

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
APRIL 19, 2022
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

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

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Pam Dunning moved to approve the payroll warrants of April 8 and April 15, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.

b. Pam Dunning moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of April 12 and April 29, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Pam Dunning moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.

b. Pam Dunning moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2022. Vote 4-0-1 (Andersson abstained)

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

a. Cemetery Committee: Pam Dunning moved to appoint Mark Light, Steve Christiansen, and Becky Applin to the Cemetery Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

b. Broadband Committee: Pam Dunning moved to appoint Richard Litz to the Broadband Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearings

a. Liquor License – Farmers' Market Authorization: Pam Dunning moved to open the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Dan Sortwell, Treasurer of the Farmers' Market, spoke in favor of the liquor license for the sale of hard cider at the Farmers' Market. Pam Dunning moved to close the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Pam Dunning moved to approve

the Farmers' Market Liquor Authorization for the Wiscasset Farmers' Market located at 51 Bath Road. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department head or committee chair

a. Department Head monthly reports: no comments

9. Unfinished Business

a. Maine Art Gallery Lease: Kerry Hadley, Maine Art Gallery consultant, urged board members to vote on the proposed lease which was approved by the voters the previous November. Richard Riese, speaking for the Art Gallery, explained the suggested changes to the lease which the board had received that afternoon. Pam Dunning recommended sending the lease back to the board for further consideration before making a decision. James Cochan made a number of suggestions for amending the lease; Wendy Ross, David Pope and others spoke in favor of the lease.

10. New Business

a. Suggested revisions to Article IV Ports and Harbor ordinance: The revisions include sections on unpaid permit fees, inspection of moorings, and removal of mooring. **Pam Dunning moved to refer the revisions to the Ordinance Review Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Pier Vendor Applications approved by the Waterfront Committee: Several applications were not completely filled out. Kim Dolce asked that the applications not be approved until the board has a chance to review the rents and question why there is such a disparity in the fees. **Kim Andersson moved to approve the pier vendor applications for Sprague's Lobster, Industrial ME, LLC, Wiscasset Area Chamber of Commerce, The Potter's Shed, Wiscasset Railway Museum, and the River Shack as recommended by the Waterfront Committee. Vote 5-0-0.** Discussion on fees was referred to the Waterfront Committee.

c. State of Maine Bureau of Highway-2022 Maine eCitation Printer Equipment Grant: **Pam Dunning moved to authorize Police Chief Lawrence Hesseltine to execute the Subgrant Contract for the 2022 Maine eCitation Printer Equipment Grant. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Farmers' Market proposed new location. A sketch of the site showing a change in the parking area was provided to the board.

e. Pier Policy Revisions: Susan Robson said changes included policy for both piers and for day events, recurring events, updated electrical billing, and process for new vendors. She said the committee did not review the fees but will do so if requested. The board asked that the fees be

reviewed. **Pam Dunning moved to send the policy back to the Waterfront Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. Monthly Financials

- H.M. Payson Statement of Account
- Year to date expense/revenue reports (through March)

11. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons thanked the Budget Committee and Selectboard for the extra time and effort spent in finalizing the budget for Town Meeting.

Simmons explained the grant which will pay for installing printers in each cruiser to allow officers to join the Maine electronic citation system. The system replaces hand-written citations, increasing efficiency and cutting down on the time needed to process a citation on the side of the road.

Work has again started on the ash ponds. Rob Lalli and Simmons have met several times with Envirovantage and Ransom and are close to an agreement.

12. Assessor's Business

a. Supplemental: John Libby, R03 Lot 29, \$15,634.16. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the Supplemental for John Libby, Map R03, Lot 29 in the amount of \$15,634.16, as recommended by the Assessor's Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Other Business

a. Executive Session for the purpose of discussion about economic development. At 7:12 p.m., **Pam Dunning moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C). Vote 5-0-0.** At 7:42 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to exit Executive Session. Vote 5-0-0.**

14. Adjournment

Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.