

**Wellfleet Selectboard**  
**Thursday April 9, 2024; 6pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting ~ 715 Old King's Highway ~ Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Tom Guerino, Interim Town Administrator; Rebekah Eldridge, Executive Assistant, Diane Brunt, Jude Ahern, Chris Merl, Brad Morse

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

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**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.

Brunt spoke to the board regarding the shellfish revolving fund, and its increase.

**II. *Town Warrant***

**A.** Discussion of transferring money from free cash to affordable housing trust, et al.

Guerino introduced the newest version of the warrant. He went to Article one which the board hasn't voted on yet. Article One is the operating budget.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend Article one the Operating Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

The board moved to the prior year's invoices; it was discussed that this is not usually this high.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to recommend article two prior year invoices.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

The Capital Budget was discussed next. There were a few questions regarding some of the departments. It was stated that the shellfish constable will be at the meeting later, the board will vote when she is at the meeting to answer questions.

The board moved to the Marina Enterprise Fund.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the Marina Enterprise Fund.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the Water Enterprise Fund.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend Article 6, authorize the lease purchase of an ambulance as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

The board moved on the transfers to stabilization fund. DeVasto spoke about having some of the money be transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust. He gave his reasoning as to why this needs to happen. He explained that most of the residential properties in town go to short term rentals not year-round housing.

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to Recommend the now named Free Cash Transfers as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to amend an article for the senior work off program as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the article for establishing a sewer enterprise fund with the amendment of the Summary.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded, and it was voted to recommend an article for public, educational, and government access and cable related fund.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the article for surplus disposal.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley Moved, Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the article for collection of taxes.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Board Member Curley, Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend section VII closing articles.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

Civetta came to the table to discuss her capital budget and why a certain amount was taken out of tax levy and not the shellfish revolving fund. She stated she was following what Rich Bienvenue recommended. Guerino spoke to the article stating that this wording could be amended.

There was discussion about using the tax levy for a shellfish article, Guerino stated he would check in with Bienvenue to see if the funding source can be amended.

**Board Member Wolf Moved; Board Member Sayre Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the FY25 Capital Budget as printed.**

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

The shellfish revolving fund was discussed next, **(Board Member DeVasto Recused from this item)** there was some discussion about a grant that was applied for and awarded. Guerino explained the process.

He stated the grant was awarded and there is no reason not to use the grant therefore making the article in the warrant correct.

There was a lot of discussion about this article, with Ahern, Brunt, Merl and Morse speaking to the article and their concern.

**Board Member Sayre Moved; Board Member Wolf Seconded; and it was voted to recommend the shellfish revolving fund as printed.**

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

**III. *Capital Improvement Long Term Plan***

- A. The board to review the long-term plan for the Capital Improvement Budget  
The board began to discuss the long-term capital plan. The discussion continued with thoughts on changes, and recommendations for certain items. Brunt, Merl and Morse had comments about these items. Curley wanted to make the library fire suppression system move up in importance.

**IV. *Adjournment***

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

**Roll Call Vote: 5-0**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm**

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

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant 2024**

**Long Term Capital Improvement plan for all departments in Wellfleet**