

***Wellfleet Selectboard
Tuesday March 12, 2024; 6pm
Hybrid Meeting: Zoom ~ 715 Old King's Highway
Meeting Minutes***

Members Present: Barbara Carboni, Chair; John Wolf, Vice Chair; Michael DeVasto (Virtually), Ryan Curley, Tim Sayre

Others Present: Tom Guerino, Interim Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant; Will Sullivan, Harbormaster; Brittany Tilton, Assistant Harbormaster; Angelo Salamone, Building Inspector; Lisa Brown, WOA; Tonya Felix, WOA; Walter Baron, Old Wharf Dory; Paul Millett, Environmental Partners; Jay Norton, DPW Director; Roland Blair, Jude Ahern, Zach Ment, Owner Piping Plover; Joe Aberdale, Alfred Pickard, Wes Stenson, Environmental Partners; Nils Wiberg, Fuss & O'Neill

Chair Carboni Called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

I. *Announcements and Public Comments*

Note: Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker, and a speaker will be allowed to speak only once. The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comments.

Chair Carboni asked for any public comments, Wolf announced that it has been suggested to him that it might be helpful to have a monthly newsletter come from the selectboard he stated he was open to suggestions on this idea. Curley spoke about the time for daylight savings time change on meetings. Guerino announced that the ice machine has gone out to bid and the id opening is March 26th at 10 am in his office at town hall. Chair Carboni read the speech conduct memo and then asked if there were any public comments. Blair spoke to the board asking about the parking fees for Maurice's Campground residents. Norton made an announcement about the route 6 project. Ahern spoke to the board about the budget and warrant not being on the agenda and wanted to know when they would be discussed. She also brought up the Chapter 91 grants.

II. *Consent Agenda*

A. Use of Town Property – Wellfleet United Methodist Church; Newcomb Hollow Beach parking lot, for Sunrise service, March 31, 2024, 6:15am – 6:45am

B. Use of Town Property ~ Wellfleet Gardeners ~ Driveway between Town Hall and Abiyoyo, for plant sale, May 25, 2024, 6am – 2pm.

- Chair Carboni asked for the Herring River portion of the consent agenda to be taken out as she is recused from all items having to do with Herring River
- **Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Seconded; and it voted to adopt the consent agenda excluding the Herring River item as listed in the selectboard packet.**

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- C. Wellfleet Herring River Restoration OPR services Amendment #2 for Year 2 Services. ~ ***Chair Carboni recused herself from this agenda item.***
Norton explained this item stating that there was no cost to the taxpayers, and this is funded all by the state. Curley had a few questions for Norton regarding this amendment. The board discussed this in more detail.
Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the Herring River OPR services amendment #2 for year 2 services with environmental partners.
Roll Call Vote 4-0-1 (Carboni Recused)

III. *Public Hearings*

- A. Amendment of Wellfleet Marina Schedule of fees ~ Will Sullivan, Harbormaster; Brittany Tilton, Assistant Harbormaster ~ ***Wolf recused himself from this agenda item.***
Chair Carboni opened the public hearing for the marina harbor fees changes. Sullivan spoke to the board explaining the proposal of changes. He explained that 7% was approved by DOR. Chair Carboni asked if there was anything in particular that Sullivan would like to bring up to the board. He spoke about the items by section, which other marinas don't do. He spoke about the fees being much less than marinas in the surrounding towns. He explained the changes to the board. Curley questioned many of the fees and they were discussed. Sayre had a few questions, for Sullivan, Aberdale came to the microphone and spoke to the board about the fees and the DOR. Pickard spoke to the board stating he had no problem with the fee increase but would like to see the marina open longer than October 15th. The board discussed the fees at great length. Changing some of the fees and Curley stated he felt the hearing should be continued. The board discussed the continuation of the hearing.
Board Member DeVasto Moved; Chair Carboni Seconded; and it was voted to approve the FY2024 Marina Fees as amended by the board.
Roll Call Vote: 3-1-1 (Curley Voted No, Wolf Was recused)
Board Member Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was vote to close the public hearing for marina fees.
Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1
- B. Amendment of Wellfleet Building Department schedule of fees ~ Angelo Salamone, Building Inspector; Daren Davis, Administrative Assistant
Salamone came to the table to present his budget.
Chair Carboni opened the public hearing for the Building Fees.
Salamone presented the options to the board regarding the fee changes. Chair Carboni spoke to the board asking that this item be continued as some of the material was not in the packet and provided for the public. They discussed this, Eldridge explained because there are other fees to be considered there needs to be a new hearing advertised as the fees
Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to close this public hearing.
Roll Call Vote: 5-0

