

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
JULY 9, 2019

Present: Kim Andersson, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., and Jeff Slack and Town Manager John O'Connell

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 June 21 and 28 and July 5, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.**

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of June 27 and July 2 and 9, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019. Vote 3-0-2 (Ben Rines, Jr., and Kim Andersson abstained).**

4. Special Presentations or Awards

a. Wiscasset Appreciation Day Proclamation – City of Alexandria, Virginia: Judy Colby read the proclamation expressing the appreciation of Alexandria, Virginia for Wiscasset's hospitality and assistance in the restoration of the Providence and declaring June 19, 2019 as "Wiscasset Appreciation Day."

5. Committee Appointments

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the appointments of Debra Pooler to the Ordinance Review Committee and Stephanie Davis to the Budget Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

6. Public Hearing

a. Liquor License: Louis Ryland, DBA Seabasket, LLC: **Ben Rines, Jr, moved to open the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** There was no discussion. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to close the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the liquor license for Louis Ryland, DBA Seabasket, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Historic Preservation Commission, Susan Blagden, Chair: Blagden requested funds for postage to send postcards to property owners in the Historic District. The cards will include a map of the historic district and information on the Historic Preservation Commission, the National Register, what can be done in the district and a referral to the town website. She estimated 380 to 400 cards would be sent out with a maximum cost of \$200. As an alternative, she said that funds could be raised as they were for the Installation of the Hesper fund. She also asked for funds for a secretary for the commission. **Jeff Slack moved that if Susan Blagden cannot raise the funds from donations, the selectmen would fund the mailing from contingency funds.** Blagden was advised to submit a budget to the selectmen for the next budget year. **Vote 4-1-0** (Andersson opposed).

b. Ordinance Review Committee, Karl Olson, Chair: In a memo to the selectmen, Olson had requested permission from the selectmen to work on several items: parking in the Village Waterfront and Village I zones; changes to the Subdivision and Site Plan Ordinances, and bringing the Shoreland ordinance into compliance with the state model. Judy Colby recommended not addressing the downtown parking issue until the DOT project is finished. Kim Andersson said she opposed the ORC restricting parking without understanding the issues, research and a cost/benefit analysis. Judy Colby asked that Karl Olson be invited to a select board meeting to discuss the issues.

#### 9. Unfinished Business

a. Revision to mooring applications: The Wiscasset Waterfront Committee had recommended a change to all Mooring Applications and asked for approval from the board. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to revise the Mooring Application to require proof of insurance on each vessel and to include a towing/salvage endorsement. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Ransom Qualified Environment Professional Contract: John O'Connell asked permission to sign the contract on behalf of the town. The Board had previously selected this firm for the Brownfields Cleanup Program. **Judy Colby moved to authorize Town Manager John O'Connell to sign the contract. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 10. New Business

a. Sewer Abatement-WM 681 Bath Road LLC: The application for abatement was made within 30 days of the date of the bill and included copies of bills from May 2018 and May 2019 for comparison. The water use increase was due to a broken pipe. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to grant the abatement. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Alna Transfer Station Contract: Doug Baston, Alna Selectman, asked that the board evaluate a better way to assess Alna for its use of the transfer station than is in the current contract. He said Alna would sign a one-year contract with Wiscasset, would like to discuss with O'Connell evaluating a better way to assess Alna to make it fairer and would like to include Westport Island in the discussions. **Judy Colby moved to ask Alna to sign a one-year contract and within the next year to meet with Westport and Alna to come up with a formula that is good for everyone. Vote 5-0-0.** Transfer Station Manager Ron Lear will be included in the discussions.

c. New Business License

- Dollar General: **Judy Colby moved to approve the business license for Dollar General. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Grant Offer/Agreement for Avigation Easement Acquisition: **Ben Rines, Jr. moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Grant Offer/Agreement for Airport Improvement Project No. 3-23-009-2019 (Avigation Easement Acquisition). Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Bid Openings

