

***Wellfleet Selectboard  
Tuesday April 2, 2024; 6pm  
Hybrid Meeting: 715 Old Kings Highway ~ Zoom  
Meeting Minutes***

**Members Present:** Barbara Carboni, Chair; John Wolf, Vice Chair; Ryan Curley, Tim Sayre

**Members Absent:** Michael DeVasto

**Others Present:** Tom Guerino, Interim Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge (virtually), Executive Assistant; Suzanne Ryan, Rich Pauley, Fire Chief; Diane Brunt; Michael Turner, Deputy Chief; Officer Lace DeOliveira; Jerimiah Valli, Police Sergeant; Adam O’Shea, principal of Wellfleet Elementary School; Giovanna Vendetti, treasurer of Nauset School District; Brooke Clenchy, Superintendent of Nauset School District; Arlynn Consiglio, Assistant to Superintendent; Martha Gordon, Chair of the Wellfleet Elementary School Committee; Brian Easley; Chair of the Cape Cod Technical High School Committee; Angelo Salamone; Building Inspector; Becky Rosenberg, Recreation Director; Stephen Douglass, Josh Yeston, Chair of the Cable Advisory Board; Steven Kopits, Vice Chair of the Cable Advisory Committee; Carol Magenau, Secretary of the Energy and Climate Action Committee.

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.**

The Board will not deliberate or vote on any matter raised solely during Announcements & Public Comments.

Chair Carboni asked if the board or administration had announcements? There were none. She moved on to public comment, reading the meeting conduct policy beforehand. Ryan Came to the microphone to share Cape Light Compact enhanced incentives for nonprofit town buildings, she explained the role of Cape Light Compact. She left the paper with the town administrator to be placed in the minutes. Chief Pauley came forward speaking to the retirement of a longtime firefighter Bill Grozier who has been with the town of Wellfleet for 27 years. He spoke about his accomplishments and thanked him for his tremendous service. The audience gave a round of applause.

Brunt came to the microphone, speaking to the board about a healthy town government she feels since Chair Carboni became chair she doesn’t feel the town is being transparent. She spoke about Jude Ahern being smart and ahead of the game.

**II. *Consent Agenda***

**A.** Use of Town Property for the celebration of USA Veteran for Memorial Day, front lawn at town hall ~ Monday May 27, 2024; 9am to noon~ Lt. Charles E. Annett, Wellfleet American Legion Post 287

**B.** Wellfleet Recycling Committee; Lydia Vivante/Christine Shreeves: Spring Expo, Saturday June 8, 2024; 9:30am – 12:30pm (Rain Date Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the consent agenda as printed.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**III. *Police Appointments***

A. Jeremiah Valli promoted to lieutenant.

B. Lace DeOliveira promoted to Sergeant.

Deputy Chief Turner came to the table with the two officers being promoted. He explained Chief LaRocco couldn't attend due to a medical procedure. He spoke about the interviews that took place and who was on the interview panel. He stated there was much consideration he presented Sergeant Jeremiah Valli who is now being promoted to Lieutenant. He read his accomplishments with the town of Wellfleet. Valli spoke to the board, thanking them for allowing him to work for the town and the opportunity of this promotion.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the promotion of Sergeant Jerimiah Valli to the position of Lieutenant within the Wellfleet Police Department effective April 8, 2024.**

He moved to officer Lace DeOliveira, speaking of his accomplishments with the town, his help with programs in the town. He stated that the police department is being promoted from Officer to Sergeant.

DeOliveira spoke to the board and public thanking them for this opportunity.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Seconded, and it was voted to approve the promotion of Office Lace DeOliveira to the position of Sergeant within the Wellfleet Police Department effective April 8, 2024.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**IV. *Operating Budgets***

A. Nauset Schools will present their operating budgets to the board.

The board moved onto the school budgets. Clenchy came forward to the table with O'Shea and Gordon, she announced that Consiglio and Vendetti were online. They began their presentation with a slide show to explain their extensive budget. They explained the process of the presentation and began with the elementary school. O'Shea spoke to the board about the needs of the elementary school. Vendetti explained different aspects of the budget. The board had some questions regarding the expenses for the high schools.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Seconded; and it was voted to approve the Nauset School System FY 25 operating budget as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

B. Inspectional Services ~ Building Department

Salamone came to the front table to introduce his budget, Guerino spoke to the budget that was updated. Stating the Health and Conservation moving forward they will be separated as there are two departments now instead of one.

