

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
NOVEMBER 11, 2013

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

1. Call to order

Chair Ed Polewarczyk called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

3. Discussion of Process for Election of School Committee Members

Town Manager Laurie Smith reported that since the voters had voted to withdraw from RSU 12, the withdrawal process had been completed, the vote had been certified and the next steps had been discussed with the Department of Education, MMA and the RSU attorneys. In order to avoid the 40-day nomination process, she said the Town could declare vacancies in the School Board, declare the vacancies must be filled by election and set a special election date. Smith outlined several scenarios for the schedule beginning with the availability of nomination papers, the deadline for nominations and the election day.

Judy Colby moved in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 2305, the Board of Selectmen declare a vacancy in all five School Committee positions. Vote 5-0-0.

Pam Dunning moved in accordance with Title 30-A, Section 2528 4(E), the Board determine that the vacancies must be filled by election and the Board shall designate a shorter time period for the availability of nomination papers and voting. Vote 5-0-0.

The board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a December or January election day; the earlier date giving those elected more time to deal with the work of gathering information and preparing a budget and the later date affording potential candidates with a longer period of time to consider their candidacy. **Pam Dunning moved to set a special election for January 7, 2014 for the purpose of electing School Committee members and to authorize the warrant for the election. As required by State law, the positions will be staggered three-year terms. One position will expire on June 10, 2014. Two positions will expire on June 9, 2015. Two positions will expire on June 14, 2016. Vote 3-2-0.** In response to Todd Souza's question, the chairman said that RSU budget information is available on the RSU website.

4. Adjournment

At 6 p.m., **Pam Dunning moved to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.**