

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 2, 2018

Present: Kim Andersson, Bob Blagden, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr. and Town Manager Marian Anderson

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of September 21 and 28, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of September 25 and October 2, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Judy Colby moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee appointments

- a. Brad Sevaldson, Ordinance Review Committee
- b. Shaye Paradis, Budget Committee (re-appointment)
- c. Danielle Clement, Cooper-DePerri Scholarship Committee

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the appointments as presented. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearings

a. Special Amusement Permit – Vanessa and Richard Jordan, Wiscasset Speedway, LLC: **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to go into a public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** There were no comments or questions. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to exit the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Bob Blagden moved to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Vanessa and Richard Jordan, Wiscasset Speedway, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Richard Forrest of the Waterfront Committee reported that the sloop Providence had arrived the previous week and is docked at the Recreational Pier, leaving space for five additional boats to dock at the pier. The work has started, and plans are to cover the boat and step the masts in November. Work is expected to be complete in April or possibly later.

Bill Maloney spoke on the difficulties the town and boards experience without a town planner, and the need for a broader tax base. He said a commercial development specialist could assume the duties of a planner and an economic development director, seeking new development. A CDS would be a one-stop procedure for new businesses and homeowners to discuss the town and procedures. He said the position should pay for itself.

Pam Logan asked for a schedule of street leaf cleaning. Road Commissioner Doug Fowler informed her that the town does not pick up residential leaves.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Historic Preservation Commission – mailing request: Commission member Leslie Roberts spoke on the efforts to reach the public such as a redesigned web page, check list and revamped Certificate of Appropriateness documents, and before and after photos. The commission would like to send to households in the historic district a postcard with a map of the district and a reminder where information can be found. She said it would cost \$200 to print and mail the cards, and she asked if the \$200 could be taken from the funds approved for secretarial help which the commission had requested. She said the board is not using the money for secretarial help, as the commission is using notes taken by members. Roberts was advised to ask for money in the next budget cycle for additional expenses. However, after discussion, **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to authorize the commission to use up to \$200 for mailing. Vote 5-0-0.**

9. Unfinished Business

a. Tobacco Free Public Areas Ordinance: Then Director of Parks and Recreation Todd Souza had requested an ordinance limiting smoking near the rec center and schools, and the Ordinance Review Committee was directed by the Select Board to develop an ordinance. The scope of the ordinance was later changed to cover all town properties. Board members questioned the enforceability of the ordinance, the properties covered, and the advisability of having an ordinance. The matter was postponed to a date to be determined.

b. Comprehensive Plan Update: Marian Anderson said members of the previous Comprehensive Plan Committee had been contacted to determine interest in serving again with some success. She is still looking for volunteers.

c. Public Hearing October 16 for Special Referendum on November 6: *“Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Wiscasset Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department and utilize Central Lincoln County Ambulance Service?”*: Representatives from the EMS department and from CLC will be present and a video or power point presentation will be given. The board will view the presentation before the public hearing.

10. New Business

a. License Application- Kelly Lester, Victor Churchill dba Marketplace Cave: **Bob Blagden moved to approve the Business License Application for Kelly Lester and Victor Churchill dba Marketplace Café. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Easement Monitoring Report-Maine Heritage Trust: A report was submitted for information only.

c. Midcoast Humane rate increase: Notification of a rate increase was received from the former Lincoln County Animal Shelter.

11. Town Manager's Report

Marian Anderson said that legislative changes had been made in the foreclosure process which will not have a huge impact on Wiscasset, but the board should be aware of the change.

The selectmen will be meeting with the Budget Committee on October 10.

A representative from CMP will be at the next meeting to discuss the corridor project.

Anderson complimented Doug Fowler and the Public Works crew on the work done on the meeting room floor. She explained the work being done on resurfacing the parking lot and that a sidewalk will be installed from the parking lot to a new sidewalk on Route 1 and to the monument. She said the present partial driveway is a hazard leading to nowhere. The driveway to Route 1 was removed when the MDOT installed traffic signals at the corner of Routes 1 and 27, leaving only a stub. Anderson said this plan had previously been presented to the Board as part of the MDOT program. Some Board members objected to the elimination of the partial driveway to be replaced with grass, saying it would be difficult to reach the monument, particularly for those with walking difficulties or wheelchairs. Doug Fowler said he thought the driveway as it is was a hazard and a decision to make a change in the scheduled work would have to be made soon as work was to begin that week. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved that the driveway to the war memorial be restored to its original state. Vote 3-2-0** (Andersson and Colby opposed).

Kim Anderson said for the record that it is inappropriate for the board to second guess the department heads and committee chairs who have spent time and effort into researching, discussing and planning. Ben Rines, Jr., disagreed, saying he did not sit there to be a rubberstamp and repeated his argument for leaving the driveway as it was.

Reminded that voting on the above item was not on the agenda, **Ben Rines, Jr. moved to suspend the rules to vote on something not on the agenda. Vote 3-2-0** (Andersson and Colby opposed).

12. Other Board Business

Steve Christianson asked about the status of the sunken boat in the harbor. Anderson asked the Chief of Police to check on the court schedule for the Marine Patrol vs. the owner of the boat.

At 7:10 p.m. Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, §841(2) MRSA, to consider a request for abatement of taxes for reasons of poverty. Vote 5-0-0. At 7:35 Judy Colby moved to come out of executive session. Vote 5-0-0. Judy Colby moved to grant the poverty exemption. Vote 5-0-0.

13. Adjournment

Judy Colby moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.