- Pump Station Wetwell and Receiving Station Removal of Solids: The following bid was received:  
Ted Berry, Livermore, Maine \$3,850  
**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to award the contract to Ted Berry. Vote 5-0-0**
- Wastewater Maintenance Garage Roof Replacement (opened July 2, 2019). The following bids were received:  
P and P Roofing, Gardiner Maine \$4,000  
Maine Highlands Contracting, Etna, Maine \$9,972  
William Construction, Waterville, Maine \$3,900  
Maine Energy Pros, Waterville, Maine \$5,900

Transfer Station Manager Richard Gaeth recommended the contract be awarded to the low bidder as he had researched its safety program and type of shingles to be used. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to award the contract for Wastewater Maintenance Garage Roof Replacement to William Construction of Waterville, Maine for \$3,900 with the added comments that the shingles will be replaced with a better quality with no increase in price and they are using appropriate safety measures. Vote 5-0-0.**

- Cemetery Mower Bids: The following bids were received  
Chad Little EXMARK 708CC 42" \$ 5499.00  
708CC 54" 5,999.00  
483CC 48" 6,399.00  
523CC 52" 6,799.00  
  
Brunswick Home X2 Kawasaki 48" 7,329.98  
X1 Kawasaki 52" 7,505.46  
  
Waterman Farm Cub Cadet 48" 5,479.00  
Cub Cadet 54" 5,719.00

**Judy Colby moved to authorize the Town Manager, the Public Works Director and the Parks and Recreation Director to review the bids and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. Residuals Management Service Agreement Extension: The current contract expires on November 9, 2019, and the service is offering a three-year extension upon negotiation of a new agreement with

language addressing odor and other operational constraints necessary to continue servicing Wiscasset. O'Connell and Richard Gaeth will meet to discuss the offer.

g. Quit Claim Deed

- Mark A. Ezzell, Map R05, Lot 058-E: **Judy Colby moved to grant the quit claim deed. Vote 5-0-0.**

h. Bills of Sale for payment of taxes

- Brandon Shea (Building location on Map R05, Lot 047-A01)
- Katie and Richard Rackliff (Mobile home located on Flood Avenue)
- Joshua Waite (Mobile home located on Flood Avenue)

**Jeff Slack moved to approve the bills of sale for Brandon Shea (Building location on Map R05, Lot 047-A01), Katie and Richard Rackliff (mobile home on Flood Avenue) and Joshua Waite (mobile home on Flood Avenue). Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Town Manager's Report

a. Maine Art Gallery-Site Visit Request: O'Connell had visited the former Wiscasset Academy building and noted it needs painting and repair. The current lease for \$1 per year to the Maine Art Gallery expires in August. O'Connell said he hasn't seen money in the budget for the Art Gallery. Susan Blagden said the building was a great asset and the new board has made a difference in the use of the building with new exhibits which have attracted many people to town. The selectmen have been invited to visit the building and will meet with the director on July 23 at 5:30 before the selectmen's meeting. Maryellen Barnes said the State has grant money possibly for roof repair. Judy Flanagan said she would like to see alumni of the former school raise funds for the building.

b. Certified Tax Collector Certification- Molly Bonang: O'Connell congratulated Molly Bonang on her certification.

c. Wiscasset Community Center holiday closures: O'Connell said there has been pressure on Parks and Recreation to address budgetary concerns and, in reviewing options, the decision was made to close on holidays, as does the rest of the town. A comprehensive report from the Parks and Recreation Director will be made in August. The director reported that summer camp registrations were lower than last year, the fitness program is doing well and that the membership rates were increased as of July 1 with increases in the following two years planned.

d. Stranded Act-Legislation: The board passed a resolution last year supporting the Stranded Act legislation which has now been sponsored by Senator Susan Collins; Senator King has also signed on as an original co-sponsor of the bill which will help communities with the cost of storing the spent nuclear fuel. Ben Rines, Jr., asked that Senators Collins and King be thanked for their work.

12. Other Board Business

Kathy Martin-Savage thanked Kim Andersson for her work on the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. She also thanked the Police Chief, Town Manager and Public Works Director for following up on a resident's request to close Lee Street to traffic during the parade.

Ben Rines, Jr., asked that the Selectmen's guidelines be put on the next agenda.

Kim Andersson announced that a meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Committee would be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10 at the Wiscasset Middle High School library and invited anyone interested to attend.

**Judy Colby moved to appoint Jeff Slack to the Finance Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**