Salamone spoke to the board about his budget. Curley asked about the Open Gov budget, and it was explained that it wasn't originally put into the budget, so it was put under administration.

**Board member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the FY25 operating budget.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

Guerino spoke to the list of budgets that Curley sent to him and explained each of those budgets. He spoke about the water enterprise fund and not having it be funded in the future from the general fund. He spoke about the town planner's budget and how it is being funded.

C. Recreation call back ~ Becky Rosenberg

Rosenberg came to the table to introduce her capital budget for the rec department. She read a summary of the budget. She spoke about the van that was on the capital budget and explained it will allow not only the recreation department but classes at the elementary school to go on field trips without having to rent a bus. Rosenberg moved onto other topics in her capital budget, such as fencing around bakers' field, she spoke to the board about the bandstand at the end of the pier being replaced thanks to a grant from the Community Preservation Committee.

Sayre spoke to the fence and his safety concerns.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Curley Seconded; and it was voted to approve the Wellfleet Recreation FY 25 Capital Budget with the understanding that the recreation department will work with administration to get quotes for fencing around the playground.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**Chair Carboni moved to go into a 10-minute recess.**

V. **Public Hearings ~ *Board member Curley Recused from this agenda item.***

A. Application Received March 11, 2024, transfer of Alcohol License; JLS Adventures; DBA: Maurice's Campground, 80 Route 6 Wellfleet MA 02667 Eldridge explained this license to the board explaining that the manager's name is still listed as the previous owner, and she is looking to transfer the license.

**Board member Wolf Moved; Board member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the application dated March 11, 2024, for the transfer of Alcohol license to JLS Adventures, DBA Maurice's Campground from the Gauthiers.**

**Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1 (Curley recused)**

**Board member Sayre Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to close the public hearing.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

VI. **Licenses**

A. Renewal of Seasonal Alcohol License

- Wilson Family Limited Partnership; DBA: Wellfleet Motel & Lodge
- Slackman Inc.; DBA: Pearl Restaurant
- Harbor Stage Co. Inc. DBA: Harbor Stage Company
- Barry and Winslow, LLC. DBA Winslow's Tavern
- Wellfleet Marketplace Inc. DBA Wellfleet Marketplace
- Ceraldi Inc. DBA Ceraldi
- Ekdanta Package Corp. DBA Wellfleet Wine & Spirits
- Wellfleet Beachcomber

**Board Member Curley moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to approve the renewal of the seasonal alcohol licenses with the exception of Maurices Campground.**

**Roll call Vote: 4-0**

- Maurice's Campground

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the seasonal renewal of the alcohol license to Maurices campground.**

**Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1 (Curley Recused)**

**VII. *Board/Committee Appointments and Updates***

- A. Chair Carboni took this application out of order as Douglass was in the room ~ Interview and possibly appointment of Stephen Douglass ~ Wellfleet Historical Commission for a term of three years.**

This was taken out of order and the board called Douglass to the microphone to speak about his application.

**Board Member Wolf Moved, Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to approve the appointment of Stephen Douglass to the Wellfleet Historical Commission for a term of three years.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

- B. Presentation from the Cable Internet and Cellular Service Advisory Committee regarding the beach Wi-Fi project, possible votes may be taken on this item. Yeston and Kopits came to the table to present to the board the beach Wi-Fi project that will help service be more readily available at the beaches. Yeston shared his screen and provided maps and the locations that they are looking to run the cable lines. He spoke about the \$200,000 grant they have received and spoke about the dangerousness that the public face with no service on the dunes and at the beaches. They answered some questions from the board. They discussed needing an additional \$55,000 from the town to finish the project. Yeston and Kopits spoke to get the proposal written and submitted. Wilson spoke of the importance of getting this service to the beaches. Brunt spoke to the board stating she's not comfortable with having mass coverage at the beaches. There was discussion about cameras, and it was noted the only cameras to be installed would be at the Marina for safety.**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member and it was voted to have the selectboard support the Cable, Internet and Cellular Service Advisory Committee's preferred alternative which was the first option as presented and to direct the town administrator to determine where the \$55,000 funding gap will be sourced.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

