

**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of February 14, 2012
Wellfleet Public Library, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Announcements, Open Session and Public Comment: Wellfleet resident Peter Stewart announced that he is working on a petition¹ to add an Article to the Annual Town Meeting that will require the Town to eliminate the use of pesticides on Town property. The public can contact Stewart through the Marina Advisory Committee for more information.

USE OF TOWN PROPERTY

MOTION 12-0034: Myya Beck requested the use Long Pond Road, Ocean Drive, Gross Hill Road, Wellfleet Elementary School parking lot, Cahoon Hollow Beach and Long Pond for a triathlon on June 16, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There will be approximately 100 entrants, 50 volunteers and a \$75.00 single/\$110.00 team entry fee will be charged. This is a successful fundraising event for WOMR and the Montessori pre-school. The Selectmen cautioned that it was the same weekend as Harborfest and Houk suggested talking to the Elementary school for permission to use the parking lot. Pilcher moved to approve Beck's request. Houk seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION 12-0035: Borrelli moved to appoint Lara Henry to the 250th Anniversary Committee with a term ending 12/31/2013. Houk seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

MOTION 12-0036: Bruinooge moved to appoint Janis Ekman to the Cultural Council with a term ending 6/30/14. Ekman was not present for the appointment but Bruinooge was happy to recommend her for the committee. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

MOTION 12-0037: Borrelli moved to appoint Courtney V. Watson to the Citizen's Economic Development Committee with a term ending 6/30/13. Wood vouched for Watson's work at Wellfleet Harbor Actor's Theater. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: Wood opened the public hearings at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION 12-0038: Houk moved to approve the application received January 13, 2012 from Catch of the Day, Peter V.R. Hall - Manager, for a Change of License from Seasonal Wine and Malt to Seasonal All Alcohol. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Beach Rules and Regulations: The Selectmen opened a discussion concerning changes to Wellfleet Beach Rules and Regulations². As Beach Administrator Suzanne Grout Thomas could not be present, the Selectmen agreed to hold open the public hearing and postpone a decision on Beach Rules and Regulations to the next meeting on March 13, 2012. The issue of beach fire permits was discussed. All agreed that the practice was part of the Wellfleet culture but there were safety and other issues with the Police Department enforcing permitting rules. Pilcher suggested charging for beach fire permits and Bruinooge responded that she believed that charging a fee increases the Town's liability and asked Sieloff to investigate. Wood suggested postponing the public hearing to take up the issue after school budgets were discussed.

Review with FinCom of Wellfleet Elementary and Nauset Regional School Budgets

Wellfleet Elementary School (WES): WES Principal Mary Beth Rodman and School Committee Chair Jan Plau presented the WES Budget for FY 2013³, which came in with under a 2% increase from FY 2012. Plau mentioned that WES was now ranked in the top 4% of schools in the state. Pilcher congratulated Rodman on her success. Rodman explained that the greatest budget increases were for license renewals and technology related expenses. The salary for cafeteria manager seemed to increase because the salary was no longer in a revolving account. John Morrissey asked why the special needs budget was down and Rodman replied that early intervention had increased and children were not being misidentified as having special needs. Sylvia Smith questioned the need for four buses and Rodman responded that four were needed so that children would not be riding on the bus for more than 45 minutes.

Nauset Regional School District (NRSD): Richard Hoffman, Nauset School Superintendent, presented a summary of the NRSD budget for FY 2013⁴. Wellfleet's net portion of the \$20 million operating budget is 12.75% or \$2,341,600. The assessment is high because of an increase in the ratio of children from Wellfleet in the regional school system because enrollment from Brewster and Orleans is lower. Janet Lowenstein asked about the increase to the transportation budget line. Hoffman explained that savings on transportation was contingent upon mileage and that an extra bus was added to transport middle school children because no adult supervision was available to watch the children as they waited for busing. The new transportation contract increased 7% and there was only one bidder on the bus contract. Pilcher commented that salary increases were listed at 4-11% and asked if that number could better reflect the 2-3% inflation rate. Hoffman stated that all salary changes are negotiated by contract. Declining school population was a large discussion and several FinCom members asked the Superintendent to address bringing the 6th grade back to Wellfleet or consolidating schools in the District. Pilcher wants the school board representative to discuss school regionalization issues. Hoffman stated that addressing school regionalization issues at this time was not his top priority and urged the Selectmen to limit their expectations.

