

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 15, 2019

Present: Kim Andersson, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., 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

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of October 4, 2019 and October 11, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of October 8 and 15, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019. Vote 5-0-0

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments - none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment

Lucia Droby displayed a tapestry made of fabric, yarn, ribbon, and buttons during the 2019 season Art Walks by more than 100 participants from many states and several foreign countries. It will be on display at the Recreation Center, the First Congregational Church, the Wiscasset Library and the town office.

Richard Litz spoke on the educational opportunities and exhibits provided by the Maine Art Gallery, established in 1954 and staffed by volunteers who, he said, take stewardship seriously. He listed the cost of repairs and insurance that the volunteers had paid for and he urged the Select Board to extend the lease for five years.

Susan Blagden thanked the members of the Wiscasset Ambulance Service (Tristan, Kyle and Erin) for their speed and efficiency in transporting her recently to Midcoast Hospital.

Jorge Pena, a member of the Maine Art Gallery said 75 signatures had been collected in support of the Maine Art Gallery. He said the gallery exhibits high quality art and provides instruction. The gallery has

had 1,000 visitors, volunteers have donated 800 hours and the gallery has been supported by local merchants.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Historic Preservation Commission-Susan Blagden, Chairman: Blagden asked the board to look over the draft amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and contact her with any questions or suggestions. The draft will be reviewed with the Ordinance Review Committee on October 28. She thanked Judy Flanagan and Peter Wells who had attended the October 3rd meeting for their helpful comments.

b. Department Head Monthly Reports: Ben Rines expressed support for the Maine Art Gallery lease which will be on the next agenda.

c. Town Clerk Linda Perry-Registrar's hours – **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to change the required hours of operation before Election Day for the registrar to be consistent with the normal hours of operation and not require the additional hours of 5 to 9 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

a. Christmas Tree Lighting: The Appearance of the Town Committee recommended that all lighting be "warm" white LED mini lights, lighted 36" wreaths (2) with red bows lashed together on each side of street lamps, garlands on Main Street bollard chains, and lighted branches on new lilac trees on the commons. Monique McRae asked that lighting be extended to the pier.

b. Daffodil Planting Request: Terry Heller said in honor of the 100th anniversary of the women's right to vote, the Garden Club, Appearance of the Town Committee and Friends of Wiscasset Village will be planting 1000 daffodil bulbs on November 5th and asked the board to authorize the Town Manager to supervise the planting. Planting will be coordinated with Ted Snowden, Public Works Director.

c. Halloween Street Closure: Police Chief Hesseltine said a section of Federal Street will be closed on Halloween for Nightmare on Federal Street.

d. CMP Pole Permit: **Kim Andersson moved to approve the CMP Pole Permit for Old Sheepscot Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Monthly Financials

- Department monthly expense report: 25% of the year has passed and expenses are in line.
- H.M.Payson State of Account

f. Bid Review – Fire Department Flooring: The following three bids were received:

H.T. Winters Flooring: \$6,193.42

Mike's Flooring: \$7,340.50

C&S Flooring Inc.: \$13,209.00

John O'Connell said after consulting with Peter Rines and John Merry, the H. T. Winters Flooring bid was recommended. The board discussed the policy requiring sealed bids to be opened at board meetings and asked why the policy had not been followed. O'Connell said that because of time constraints, the bids had been opened before the meeting in order to review the bids and make a recommendation. Judy Colby said the board should follow the policy or get rid of the policy. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to award the bid to H. T. Winters Flooring for \$6,193,42. Vote 5-0-0.**

g. Pier Policy Review: The policy was revised in February 2018. O'Connell said the policy should be reviewed as well as the structural survey which had revealed rotten planks and the need for other repairs. He said the repairs will be a multi-year project. Kim Andersson asked that rates not be increased after the bills are sent out. It will be necessary to determine if the structures will have to be removed in order to complete repairs. The board will meet at the site with the Waterfront Committee on Monday, October 21, at 4 p.m. Dick Forrest said Steve Durrell of Prock Marine had indicated that a structural integrity inspection will not require the buildings to be removed. Kim Dolce suggested that lessees be notified in November if they will not be welcome the following year.

h. CMP Street Light Proposal: John O'Connell presented CMP's proposal for conversion to CMP LED fixtures which would be leased from CMP with no installation costs. The current annual costs for street lighting is \$43,645.64; proposed cost of CMP-leased street lighting would be \$30,471.88. The proposal will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Pam Logan asked if the streetlight on High Street could be changed to a warm light; O'Connell will check.

i. New Business License-Sandra Miller, DBA Nonny's Nook, LLC.: **Jeff Slack moved to approve the Business License for Sandra Miller, DBA Nonny's Nook, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Town Manager's Report

a. Request for Qualification – Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering: Six proposals have been received.

b. Cenergy Update: A preliminary proposal for solar panels at the airport will be made to the Planning Board, permits are being obtained. There will be two 5-megawatt installations

c. Staffing Update-Parks & Recreation Director, Wastewater Treatment Supervisor: The positions have been advertised. Duane Goud has been appointed interim manager of Parks and Recreation until a suitable candidate is found. Rick Gaeth, who is retiring in January, will assist in interviewing candidates until the position is filled. Two applications have been received.

d. Ash Pond Cleanup- Public Meeting: Ransom Consulting advises that a meeting will be held in November or December.

e. FAA Airport inspection - October 17, 2019

f. Pier Structural Study

g. Pending Committee Appointments: Colleen Gilliam, Cooper-DiPerri Scholarship Committee; Betsy Kyle, Appearance of the Town Committee; and Peter Gagnon, Historic Preservation Commission. Interviews will be scheduled.

h. O'Connell has received an inquiry from a solar company interested in a possible site at the old dump. He suggested that an inventory of suitable sites be made.

i. Boothbay is planning a war memorial and has asked for information from Wiscasset's war memorial committee.

12. Other Board Business

a. Assessors' Business

- Abatements-Bryon M. Haley (Map R01, Lot 29A) for \$147.26; Maine Heritage Village (Personal Property), \$31.84; and Dennis Raleigh (Personal Property) for \$23.88. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the abatements for Bryon M. Haley (Map R01, Lot 29A) for \$147.26; Maine Heritage Village (Personal Property), \$31.84; and Dennis Raleigh (Personal Property) for \$23.88. Vote 5-0-0.**
- Supplemental-Ryan S. Chadwick (Map R02, Lot 57) for \$895.50. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the Supplemental for Ryan S. Chadwick (Map R02, Lot 57) for \$895.50. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.