

**Wellfleet Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Meeting of April 22, 2013
Wellfleet Elementary School, 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Berta Bruinooge, Jerry Houk, John Morrissey, Dennis Murphy, Paul Pilcher; Town Administrator Harry Sarkis Terkanian.

Chair Berta Bruinooge called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Business

Discuss recommendations for Articles

Article 22: The Selectmen made no recommendation change to Article 22, which would appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to purchase a new Fire Department Tanker Truck.

Article 23: Terkanian presented the Selectmen with a revised Lot 101 Grant of Access Easement¹ for review. The Selectmen agreed to read an alternate motion² to accept the easement, if conditions of acceptance set forth proved appropriate, and asked Terkanian to finalize the terms for approval and present the document to the BOS on May 7, 2013.

Motion 13-0169: Pilcher moved to recommend presenting the Article 23 alternate motion to accept the Lot 101 Grant of Access Easement (pending final Selectmen approval of the easement at a future Board of Selectmen meeting) at the Annual Town Meeting. Murphy seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Article 24: The Selectmen discussed the merits of recommending the full project allocation for the Baker's Field restroom versus supporting Article 25, which would fund engineering specifications for the project. Both Morrissey and Murphy support the project but felt that approving a project cost prior to bidding would deter contractors from submitting accurate construction projections; rather the contractors would submit bids priced to the allocation approved at Town Meeting. Neither thought that this was a good business practice. Murphy wants the BOS to revisit their goal to make a policy for planning and bidding procedures for large construction projects. Pilcher agreed with Murphy's suggestion. Bruinooge and Houk also support the project and plans to adopt a policy for more standardized business practices for the Town, but both think that the project should not be delayed. Bruinooge does not want to risk losing grant money that may offset the cost of the project. Morrissey stood firm in his belief that the Town should have the engineering complete and specification for the project in place before bidding out the project.

Motion 13-0170: Murphy moved to uphold the Selectmen's recommendation to support borrowing \$324,000 to fund construction of the Baker's Field restrooms in Article 24. Houk seconded the motion and it passed 4-1 (Morrissey).

Article 26: Terkanian explained his discussion with the Nauset Regional School District Board to plan the roof replacement during summer months when children were not at the facility. In lieu of the current Article, Terkanian suggested appropriating \$60,000 from free cash to obtain engineering specifications for the project that include the summer construction timetable. The Selectmen collectively agreed.

Article 27: Pilcher does not support Article 27 to allocate additional funds the 250th Anniversary Committee and requested that a Selectman who supported the Article read the motion. Houk volunteered.

Article 10: Pilcher requested that Article 10, which would set a 0% tax deferral interest rate to those who qualify, be indefinitely postponed until the Board of Assessors can set an official policy on tax deferral agreements. The Selectmen collectively agreed.

Article 1: Terkanian reviewed minor changes to the operating budget, including reductions to the Nauset Regional School District Assessment (new assessment: \$2,360,388) and Open Space Committee (-\$500 reduction to \$3,000).

Article 2: Terkanian reviewed additional transfer requests to the FY2013 budget, including \$57,485 from free cash added to the 423 DPW snow removal budget; \$25,000 from free cash to account 132 Reserve Fund; \$10,000 from free cash to account 196 Consultancy for tennis court engineering; \$2,500 from free cash to account 196 Consultancy to fund preparation of a site plan on the Town's 5.2 acre parcel on Gull Pond to support permitting to rehab the property.

Motion 13-0171: Murphy moved to recommend the additional transfers to the FY2013 budget in Article 2. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Pilcher seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Voll, Executive Assistant

¹ April 22, 2013 revised Grant of Access Easement for Lot 101

² April 22, 2013 Annual Town Meeting Motions