

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
AUGUST 17, 2021

Preliminary Minutes

Present: Kim Andersson, Pam Dunning, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Pam Dunning moved to approve the payroll warrants of August 6 and 17, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.

b. Pam Dunning moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of August 10 and August 17, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kim Andersson moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021, with corrections. Vote 4-0-1 (Dunning abstained).

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee appointments

a. Budget Committee: Kim Andersson moved to appoint Judith Colby and Steve Wallace to the Budget Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

b. School Study Committee Applications: Pam Dunning moved to appoint Sharon Jacques as the parent member and Patricia Cloutier, representing the Chamber of Commerce, to the School Study Committee. Vote 5-0-0. The four applicants for the three at-large seats will be interviewed by the chair, the Town Manager and the School Study Committee liaison. Sarah Whitfield moved to appoint Kim Anderson as liaison to the school ad hoc committee. Vote 5-0-0. Three additional applications had been received from out-of-town residents and were not eligible for committee membership.

6. Public Hearing

a. Remote Meeting Policy: Pam Dunning moved to enter the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. There was no discussion. Pam Dunning moved to exit the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Pam Dunning moved to approve the Remote Meeting Policy. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk questioned whether public notice had been given on the public hearing and was assured that the proper notice had been given.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department Head Monthly Reports: Kim Andersson welcomed the report from the Airport Committee Chair. Ed Polewarczyk noted the significant number of calls reported by the Police Chief and the 100% increase in arrests.

9. Unfinished Business – none

10. New Business

a. Placement of lights on CMP's transmission structures, Deborah Turcott, CMP: Deborah Turcott, Outreach Specialist, and Erica Brilliant, CMP Project Manager, explained the replacement of lights on Birch Point Road with LED lights which are necessary for safety reasons for the airport. Brilliant said there will not be a significant change from the current lighting.

b. Approval of Central Maine Power Pole Permits

- Bradford Road & Lowelltown Road (Work order (Work order #801000395776)
- Lowelltown Road (Work order #801000395812)

Pam Dunning moved to approve the Central Maine Power Pole Permit applications for Bradford Road & Lowelltown Road (Work order #801000395776) and Lowelltown Road (work order order #801000395812). Vote 5-0-0.

c. New Business License

- Alexander Shaw and Erika Caron, DBA C&S Trucking, LLC, located at 41 Shady Lane
- Tristan Koehling, DBA Route 1 Diner, located at 762 Bath Road

Pam Dunning moved to approve the business license applications for Alexander Shaw and Erika Caron, DBA C&S Trucking, LLC, located at 41 Shady Lane and Tristan Koehling, DBA Route 1 Diner, located at 762 Bath Road. Vote 5-0-0.

d. Municipal Quit Claim Deeds

- Hunt Company, 519 Gardiner Road
- Mark A. Holmes, 519A Gardiner Road

Pam Dunning moved to approve the Quitclaim Deeds for Hunt Company located at 519 Gardiner Road and for Mark Holmes located at 519A Gardiner Road. Vote 5-0-0.

e. Resignation

- Raymond Soule, Harbormaster

Pam Dunning moved to accept the resignation of Raymond Soule with regret and thanks for his service. Vote 5-0-0. Dennis Simmons said Chief Hesseltine, a past Vinalhaven harbormaster, will take over the duties for the remainder of the season.

f. Board recommendations on Special Town Meeting Warrant: **Pam Dunning moved to postpone the special town meeting to November.** Dennis Simmons said he had received angry calls about special interest town meetings where voting again on failed articles would take place. Chief Hesseltine said he would hate to see the School Resource Officer funding, which was proposed for a vote at the special town meeting, go away, but he would be able to put an officer in that position at least part time and would hope for support for the position next year. Other items on the proposed special town meeting can be voted on in November and any misinformation can be corrected.

Pam Dunning moved to excuse Terry Heller from the meeting. Vote 4-0-1 (Heller abstained). Heller, speaking from the podium, questioned whether enough information on the ballot items had gotten to the public. She said it was important for the public to understand the issues and become involved, not give up because special interests are involved. She spoke about Schoonerfest the following week and suggested that townspeople consider donating to it through the website. **Pam Dunning moved to accept Terry Heller into the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.**

Discussion on the question continued with Pam Dunning reminding the board that the town had voted to move away from the open town meeting and that special town meetings would be held only for crucial matters. **Vote on the postponement to November: 5-0-0.**

g. Approve Town Meeting Warrant – omitted

h. Acceptance of FAA Runway Reconstruction Grant: **Pam Dunning moved to rescind the vote taken at the previous meeting to instruct, delegate, and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a grant agreement for the Wiscasset Municipal Airport with the Federal aviation Administration identified as 3-23-0049-026-2021 with a Federal Award date of July 23, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.** Pam Dunning moved to instruct, delegate, and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a grant agreement for the Wiscasset Municipal Airport with the Federal Aviation Administration identified as 3-23-0049-027-2021 with a Federal Award date of July 23, 2021. **Vote 5-0-0.**

i. Acceptance of the FAA Obstruction Removal Grant: **Pam Dunning moved to instruct, delegate, and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a grant agreement for the Wiscasset Municipal Airport with the Federal Aviation Administration identified as No. 3-23-0049-026-2021 with a Federal Award Date of July 23, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

j. Monthly Financials

- Year to date expense summary
- H.M. Payson Statement of Accounts

k. Brownfields Cleanup Bid: Dennis Simmons reported he had received a letter from Ransom who had reviewed the bid from EnviroVantage and recommended that the Town of Wiscasset award the cleanup and decommissioning of the former Mason Station ash ponds project to EnviroVantage at a contract price of \$358,712.50 (revised bid amount). Simmons recommended approval. **Kim Andersson moved to approve Ransom's recommendation that EnviroVantage be awarded the Cleanup and Decommissioning of the former Mason Station Ash Ponds contract in the amount of \$358,712.50. Vote 5-0-0.**

l. MMA Training feedback/report, Selectman Dusty Jones: Jones reported on the MMA workshop training on conflict of interest including information on the state statutes and court cases. He recommended having a speaker address the board.

11. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons, in addition to items already discussed during the meeting, reported that he had met with Superintendent Wood about using the school facilities for future meetings, and she will check with the facilities manager before giving authorization.

12. Other Board Business

Sarah Whitfield said Healthy Kids had thanked the town for its donation of \$1500.

**Pam Dunning moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F). Vote 5-0-0.
Pan Dunning moved to come out of Executive Session. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.