IV. ***Licenses***

A. ***Renewal of Seasonal Alcohol licenses***

- Rookies Inc, DBA Bobs Sun N Cone
- Chequesset Yacht & Country Club
- Lobster & Chowder House
- Vrs Inc, Van Rensselaer's
- Fobro, Inc. DBA: Flying Fish Café
- Wellfleet Harbor Seafood Company DBA: Mac's Shack
- New Fleet Corp. DBA: Hog Island Surf Lodge & Beer Yard

Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the seasonal alcohol licenses as printed in the selectboard packet.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

V. ***DOT Project***

A. Tree Removal ~ 10 Main Street, status report and discussion

Ment was on the meeting virtually to explain his concern about saving a tree on his property with regard to the DOT route 6 project. He didn't realize the state was going to take this tree and would like the board to help him figure out how to save it. Norton filled the board in on his plans to help Ment with saving the tree. Sayre spoke to the board about the bylaw that was passed regarding notable trees. Norton explained that the state doesn't have to adhere to the notable tree bylaw as they took this property by eminent domain. The board discussed this issue and what they could do as a board of the town to help reach out to the state and save the tree. Guerino will go to the meeting Wednesday morning to talk to the state.

Board Member DeVasto Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to that the Wellfleet selectboard take a vote of support to preserve the tree at 10 Main Street, direct the town administrator and the DPW direct to work with the property owner to work with the state to save the tree.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

VI. ***Use of Town Property***

A. WAO (Wellfleet Oyster Alliance) ~ Oysterfest ~ Application updated with improvements made with the board and public recommendations and suggestions. See full application in the packet. ~ ***Board Member DeVasto recused himself from this agenda.***

Brown spoke to the board as a member of the executive committee for the Oysterfest. She explained there were some changes, due to the community forum that was held to hear concerns, ideas, and suggestions. She explained the changes. Seabury spoke to the board with her concerns. Brown spoke to the board about meeting with Seabury and stated she would be open to meeting with her again.

Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the use of town property to WOA for the set up and clean

up of the Wellfleet Oysterfest from October 15, 2024, through October 23, 2024; for a fee of \$1,200.

Sayre amended the motion to a fee of \$2,000.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (DeVasto recused)

- B.** WOA – Tonya Felix, Wellfleet Oyster Crawl, May 26, 2024; 2:30pm – 5:00pm
Felix spoke to the board about the shop and shuck, stating they are trying to do more with the Main Street businesses. She explained the event and the gave details of the use of town property.

Board Member Sayre Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the use of Main Street on May 26, 2024; from 2:30pm to 5:00pm for the Wellfleet Oyster Crawl; to Wellfleet Oyster Alliance for a fee of \$110.

- C.** Provincetown Swim for Life ~ Provincetown Community Compact; September 7, 2024; 9:00am – 12:00pm ~ Great Pond

Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Seconded; and it was voted to approve the use Great Pond to the Provincetown Community compact for their annual Swim for Life and Paddler Flotilla with the condition that the conservation agent signs off on the application.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (Sayre Recused)

- D.** Walter Baron ~ Old Wharf Dory Co; 10th Annual Wellfleet Rowing Rendezvous, free event; September 21, 2024; 11:00am -3:00pm.

Baron spoke to the board about this event and stated they have been doing it for years.

Board Member Wolf moved, Board Member Sayre seconded; and it was voted to approve the use of Mayo Beach on September 21, 2024; from 11:00am - 3:00pm for the 10th annual Wellfleet Rowing and Rendezvous.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

VII. *Board/Committee Appointments and Updates*

- A.** Jean Caviness ~ interview and possible vote to be appointed to the Cultural Council as a voting member.

Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded, and it was voted to appoint Joan Caviness as a voting member to the Wellfleet Cultural Council, for a term of three years, to be signed in by the town clerk before voting at a meeting.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

- B.** Andrew Spangler ~ interview and possible vote on being appointed to the cable Advisory Committee as a voting member.

Spangler spoke to the board stating he is new to the town and would like to be involved more with the community.

Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to appoint Andrew Spangler to the Wellfleet Cable, Internet and Cellular Service Advisory Committee as a voting member for a term of Three years, to be sworn in by the Town Clerk before voting at the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0

VIII. **Business**

A. Maurice's Campground ~

Maurice's Campground Master Planning Services Recommendations – Votes may be taken. Curley came to the end of the table as the chair of the Maurice's Planning Committee and explained the committee's long detailed process on how they came to choose Studio G. Sullivan explained to the board that this is personal to her as she is a part time resident of Wellfleet and knows the needs of the town.

