

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
JULY 10, 2018

Present: Kim Andersson, Bob Blagden, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., and Town Manager Marian Anderson

Absent: Chair Judy Colby

Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Bob Blagden moved to approve the payroll warrants of June 22, June 29 and July 6, 2018. Vote 4-0-0.

b. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of June 26, July 3 and July 10, 2018. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Kim Anderson moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2018. Vote 3-0-1 (Martin-Savage abstained)

b. Bob Blagden moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2018. Vote 4-0-0

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

a. Bob Blagden moved to appoint William Maloney to the Budget Committee. Vote 4-0-0.

6. Public Hearings

a. Commercial Waste Hauler Permit – Riverside Disposal: Kim Andersson moved to open the public hearing. Vote 4-0-0. There was no discussion. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to come out of the public hearing. Vote 4-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr., moved to grant the permit to Riverside Disposal. Vote 4-0-0.

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items

Richard Forrest, Waterfront Committee, advised the board that he had been contacted by the owner of a replica of the sloop Providence, John Paul Jones' first command, who would like to bring the Providence to Wiscasset for repairs. He said the Waterfront Committee, harbormaster, road commissioner and fishermen were in favor of the request. Robert Stearns and Leon Poindexter (Tall Ship Providence Foundation) explained the damage experienced in a storm in 2015 and the repairs

needed. The repairs will be done between August 2018 and April 2019 and space was needed to repair the boat. **Bob Blagden moved to allow the folks to use the dock. Vote 4-0-0.**

Constance Schumann expressed her concern about outsourcing the town services such as the ambulance service and pointed out the difficulties experienced with the RSU when the town had no local control. She said the town would not know what it was getting into with a change and she was glad the incident with the CLC refusing to transport a patient to Midcoast Hospital was brought to light, which she said was unconscionable.

Cordelia Oehmig, West Bay Gallery, encouraged the board to continue discussing the parking situation and to put it on the next agenda. She said the businesses and residents should be part of the conversation. Marian Anderson said that the subcommittee would be making recommendations on parking to the PAC. The PAC was currently working on recommendations and would report to the select board, but ultimately the authority rests with the select board. Oehmig encouraged the board to act before it is too late, as she understood the DOT would begin working on Main Street after Labor Day. Anderson said the chair and vice chair will be meeting with the Commissioner to offer concrete thoughts.

8 Unfinished Business

9. New Business

- a. Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant
 - NRC Spent Fuel Storage Security Inspection Report
 - Notice of Second Amendment to Compliance Order

The documents will be available on the town's website. No action was needed.

b. New Business License Application – Sarah Castro, DBA Little Maine Mercantile, LLC: **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the Little Maine Mercantile business license. Vote 4-0-0.**

c. Quit-claim Deed – Eugene F. Ryder, Jr. and Jane L. Ryder: **Kim Andersson moved to sign the quit-claim deed. Vote 4-0-0.**

d. HM Payson Statement of Accounts (through May 31, 2018): no action needed.

10. Town Manager's Report

Marian Anderson congratulated Kristin Draper on obtaining Advanced EMT status.

Anderson said that following the harbormaster's resignation, Ray Soule had offered to be harbormaster. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve Ray Soule as harbormaster. Vote 4-0-0.** It was not determined whether the harbormaster position would continue to be under the police department. Soule will attend harbormaster school in March or April.

The current application for a license for the sale of consumer fireworks is a draft that has not been used. Anderson asked the board members to read the draft, and comment before the next meeting, including recommendations on whether to charge a fee and if so, what amount.

There was no update on the light on High Street. Anderson will contact the Road Commissioner.

11. Other Board Business

In response to Vernice Boyce's question regarding the board's decision to start handling school warrants, Anderson said she would meet with the superintendent.

Steve Christianson asked the status of the boat sunken in the harbor. Anderson said the Coast Guard had been contacted and Maine Marine Patrol had set buoys to warn other boats. Ben Rines, Jr., asked that the congressional delegation be contacted for help in removing the boat.

Bob Blagden asked about the research on the status of the airport grants and was advised Kim Andersson is still reading the paperwork. Blagden said the town should know the ramifications of the grants and the amounts outstanding.

Bob Blagden moved to schedule an executive session to meet with Brian Waltz at CLC regarding a contract as soon as possible so that information will be available for the meeting on July 17. Marian Anderson said she was exploring how other communities such as Boothbay operate without a director; continuing with the Wiscasset Ambulance Service without a director, but with a stipend for someone doing the administrative work; and considering the ambulance department's inquiry into forming a 501C3. Anderson said she needs direction from the board. No contract discussions with CLC have taken place and the board does not have enough information to make a decision at this point. Ben Rines, Jr. said there was no rush, the board should find the best alternative for the town. (There was no vote on the motion.)

Kim Andersson asked whether anything had happened regarding the removal of ten feet of planking from the White's Island bridge. Chief Jeff Lange said the bridge had been posted, but no other action had taken place.

12. Adjournment

Kim Andersson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.