

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 4, 2011

Present: Chair Judy Colby, Bill Curtis, Pam Dunning, Vice Chair David Nichols, Ed Polewarczyk and Town Manager Laurie Smith

1. Call to Order

Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

3. Approval of Treasurer's Warrant: September 27, 2011 and October 4, 2011

Ed Polewarczyk moved to adopt the Treasurer's Warrant of September 27, 2011 as presented. Vote 5-0-0. Pam Dunning moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of October 4, 2011. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Approval of Minutes: September 20, 2011

Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Special Presentations or Awards

A. Ames Supply Business Recognition Award

Laurie Smith read a brief history of Ames Supply charting its growth over the years until the opening of the new store in 2005. Four generations of the family have worked in the store. She said the town values the community support Ames has given over the years. Judy Colby read the Town of Wiscasset Business Recognition Award that said, "To Wayne Averill and the Averill Family in recognition of 40 years of business within the Town of Wiscasset as a valuable member of our community and an important economic contributor to the Town of Wiscasset" and presented it to Mr. Averill.

B. Discussion of Habitat for Humanity future role in the Town of Wiscasset: Steve Hatt and Dave Perron

Steve Hatt spoke of his interest and involvement in Habitat for Humanity and described the evolution of its services from building houses to weatherization and home repairs and the operation of ReStore, which sells donated building materials, appliances, furniture, etc. Dave Perron, Executive Director, spoke of the work Habitat for Humanity does, giving people a hand-up, not a handout. He also said the non-profit agency had been working to procure town-owned property as it had the ability and capability to develop the property and would assume its tax obligations going forward.

6. Appointments

A. Recommendation of Dudley Leavitt, III to the RSU Board

Pam Dunning moved to appoint Dudley Leavitt, III to the RSU Board for a term expiring June, 12, 2012. Vote 5-0-0.

B. Recommendation of Scott James to the Shellfish Committee

Bill Curtis moved to appoint Scott James to the Shellfish Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2012. Pam Dunning recused herself from voting. Vote 4-0-1.

C. Recommendation of Al Cohen to the Ordinance Review Committee

David Nichols moved to appoint Al Cohen to the Ordinance Review Committee for a term expiring June 30, 2012. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment

Bill Barnes asked for a breakdown of expenses for labor and equipment for the airport, landfill, superintendent's office and roadside mowing. Smith will provide an estimate.

Richard Hanson announced the October 20 Taxpayer evening public meeting at 6:30 at the Municipal Building and asked for public participation.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair Report

A. Adopt new General Assistance Maximums from the Department of Health and Human Services

David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen adopt the Maine Municipal Association Model Ordinance General Assistance Appendices (A-C) for the period of October 1, 2011 through October 1, 2012, as attached. Lisa Garman, General Assistance Administrator, explained that the only change made was the increase in the income level necessary to qualify for general assistance. **Vote 5-0-0.**

9. Unfinished Business

A. Discuss Street Light Policy

The board discussed sample street lighting policies and the need for such a policy for Wiscasset. The secretary will research the minutes to determine if a street light policy had ever been created.

B. Federal Street Sidewalks

Four of the selectmen had met on site with the representatives of the Wiscasset Water District trustees, the DOT and the DOT's engineering firm to discuss the problem created when the curbs on Federal Street were set above rather than level with the sidewalks. Sidewalk work was not planned in the contract and lowering the curbs was not financially feasible. As a result of meetings and further discussion, the DOT and WWD agreed to contribute to and pave the sidewalks with asphalt, raising them to the level of the curb, and will split the \$32,000 cost 80/20 with the town. The town's share will be \$6,400 toward the paving of the entire length of the sidewalk. **David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Road Commissioner to pay not to exceed \$6,400 to complete the sidewalk.** The funds will come from the paving budget. **Vote 5-0-0.**

10. New Business

A. Junkyard and automobile graveyard license renewals

David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the renewals of junkyard and automobile graveyard licenses as attached for Blagden's Garage, Jim's Auto Trim, Pro Body Works, Grover Auto & Tire and Norm's Used Cars. Vote 5-0-0.

B. Open Koehling Property Bid - postponed

C. Open Concrete Stair Repair bid

Barry Concrete's bid of \$8,765 was the only bid received. The budgeted amount was \$10,000. **Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Manager to award the Concrete Stair Repair bid to the only bidder (Barry Concrete). Vote 5-0-0.**

D. Assessors' Annual Municipal Valuation Report

Ed Polewarczyk pointed out several errors or omissions in the form. **David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen has reviewed and signed the Municipal Valuation Report as amended and authorizes the Town Manager's staff to proceed with the State of Maine. Vote 5-0-0.**

E. Resolution regarding the Federal Wage Rate Requirement for Federal TIGER-3 grant funds

Ed Polewarczyk said he would not vote in favor of the resolution because it appeared to be inconsistent and incomplete. **Polewarczyk moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the town manager to attest to compliance with the Federal Wage Rate Requirement. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Town Manager's Report

A. Winter Sand Bid: Smith said the winter sand bid was awarded to Harry Crooker, as neither Scott Connor nor Jacobs Excavation was able to fulfill the requirements of the bid.

B. Oil Bid: Smith reported that bids had been sent out to 14 vendors and the town had locked in at \$3.10 for oil and \$3.20 for diesel with Burke Oil.

C. Tidal Power Update: The tidal velocities will be checked north of the Westport Island bridge beginning October 20 and ending in late November. The Town will continue to monitor the program.

D. Mandatory Recycling: Recycling went into effect on Saturday October 1. Smith reported that traffic was light at the Transfer Station that day and that warnings and informational flyers were handed out.

E. General Update

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- The Fire Department will hold an open house on October 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- There will be a tour of LCTV on Friday, October 7, at 10 a.m.
- A public hearing on the warrant articles will be held on Thursday, October 6.
- CMP will hold a demonstration of allowed fireworks under the new legislation on Wednesday, October 5, at 6 p.m. at the MMA convention at the Civic Center in Augusta.
- The DOT reported that the police officers directing traffic on Route 1 during the summer had little impact on the traffic flow.
- Smith explained the method of calculating the RSU and town percentages shown on the tax bill as required by the state. Although the school budget is approximately 50% of the total town budget, it is 70% of the revenue from property taxes. The RSU budget was increased slightly this year.

12. Other Board Business

David Nichols asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the airport for the festivities held on Saturday, October 1.

13. Adjournment

At 8:22 p.m., **Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.**