Recess: 8:45 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. Call to Order: 8:50 p.m.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 12-0039: Don Palladino, President of the Friends of Herring River Board, requested that the Selectmen sign a letter⁵ supporting a \$50,000 one-year grant to hire a coordinator to manage communications strategy and grant writing needs for the Herring River Restoration Project. Wood moved to support signing the Friends of Herring River letter. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

MOTION 12-0040: Pilcher moved to appoint Town Administrator Paul Sieloff as the Wellfleet Parking Clerk with a term ending 6/30/12. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

MOTION 12-0041: Bruinooge moved to table the discussion about changes to the Wellfleet Beach Rules and Regulations to the next Selectmen meeting on March 13, 2012. Pilcher requested that the liability issue be addressed when the discussion resumes and Borrelli asked for the policies from other Cape towns regarding this issue. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Tennis Court Resurfacing: The Selectmen agreed to postpone the discussion on the resurfacing of Town Tennis Courts until the February 28, 2012 meeting.

Green Communities Act Articles: The Selectmen reviewed a request to add the Green Communities Act Articles to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Selectmen agreed to wait until Energy Committee Chair Marcus Springer can present the request at a future meeting to take action.

Hearing Officer: Paul Sieloff informed the Selectmen that he had offered the Wellfleet Hearing Officer position to Steve Gazzano for the term ending 6/30/12.

USE OF TOWN PROPERTY

MOTION 12-0042: Borrelli moved to approve the application received from Stephen Frazee from Ragnar Events to use Lecount Hollow Road, Oceanview Drive, Gross Hill Road, Gull Pond Road, George Nilson Road, Collins Road and the parking lot at Whitecrest Beach for a road race with 300 teams/3,000 participants running from Plymouth to Provincetown on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bruinooge seconded the motion with the request that Town Administration work with Ragnar Events to handle any outstanding details. The motion passed 5-0.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Sieloff presented a list and brief description of the proposed Articles⁶ for the Annual Town Meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2012 at the Wellfleet Elementary School and asked that the Selectmen move to place Articles to the Warrant with a vote.

Question 2: Exemption of Proposition 2 ½ to pay bonds and notes issued by the Town to pay for funding new sidewalks and paving of Bank and Commercial Streets.

MOTION 12-0043: Wood moved to place Question 2. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Question 3: Exemption of Proposition 2 ½ to pay bonds and notes issued by the Town to pay for funding construction of Public Restrooms at Mayo Beach and Baker's Field.

MOTION 12-0044: Wood moved to place Question 3. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article D: Proposed Article to fund the FY 2013 Marina Services Enterprise Fund Budget.

MOTION 12-0045: Pilcher moved to place Article D with the addition of the Marina Advisory Committee recommending the Article. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article E: Proposed Article to fund the FY 2013 Water Enterprise Fund Budget.

MOTION 12-0046: Pilcher moved to place Article E. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article F: Proposed Article to fund a 3% raise increase for the Town Clerk/Treasurer and Town Collector.

MOTION 12-0047: Bruinooge moved to place Article F. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article H: Proposed Article to contribute to the Stabilization Fund.

MOTION 12-0048: Bruinooge moved to place Article H. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article I: Proposed Article to fund road paving services in anticipation of state reimbursement.

MOTION 12-0049: Borrelli moved to place Article I. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article L: Proposed Article on FY 2013 Community Preservation Committee estimated annual revenues.

MOTION 12-0050: Bruinooge moved to place Article L. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article M: Proposed Article to fund the FY 2013 Housing Program "Buy Down" grant.

MOTION 12-0051: Bruinooge moved to place Article M. Pilcher recused himself from the vote because he administers the program. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 4-0-1 with Pilcher abstaining.

Article N: Proposed Article to fund the preservation of Town archives by the Historic Commission.