Board Member DeVasto Moved; Board Member Wolf seconded; and it was voted to direct the town administrator to work with Studio G in creating the contract to move the project forward.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1 (Curley recused)

B. Fuss O'Neill to present to the board options for the exterior face of the Chequessett neck river bridge. *Chair Carboni recused herself from this agenda item.*

Norton, Stinson, and Wiberg came to the table, to discuss and present the options for the town regarding the Chequessett Neck Bridge. The screen was shared to show the board and the public the different surfaces that the bridge could have and the cost of each option.

Wolf had a few questions for the group regarding overruns of this project. The group addressed those concerns stating that the first option of the base concrete was the best route to go to keep this project "lean and mean". The board agreed with this suggestion. The board continued to discuss the options that they were presented with.

Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member DeVasto Seconded; and it was voted to approve the base bid for the Chequessett Neck Road Bridge for the Herring River Project.

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-1

C. Town Elections

- Discussion on scenarios and public outreach.

Guerino spoke to the board about the town meeting being moved to the end of May which is after the town elections. He spoke about closing the warrant on March 26th explaining why he felt this would give the town the ability to work with any changes needed. He stated there could be public meetings or allowing the forum to do a public outreach to inform the public of the of each of the warrant articles.

Curley had some issues with voting on the closing of the warrant articles. He also stated they hadn't had a chance to review the capital budget or the warrant articles and the school's budget.

It was discussed to move the dredging article to the fall town meeting, so the voters have more knowledge of what is being asked.

Capital Budgets were discussed and Guerino stated he is comfortable with the Capital budget, and he is ready to present the board with that budget to the department heads. He explained the process with the operating budget changes. Guerino explained his next steps and what his recommendations.

Bacon spoke about the warrant and stated she couldn't understand the chaos.

She reminded the board about the 2.5-million-dollar grant that is in jeopardy.

Chair Carboni asked to take this up next Tuesday evening.

D. Dredging

- To discuss professional assistance on dredging matters.
Wolf explained to the board that this is an alternative that he has been working on. He explained the use of a lobbyist has been extremely helpful and he has been trying to reach out to the lobbyist before he reaches out to the congressional delegates and would like to know what it would entail to enter into a short agreement with the lobbyist to help with this he would like to the town administrator to reach out to the lobbyist to see if he would be willing to work with the town.
Guerino questioned the budget, where the funds are coming from and the time frame he has. He stated he needed more definition.
The board agreed that Guerino should get a quote from the lobbyist for services.

IX. *Selectboard Reports*

- Wolf spoke to the ice machine progress, he stated they are discussing the locations of the machine and some issues they have come across regarding the abutter.

X. *Topics for Future Discussion*

- Curley would like the town administrator report added to the agenda moving forward.
- Sayre stated that he would like to have a discussion with the TA, Fire and Police as far as the location of the ice machine.
- Chair Carboni spoke about the email she received seeking support regarding the pending legislature that would reduce control of energies.
- Having meetings in the library.

XI. *Minutes*

- A. February 20, 2024 –
- B. February 22, 2024 –
- C. February 27, 2024 – cross out cape light compact.
- D. February 29, 2024 – amended with Ryan's comments.
- A. Board Member DeVasto Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded, and it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of February 20, 2024, as written in draft.
Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

II. *Adjournment*

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to adjourn.
Roll Call Vote: 5-0
Meeting Adjourned: 10:05pm**

***** Public Documents*****

Application for use of town property, United Methodist Church, Lecount Hollow Beach
Application for use of town property, Wellfleet Gardeners, Town Hall Driveway
Herring River Restoration Project amendment #2
Marina Fees, current and proposed.
Building Department Fees, Current and proposed.
Application for use of town property, WOA; Oysterfest
Application for use of town property, WOA, Oyster Crawl; Main Street Wellfleet
Application for use of town property, Provincetown Swim for Life, Great Pond
Application for use of town property, Walter Baron, Rowing Rendezvous
Application to be on the Cultural Council as a voting member, Jean Caviness
Application to be on the Cable Advisory Committee as a voting member; Andrew Spangler
Maurice's Campground planning documents and proposal
Chequessett Neck Bridge Options from Fuss & O'Neill
Memo to the board from Tom Guerino regarding town elections
Meeting Minutes of February 20th, 22nd, 27th & 29th; 2024.