

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
APRIL 2, 2019

Preliminary Minutes

Present: Kim Andersson (arrived during the meeting), Bob Blagden, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice-chair Ben Rines, Jr., and Interim Town Manager John O'Connell

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

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved that when we adjourn, we do so in memory and honor of Roy Farmer. Vote 4-0-0.** He listed the many offices that Farmer had held.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Payroll Warrants – not available

b. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of March 26 and April 2, 2019. Vote 4-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019. Vote 4-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to appoint Terry Heller to the Appearance of the Town Committee and Stephen Wallace to the Planning Board. Vote 4-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

a. Liquor License for Kelley Coady, Light House Lobster Shack, Inc. DBA Wiscasset Diner, 762 Bath Road. **Ben Rines, Jr. moved to go into the public hearing. Vote 4-0-0.** The owner confirmed that this was the same business, not a new business. Ben Rines suggested that approval of the Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer be added to the liquor license application. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to come out of the public hearing. Vote 4-0-1 (Andersson abstained).** **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the Liquor License Application for Kelley Coady, Light House Lobster Shack, Inc., DBA Wiscasset Diner, located at 762 Bath Road. Vote 4-0-1 (Andersson abstained).**

b. Liquor License for Edward D. Colburn, EDCRS, LLC, DBA Water Street Kitchen and Bar located at 15 Water Street. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to go into the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** Ben Rines, Jr., repeated his request for approval by the Police Department and Code Enforcement Officer. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to come out of public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the Liquor License**

**Application for Edward D. Colburn, EDCRS, LLC, DBA Water Street Kitchen and Bar located at 15 Water Street. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Esther Danielson, appearing on behalf of the board of Wiscasset Art Gallery thanked the board for the use of the old Academy building for the past five years for \$1 per year. She said the board had painted and taken care of the building. She listed the upcoming programs: Wiscasset schools show, Member Show, Abstract works, Photo Show and ending with the Fiber Art Show in October.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair:

a. Waterfront Committee-Request to revise mooring applications to require proof of insurance: It was unclear what the towing endorsement covered in the insurance coverage requirement. **Judy Colby moved to table until the board knows what the mooring application is asking for. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Town Treasurer Vernice Boyce

- Workers' Compensation Audit - \$10,156 Refund
- MMA Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance Report: as of December, there was \$16,829.29 in the bank for unemployment benefits.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Town Clock Maintenance Agreement: O'Connell will be meeting with Jason Putnam and Mr. Calhoun, Manager of the building, on site on Thursday at 10 a.m. Putnam has referred to the board Evan Emmott who can make replacement windows for the Town clock tower. **Bob Blagden moved to approve the \$950 annual maintenance agreement. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. CMP New England Connect Energy Corridor – update: O'Connell said the matter of the NECEC could best be handled in Augusta, and as far as the town is concerned its approval is moot. John Carroll has offered to meet with the board or other groups. Ben Rines said he hoped the board would go on record as opposing the corridor and that it was important for municipalities to speak up. Asked whether the board would like to meet with Mr. Carroll in the future, the consensus of the board was to leave it alone.

10. New Business

a. Business License Approval – Betsy Kyle, DBA White Pine Home: The store will sell antique and vintage furniture and accessories. **Judy Colby moved to approve the Business License for Betsy Kyle, DBA White Pine Home. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Request of First Congregational Church and St. Philip's Church to use Town Pier for Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday April 21: **Bob Blagden moved to approve the request by the First Congregational Church for use of the Town Pier for Easter Sunrise Service. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Request of First Congregational Church for use of Town Common for Annual Summerfest Event, Saturday, July 27: **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the request by the First Congregational Church for use of the Town Common for the Annual Summerfest on July 27 and to close off the road between the Court House and the church on Saturday July 27, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Municipal Quit Claim Deeds

- Carroll Jones, Map R03, Lot 054-003-001
- Sam Patterson, Map R07, Lot 039-019
- Gilbert H. Rines, Map R05, Lot 051-A2
- Scott Connors, Map R01, Lot 035-C02
- Joseph Wade, Map R05 -058-E "ON"

**Kim Andersson moved to grant the quit claim deeds for Carroll Jones, Sam Patterson, Gilbert H. Rines, Scott Connors and Joseph Wade. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Town Manager's Report

a. MDOT Proposed Summer Work Schedule: The schedule of work beginning March 31 through October 11, 2019 was given to the board. A more detailed schedule is available at the Town Office. In response to a question, Kim Dolce said the paving of the parking lot will take place later, Main Street will be done first. The work schedule will be sent out to the list of those receiving the minutes.

b. Certificate of Appropriateness Abutters Notices – Projects at Ancient Cemetery and 15 Water Street: A notice of a public hearing on April 4, 2019 at 5 p.m. has been received from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the Ancient Cemetery on Federal Street. Ted Snowden and John O'Connell will attend the meeting. In response to Bob Blagden's question, O'Connell said he understood the request was to replace the wood fence with acrylic.

c. Distinguished Professional of the Year Award-Lisa Thompson, Parks & Recreation Director: O'Connell congratulated Thompson on the award.

d. Update Budget Schedule: The Board will meet on the budget at 6 p.m. on April 3 and the Board will sign the budget on April 9 following the Budget Committee meeting on April 8. Judy Colby said the board cannot discuss capital expenditures until the reserve is determined. Vernice Boyce said there is \$157,000 in reserve which could be used to reduce taxes if approved by the voters. That amount plus \$100,000 or \$150,000 from reserve would still leave money for paving – if the voters approve.

e. Cindy Collamore in recognition of Earth Day provided flyers to the board regarding the First Annual Wiscasset Roadside Pickup Trash Day from 8 a.m. to noon on April 27. O'Connell will be meeting with Collamore on Thursday at 3 p.m.

13. Other Board Business

O'Connell asked the board to consider No. 13. b – Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property first, as the attorney was present. **Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C).** Ben Rines, Jr. seconded the motion but objected to discussing eminent domain in private. Colby said there was no eminent domain; there had been an agreement made with easements attached, and this would be an update on the agreement. O'Connell said the other party has not signed the agreement and with new information and unexpected changes, the board should not discuss it in public without the other party present. Colby advised going into executive session to see what the attorney has to say, and that no decision would be made. **Vote 4-1-0 (Rines opposed).**

a. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter: **At 7:37 Kathy Martin-Savage moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A). Vote 5-0-0.** The board exited executive session at 7:39. There was a consensus that the Interim Town Manager's hours be increased to 35 hours per week.

c. Executive Session to consider a Poverty Abatement Application: At 7:48 **Judy Coby moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded 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.** The board exited executive session at 8:05 p.m. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved, Ben Rines seconded, to grant the poverty abatement. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 14. Adjournment

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**