MOTION 12-0052: Pilcher moved to place Article N. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article O: Proposed Article to fund the restoration of Cannon Hill/Hamblen Park.

MOTION 12-0053: Pilcher moved to place Article N. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article P: Proposed Article to transfer a tax title parcel owned by the Town to the Conservation Commission for conservation and trail use.

MOTION 12-0054: Borrelli moved to place Article P. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article Q: Proposed Article to purchase a conservation restriction on Old County Rd. with Community Preservation Funds.

MOTION 12-0055: Pilcher moved to place Article Q. Wood seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article T: Proposed Article to authorize borrowing to fund the construction of new restroom facilities at Mayo Beach and Baker's Field.

MOTION 12-0056: Pilcher moved to place Article T. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article U: Proposed Article to accept gifts offered to the Town.

MOTION 12-0057: Borrelli moved to place Article U. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article V: Proposed Article authorizes the tax collector to use all means to collect taxes due.

MOTION 12-0058: Bruinooge moved to place Article V. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article W: Proposed Article authorizes Wellfleet's contribution to the budget of Nauset Regional Schools.

MOTION 12-0059: Borrelli moved to place Article W. Bruinooge seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article X: Proposed Article to help Wellfleet meet one of the criteria to become a Green Community.

MOTION 12-0060: Pilcher moved to place Article X. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article Y: Proposed Article to grant an easement for the installation of a revetment on Pleasant Point Road.

MOTION 12-0061: Bruinooge moved to place Article Y. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article AA: Proposed Article to transfer the responsibility of Hamblen Park from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission.

MOTION 12-0062: Pilcher moved to place Article AA. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article BB: Proposed Article authorizes the Conservation Commission to grant an easement on 50 Beach Street.

MOTION 12-0063: Bruinooge moved to place Article BB. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article EE: Proposed closing Article to hear the reports of the Selectmen.

MOTION 12-0064: Bruinooge moved to place Article EE. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article FF: Proposed closing Article to act on any other business.

MOTION 12-0065: Bruinooge moved to place Article FF. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Town Administrator's Report: Paul Sieloff informed the Selectmen that a spreadsheet listing recommended changes to the FY 2013 Annual Budget would be presented at the February 28, 2012 meeting. Next, there was a discussion about the Selectmen adopting the use of iPads to review pertinent agenda items and related documents during Selectmen meetings.

Future Concerns: Sieloff said that Assistant Town Administrator Tim King will speak about the Multi-Hazard Disaster Mitigation Plan at the February 28, 2012 Selectmen meeting. Pilcher asked Sieloff for a status update on the Disposition of Town Owned Property, including the size of properties and a list of Town owned building. Jerry Houk asked for the Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) to give an update on access to Town waterways at the March 13, 2012 Selectmen meeting.

Correspondence⁷ and Vacancy Report⁸: Pilcher reviewed two letters from the NRAB. The first letter addressed a final plan on landings and the second letter recommended that the assistant conservation agent be a full time position. A letter from Kopelman & Page addressed the open meeting law. There was a request from the Selectmen that Town Counselor Elizabeth Lane review the open meeting issue with the Board in May. There was also a letter from MA State Senator Mark Pacheco requesting the Selectmen sign a letter of support to keep Taunton State Hospital open. The Selectmen requested an agenda item to review a letter of support at the February 28, 2012 meeting.

Adjournment

MOTION 12-0066: Houk moved to adjourn the meeting. Borrelli seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Voll, Executive Assistant

¹ Draft Organic Land Management Petition presented by Peter Stewart

² Memo from Beach Administrator Suzanne Thomas re: proposed amendments to Wellfleet Beach Rules and Regulations

³ Proposed FY 2013 Wellfleet Elementary School Budget

⁴ Proposed FY 2013 Nauset Region Schools Budget and Presentation

⁵ Letter of support for the Friends of Herring River Grant Application

⁶ Proposed Articles for the Annual Town Meeting on 04/23/12

⁷ Correspondence to the Board of Selectmen January 22, 2012 to February 12, 2012

⁸ Vacancy Report February 14, 2012