- C. Energy & Climate Action Committee ~ Seeking approval of the board to upgrade their Green Communities status to the next level, "Climate Leader Communities." This is an informational discussion. Ryan and Magenau came to the table and explained why they were asking for the next level of the green community's program. Ryan explained and read a statement about what that means in the state of Massachusetts. The board had questions and discussed this next level. There was concern about being able to**

comply with what this next level demands for the community. The discussed this at great length. Curley stated that in this plan the regional school district would need to be included and he stated that would be a very long and difficult process, he also stated being uncomfortable with the recertification process that needs to happen every three years. Chair Carboni spoke about the impacts on staff and the different departments. Hay Came to the microphone and spoke to the board about his license.

## **VIII. Business**

- A.** Macs on the pier One Year License ~ Board to discuss and take a possible vote to enter a one-year agreement with Mac Hay.

Chair Carboni asked Guerino to speak to this license agreement, he introduced it and said this is an annual lease agreement that will go out to bid next year as it was proposed previously. He explained that it was to late to bid now but it will be put out to bid after the summer. The board discussed this license, and some issues were raised. Merl Spoke to this license and his concerns, Pickard spoke to the board regarding the license and his concerns. Bacon spoke to the board about the lack of staff to get this out to bid and approving the license for this year. Wilson spoke to the board in favor of this license agreement. Brunt gave her opinion on the license and her concern for approving it. Coakley spoke to the board who was not in favor of this license.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Chair Carboni Seconded; and it was voted to approve the one-year contract with Macs at the pier for use of town property on Mayo Beach for the 2024 season for a fee of \$7,500. The motion was to modify the motion to not say Mayo Beach and including the 8x10 area.**

**Roll Call Vote: 3-0-1 (Curley Abstained)**

- B.** Ice Machine Update

Guerino gave an update on the process of the ice machine, stating that they put a bid out and it was opened April 5, 2024, the town received one bid from New England Marine and Engineering out of New Bedford. Guerino stated to the board that they will move forward and award the bid to the company, so the state sees that we are ready to purchase the machine. The board discussed the ice machine and the company that bid on it. Merl spoke to the board about the company and questioned if they would service the machine. He also spoke about town counsels' opinion on the placement of the ice machine at the shellfish shack. The discussion continued the ice machine, and it was questioned when the opinions from town counsel would come in. The board brought Hay back up to the microphone asking him questions about his property and the placement of the machine next to his restaurant. Hay spoke to the noise of the machines stating that they are two five-ton machines he believes will make noise especially in a residential area. Brunt spoke to the board and public stating her issues. This discussion will continue at future meetings.

Chair Carboni asked if the board would be willing to move the following items to the meeting Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.

- C.** Bound Brook Update

Guerino wanted to give an update on Bound Brook, stating that they are keeping the residents apprised of the situation and will update them daily to let them know what is happening daily. There has been communication with the funding sources so the town can get reimbursed for this project.

D. Town Meeting Warrant – moved to next meeting.

IX. ***Correspondence***

X. ***Selectboard Reports***

XI. ***Town Administrator's Report***

Guerino spoke about a great department head meeting.

He spoke about staff going through training. He spoke about departments being certified in CPR and safety.

XII. ***Topics for Future Discussion***

XIII. ***Minutes***

A. March 19, 2024 – Moved to April 16, 2024, meeting.

B. March 21, 2024 – Moved to April 16, 2024, meeting.

XIV. ***Adjournment***

**Board Member Curley Moved, Board Member Sayre Seconded, and it was voted to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote: 4-0**

**Meeting adjourned 11:00pm**

**\*\*\* Public Documents\*\*\***

**Police appointment Letters**

**Application for use of town property ~ Recycling Committee Spring Expo**

**Application for use of town property ~ Memorial Day ceremony at town hall**

**Nauset Regional School District Operating and Capital Budgets**

**Building Department Operating Budget**

**Recreation Capital Budget**

**Application from Stephen Douglass ~ Wellfleet Historical Commission**

**Slideshow from the Wellfleet Cable, Internet, Cellular Advisory Committee**

**Documents for the Energy & Climate Action Committee to move to the next level of green communities.**

**Meeting Minutes of March 19, 21, 2024.**