

## ***SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2016***

Present: Chairman Karl Ekstedt, Selectmen Tim Roche, Chris Chase and Richard Clark, Town Manager Jon Carter.

Excused: Selectman Kathy Chase

### ***Special Presentation:***

Selectman Richard Clark is retiring from the Board after 18 years as a Selectman. Chairman Ekstedt made a presentation on behalf of the Board. Representative Bob Foley read a Legislative Sentiment. Owen Grumbling, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, made a presentation on behalf of the Commission.

### ***MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS***

***1. DCS Inc., dba: Stutesy's Pub & Grille, 52 Post Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

***2. Richard M. Varano, dba: Billy's Chowder House, 216 Mile Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Liquor License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

***3. Dennis and Whitney MacMahon, dba: Captain Satch, 793 Morrils Mills Road, North Berwick, application for a Commercial Recreation Business License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

***4. Wells Reserve at Laudholm and American Diabetes Association, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, application for a Mass Gathering Permit for Tour de Cure Bike Race to be held at Laudholm Farm on June 11, 2016.***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing, grant the permit and waive the fee. Passed unanimously.

***5. Robert Hobbs, dba: Wells Water Taxi, 1700 Broadway, South Portland, application for a Commercial Recreation Business License. (R )***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

**6. Good News**

a. One of our former volunteer firefighters was injured in a skiing accident this winter. He is recovering and hopes to rejoin the Department.

b. There was a major truck accident on May 31 on Route 9. It took 4 ½ hours to get the driver out and he was airlifted to Maine Medical Center. Cpt. Cullen was on duty and supervised the efforts of our Fire Department, and several area departments, Wells Police and WEMS. Mr. Carter has sent him a letter thanking him for his efforts.

**7. Open to the Public**

~Mr. Ekstedt noted that the Memorial Day parade had to be cancelled due to the weather. He thanked all the current and past troops for their service and sacrifice.

~Public comment was solicited and there was none.

***CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS***

***1. Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants***

***a. Discussion and action on approving the Warrants dated June 7, 2016.***

There is a Warrant dated June 7, 2016 for expenses of \$655,681.07, school payment of \$1,511,461.25, net payroll for the week ending 5/19/16 in the amount of \$76,208.40, net payroll for the week ending 5/26/16 in the amount of \$73,485.89, net payroll for the week ending 6/2/16 in the amount of \$77,724.20 and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$101,736.79 for total expenses of \$2,496,297.60.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve and sign the Warrant dated June 7, 2016 in the amount of \$2, 496,297.60. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated June 7, 2016 in the amount of \$120.00.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to approve and sign the General Assistance Warrant dated June 7, 2016 in the amount of \$120.00. Passed unanimously.

***2. Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and Personnel:***

***a. Update, discussion and action on the Town purchasing sand from the Turning Basin Dredge in the Piscataqua River.***

The Town had considered purchasing about 375,000 cu. yds. of sand from the Army Corps of Engineers. The sand would be hauled here on barges and placed offshore. The 2007 sand sample tested positive for arsenic and the Maine Geologic Survey said that is normal in glacial till. DEP's solid waste regulations required updated sampling and the cost seemed to be excessive. Wright-Pierce estimated \$170,000 for the sampling. The recommendation is to discontinue the project since we probably wouldn't get a permit, and notify ACE that we are not purchasing the sand.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to withdraw from the project and authorize the Town Manager to notify ACE that we are no longer interested in the sand. Passed unanimously.

***b. Discussion and action on awarding the Boat Launch Construction Bid.***

This is a grant program supported by the Harbor Advisory Committee to double the size of the boat ramp. The initial round of bids came in much higher than we had budgeted. The project was rebid and the recommendation from Wright-Pierce is to award the bid to Grondin at \$127,837.43 which is under budget.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to award the contract to Grondin in the amount of \$127,837.43. Passed unanimously. Congratulations to the Town Manager, staff and engineers for obtaining a better price.

***c. Discussion and action on a citizen requested zoning change.***

There is a request to amend the RC Zone to allow for outdoor sales.

Motion by Mr. Chase, seconded by Mr. Clark, to refer the matter to the Town Engineer/Planner and Planning Board for action. Passed unanimously.

***d. Discussion and action on waiving Staff Review Application Fees for two applications before the Staff Review Committee.***

Applications are pending for two Town projects: 1) amending the site plan to move the Farmers Market to the expanded parking lot and 2) installing a shower and drainage system at the Drakes Island restroom and parking lot. The fee for each application is \$150.00.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to waive the fees. Passed unanimously.

