the budget and if the new dispatch plan can save money, it is a good idea to proceed. Emilie Miller, Dispatcher and Wellfleet Communications Union President: Miller explained that currently half of the Wellfleet Dispatch staff is EMD Certified and she wants to certify the entire staff to meet requirements. She stated that multiple calls are well-handled by current dispatch personnel and any roll-over calls are answered by neighboring towns. Miller expressed concerns about adopting a regional dispatch service. It is her opinion that a new dispatch system will add another layer of personnel and minutes to the rescue effort. Ilene Davis, Wellfleet Dispatcher: Davis personally knows many Wellfleet residents and retaining a local dispatch service would preserve that connection with the community. Davis questioned liability issues for the Town if an occurrence transpires in an unmanned Police Station. Suzanne Thomas, Wellfleet Council on Aging: Thomas wanted assurance that concerns associated with the Reassurance Program and Beach Program would be addressed in the dispatch proposal.

Ira Wood, Board of Selectman Chair: Wood stated that the Board of Selectmen is reviewing options for regionalization for the dispatch service as an option because the current level of service cannot be sustained moving forward without raising taxes. The Board of Selectmen believes that we can get equal or better service.

Norma Simon, Wellfleet Resident: Simon warned residents about prejudice against change and urged trust in the decisions made by the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire regarding the regionalization of the dispatch service. Tom Reinhart, Wellfleet Resident: Reinhart supports Wood's stance on financial sustainability for the Town. Peter Thomas, Barnstable County Sheriff's Office, Director of Communications: Thomas gave an overview of the professional dispatch service provided by the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office, which could assume local Wellfleet dispatch service under a current dispatch proposal.

Recess: 8:30 pm to 8:40 pm

Call to Order: 8:40 pm

Appointments

Justina Carlson, Water Commissioners

The Board interviewed the candidate. Borrelli moved to approve the appointment of Justina Carlson to the Board of Water Commissioners for the period ending June 30, 2013.

MOTION 11-00254: Moved: Borrelli. Second: Houk. Motion passed: 3-0.

Campbell Rea, Conservation Commission

The Board interviewed the candidate. Borrelli moved to approve the appointment of Campbell Rea to the Conservation Commission for the period ending June 30, 2014.

MOTION 11-00255: Moved: Borrelli. Second: Houk. Motion passed: 3-0.

Nancy Rea, Open Space Committee

The Board interviewed the candidate. Borrelli moved to approve the appointment of Nancy Rea to the Open Space Committee for the period of September 16, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

MOTION 11-00256: Moved: Borrelli. Second: Houk. Motion passed: 3-0.

Allan and Barbara Weissman, 250th Anniversary Committee

The Board interviewed Barbara Weissman who apologized for her husband's absence but said that both of them were excited to participate. Wood moved to approve the appointment of Allan and Barbara Weissman to the 250th Anniversary Committee for the period ending December 31, 2013.

MOTION 11-00257: Moved: Wood. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Tom Reinhart, Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission

The Board interviewed the candidate. Houk moved to approve the nomination of Tom Reinhart to the National Seashore Advisory Committee for the period ending June 30, 2013.

MOTION 11-00258: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Ted Thomas, Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission, Alternate

Houk moved to approve the nomination of Ted Thomas to the National Seashore Advisory Committee as the alternate for the period ending June 30, 2013.

MOTION 11-00259: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Old Business and New Business

Hamblen Park: Robert Hubby, Open Space Committee Chair, presented a brief overview of the Hamblen Park conservation and restoration project with a recommendation from the Open Space Committee to move forward with the plan presented by Frank Corbin of Pine Point Landscaping Service.

Proposal to place Hamblen Park under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission at Town Meeting: Trudy Vermehren, Conservation Commission Co-Chair, confirmed that the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction over Hamblen Park; therefore there is no need for the Board of Selectmen to move a motion on the agenda to place Hamblen Park under Conservation Commission jurisdiction at Town Meeting.

Hamblen Park Work Plan: Frank Corbin of Pine Point Landscaping Service was hired by the Wellfleet Historical Commission to issue a long-range plan to resolve erosion control issues for Hamblen Park. Corbin concluded causes of erosion and severe rutting in the pathways were caused by damage from rain, vegetation root system loss, foot traffic, and dirt bikes made 10-20 years ago. It was clarified that dirt bikes are no longer an issue in the Park and that there is still vehicle access at High Point Road for permit shellfishing. It was also determined that regular bicycle traffic does not add to erosion issues.

Borrelli wanted confirmation that the proposed geotextiles being used in the restoration were biodegradable. Corbin confirmed that jute or coir-based geotextiles would be used and that they were biodegradable.

MOTION 11-00260: Motion to support work plan: Wood. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed 3-0.

Revoke State of Emergency for the Town of Wellfleet: Houk moved to revoke the State of Emergency for the Town of Wellfleet enacted for Hurricane Irene.

MOTION 11-00261: Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Hurricane Irene Report: Police Chief Ron Fiset presented a report on Hurricane Irene. Borrelli asked how it went and Fiset responded that the Emergency Plan went fine; all departments worked well together and they are prepared for future response when necessary.

Use of Board of Selectmen name stamps on contracts to be issued by Social and Human Services Committee: Sieloff explained the request from Suzanne Grout Thomas to allow the Principal Clerk to use Board of Selectmen name stamps on upcoming contracts issued by the Social and Human Services Committee. Houk requested a cover sheet list of each organization in the contract and its allocation. There was a request from Wood to move this item to the September 27, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting in order to hear the request directly from Thomas.

Proposed Town Meeting Articles: Sieloff presented a list and brief description of seven proposed Articles⁵ for the Fall Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 24, 2011 at the Wellfleet Elementary School. Houk suggested placing the proposed budget transfer of \$39,000 for the Dispatch Plan on the Warrant for Town Meeting. Wood agreed that it should go to Town Meeting for discussion.

1. Proposed roof and window replacement project for the Nauset Regional School District
2. Proposed budget transfer of \$39,000 to reassign E911 call-taking and Fire Dispatch to the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office to improve dispatch operations
3. Proposed Community Preservation Act Proposal for Affordable Housing
4. Proposed sale of Town-owned properties
5. Proposed Clover Property Plan
6. Proposed placement of Map 30, Lot 68 under Conservation Commission control
7. Possible easement request from the Board of Water Commissioners

The Board did not formally recommend or place the proposed Articles on the Warrant but there was a general consensus to support the proposed Articles. The Selectmen requested more information to be presented at the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 27, 2011.

Future Concerns

Houk asked for an overview of the new State health plan law. Sieloff explained that the Town Clerk, Dawn Rickman, was in charge of the committee and would report findings in the future. Houk also inquired about the Quinn Bill and Sieloff stated that all Town of Wellfleet business with the Quinn Bill is resolved.

Houk requested that the Wellfleet Health and Conservation Department send letter(s) supporting appropriate legislation and seek state regionalization grants to fund Health and Human Services initiatives.

Minutes for August 23, 2011

The Minutes for August 23, 2011 were postponed until the next meeting because of the lack of quorum for that meeting.

Minutes for August 27, 2011

MOTION 11-00262: Houk moved to approve the Minutes for August 27, 2011. Borrelli: Second. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

MOTION 11-00263: To adjourn. Moved: Houk. Second: Borrelli. Motion passed: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Voll, Executive Assistant

Public Records Documents:

⁵ Memo from Paul Sieloff, Wellfleet Town Administrator: Proposed Articles for Fall Town Meeting on October 24, 2011.