

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
JULY 23, 2013

Present: Vice Chair Judy Colby, Tim Merry, Chair Ed Polewarczyk, Jeff Slack and Town Manager Laurie Smith

Absent: Pam Dunning

1. Call to Order

Ed Polewarczyk called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrant: July 23, 2013

**Colby moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant July of July 23, 2013. Vote 4-0-0.**

3. Sign Town Meeting Election Warrant to be held September 10, 2013

Ed Polewarczyk said he had met with the Budget Committee and they disagreed with the figure for assessing recommended by the selectmen and there was no discussion of the give-backs. He said it was disappointing that the board's position had not been conveyed to those members who had been absent at the previous meeting and that the majority opposed the 3/12 article. Their decision to walk away from funding articles leaves the board in a tough position inasmuch as taxes and other duties must be dealt with and there will be no one authorized to do those tasks. He asked if the board members wanted to change their vote from 3-2.

Laurie Smith expressed concern about the continuity of service.

Judy Colby was opposed to changing her vote, asking how many times do the selectmen have to go back to the town. She said she understood how detrimental it could be, but said it was the selectmen's duty to get people out to vote. She recommended letters to the editor from the selectmen, each taking a department and discussing pros and cons. She suggested investigating the availability of the county lighted sign to announce absentee ballots were available and reminding people of election day.

Tim Merry said it was unfortunate the give-backs were not discussed as the increase in the assessor's salary was not 17% as it appears. He agreed that the board had to reach out to voters.

**Judy Colby moved to sign the warrant as prepared by the Town Manager. Vote 4-0-0.**

Ed Polewarczyk will share notes he has been making for letters to the editors and will speak to the members of the senior center. Laurie Smith was asked to check on the availability of the 911 lighted sign.

The next meeting will be on July 30 at 6 p.m. with Rynel.

Adjournment

**Tim Merry moved to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0**