***e. Discussion and action to approve Quitclaim Deeds for the following:***

***~Blacker, Wendy & Balkus, Brian. Property is known as parcel number 0043/005-611. Payment was received to pay FY 12 taxes on May 5, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16412, Page 257. Passed unanimously.

***~Coski, Joseph. Property is known as parcel number 0019/008-22P. Payment was received to pay FY 13 taxes on May 5, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16693, Page 932. Passed unanimously.

***~Criscione, Michael & Criscione, Brian. Property is known as parcel number 0019/008-97.P. Payment was received to pay FY 13 taxes on May 4, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16693, Page 934. Passed unanimously.

***~Ewerts, Michael. Property is known as parcel number 0045/006-004.L. Payment was received to pay FY 14 taxes on May 12, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16887, Page 57. Passed unanimously.

***~Grillo, Katherine. Property is known as parcel number 0019/008-079.T. Payment was received to pay FY 13 taxes on May 5, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16693, Page 990. Passed unanimously.

***~Luther, Robert. Property is known as parcel number 0144/004-43T. Payment was received to pay FY 14 taxes on May 9, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16887, Page 146. Passed unanimously.

***~Palmer, Brenda. Property is known as parcel number 0014/038-00J.3. Payment was received to pay FY 14 taxes on May 9, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16887, Page 189. Passed unanimously.

***~Salisbury, Jennifer. Property is known as parcel number 0135/023-010.T. Payment was received to pay FY 13 taxes on May 6, 2016.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed to release the lien recorded in YCRD Book 16694, Page 132. Passed unanimously.

***f. Discussion and action on Petition to nominate a candidate for the Maine Municipal Association Executive Committee.***

Motion by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mr. Clark, to nominate Kathy Chase. Passed unanimously.

***g. Update and discussion on the proposed Public Safety Facilities Replacement project.***

Residents will vote on a new Police and Fire Station at the corner of Routes 1 and 109 and a consolidated Fire Substation on Town land at the intersection of Route 109 and Meetinghouse Road. At the June Town Meeting, the purchase of the Cumberland Farms parcel and a small parcel adjacent to the 14 acre parcel will be on the ballot. Estimated costs are \$2.9 million for the consolidated station and \$13.9 million for the new Police/Fire Station, plus architectural costs. Mr. Chase asked for a breakdown between the police and fire facilities. Chief Putnam thought it would be based on square footage and she will check with the architect. Mr. Clark urged everyone to vote for these new facilities that are urgently needed. There will be opportunities for the public to tour the facilities and see what the needs are.

***h. Discussion and action on Personnel and Committee Assignments, Resignations and Issues:***

***i. Selectmen:***

***1. Resignation of Freeman (Rick) Goodrich from the Planning Board.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept his resignation with regret and send him a letter of thanks for his service to the Town. Passed unanimously.

***2. Planning Board Appointment***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to appoint Brian Toomey as an alternate member, term to expire December 2016. Passed unanimously.

***ii. Town Manager:***

***1. Appointment of Interim Fire Chief and discussion of the recruitment plan to fill the Fire Chief's position.***

Mr. Carter introduced the candidate for Interim Chief Sherman Lahaie, Jr. He is expected to start 1 ½ weeks before the present Chief retires.

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to appoint Sherman Lahaie, Jr. as Interim Fire Chief. Passed unanimously.

***i. Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:***

***i. \$200.00 from Wells Rotary to the Wells Library for the purchase of children's books.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***ii. \$50.00 from Hogan Management Co. (McDonald's) to the Wells Public Library for the Library Expansion Project.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donors a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

***j. Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Selectmen’s meeting.***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the minutes as submitted. Passed unanimously.

***NEW BUSINESS***

***1. Open to the Public***

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

***2. Town Manager’s Report***

- a) At 6 PM on June 15 there will be a program at Wells Reserve to present the findings of the grant report on “Who Owns the Beaches”.
- b) Flag Day will be June 14. The Elks would like to conduct their usual ceremony in front of Town Hall by the flagpole.
- c) Mrs. Chase asked if there could be a workshop on banning smoking at the beaches.
- d) IF&W has announced another round of the FLAP grant. We were previously awarded the Harbor Walkway Grant for \$650,000 through this program. They would like to work with the Town on resubmitting the grant application for Furbish Road. One possibility is to eliminate the road through the marsh and put in a pedestrian walkway.
- e) Employee Appreciation Day and the Recognition Luncheon will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- f) Voting will be at the Junior High School next Tuesday, June 14 from 8 AM-8 PM. There is an information video on Channel 3.

***3. Adjournment***

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Chase, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

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Cinndi Davidson,  
Meeting Recorder

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