

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 20, 2009

Present: Chairman Bob Blagden, Bill Curtis, Vice Chairman Phil DiVece, Bob Fairfield,
Pam Dunning and Town Manager Arthur Faucher

1. Call to Order

Chairman Blagden called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Approve minutes of October 6, 2009 and October 13, 2009

Bob Fairfield moved to accept the minutes of October 6 as written. Vote 3-0-2 (DiVece and Dunning abstained). **Pam Dunning moved to accept the minutes of October 13 as amended. Vote 3-0-2** (Curtis and Fairfield abstained).

4. Board of Selectmen: Decision on the Powder House Bids

The three following bids were received:

James A. Cromwell	\$14,450
Doug Merrill & Son	4,720
Restoration Resources	10,431

Bob Blagden moved to accept the low bid of \$4,720 from Doug Merrill & Son for reroofing the powderhouse. In response to Katharine Martin-Savage's question, Road Commissioner Greg Griffin outlined the specifications given to the bidders at a mandatory meeting and said bids were made according to the specs. **Vote 4-0-1** (Dunning abstained).

5. Susan Varney: The Assessors' 2009 Municipal Valuation Return

Phil DiVece moved to sign the 2009 Municipal Valuation Return presented by the tax assessing agent. Vote 5-0-0.

Pam Dunning reported that the Wiscasset Finance and Investment Committee had selected six investment firms to interview and she asked if the board wanted to notify Edward Jones (the current investment firm that is not participating in the selection process) to not liquidate any positions but retain the town's current investment holdings. Ed Polewarczyk and Richard Hanson advised against taking this action as it would prevent Edward Jones from trading, if necessary, and dealing with dividends and maturing bonds. Dunning said the full committee did not discuss this recommendation. The chairman asked the town manager to contact Greg Shea, chairman of the committee, and invite him and the committee to the next meeting.

6. Board of Selectmen: Fuel Tank Improvement Bids

Two bids were received as follows:

Simard & Sons, Inc., Lewiston	Labor and materials	\$18,989
Precision Tanks, Inc., Jay	Labor and Materials	13,485

Six bid packages had been sent out and the request for bids was published in the newspaper. Bob Blagden said that the regulations for this type of work precluded any local contractors from

bidding. He added that he expected the work would take about a week and could be done before frost. **Bob Blagden moved to award the job to Precision Tanks, Inc. of Jay for \$13,485. Vote 4-1-0.** Phil DiVece opposed the motion because of the high cost.

7. Adjourn

Bob Blagden moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.