

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
JULY 17, 2008

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

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

- a. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the payroll warrants of July 13, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of July 17, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes as amended. Vote 4-0-1 (Martin-Savage abstained).**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department Head Monthly Reports – Kim Andersson asked if the Town had a TAN every year and whether it could be avoided if the fund balance were built up. Treasurer Vernice Boyce said that if the schools were paid by warrants rather than 1/12 of the budget each month, it may be possible to avoid a TAN. She added that towns should have 30 days of their budgets in the fund balance, which Wiscasset doesn't have. Andersson also asked about the aircraft operations per day. Airport Committee member Ray Soule said there could be up to 500 landings per month.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of Application for Annual License for Sale of Consumer Fireworks and set fee: Marian Anderson said that Mrs. Bryant had pointed out that a conditional use permit, Business License and Annual license from the Select Board were required by the Fireworks Ordinance, although she could find no record of the board granting an annual license. Anderson submitted a draft application for the board's approval. It was the consensus of the board that the town application did not need to require

all the information that would be covered by the State and Federal license applications. The only change to the draft application was to include the state license number or copy of the state license. Tom Bryant read sections of the Fireworks Ordinance and asked the board to follow the requirements in the ordinance. He asked how the town could issue a permit without the Fire Marshal's approval.

In response to Ben Rines, Jr.'s question regarding requirements for a license, Anderson said that the selectmen were reviewing only the license renewal application, and that other approvals would be necessary from the CEO or Planning Board. Other towns will be contacted regarding their fees for a fireworks license. The Waterfront Committee is working on the Port and Harbor Ordinance which will be brought to the board when completed.

b. Abandon Distressed and Sunken Vessel Ordinance within Wiscasset Harbor: Judy Colby said that after receiving no response from the Coast Guard regarding the sunken ship in the harbor, she contacted the U.S. Navy and was informed by Chris Porter that because the ship was not in a navigational route, the Coast Guard would not remove the ship, but divers have been checking for oil and gas leaks every week and that all oil and gas were out of the ship. Porter said the town could ask the State DEP for a grant to remove the boat or it would be up to the owner to remove it. Colby said the owner should take responsibility for his boat and if not, the town could remove it and place a lien on Mr. Morrison's property to cover the cost. Marian Anderson said she has contacted the MMA about the possibility of a special assessment and will get back to the board and Mr. Morrison when she receives a response. Police Chief Jeffery Lange said that the Marine Patrol will be issuing a citation to Mr. Morrison and ADA Gerrity will ask for restitution if the case goes to court.

c. EMS Subscription Program – MMA Legal Response: Anderson said that in response to her inquiry, she was informed that the MMA staff had no expertise in the matter and referred her to a link to an article on ambulance service subscription services. It was the consensus of the board that the subscription service be suspended. Notice of the suspension will be on the website and any fees collected will be refunded.

d. Wiscasset EMS/Central Lincoln County Ambulance Discussion: Anderson said, in response to comments or questions she had received regarding CLC, that if CLC were to be Wiscasset's ambulance service, it would be stationed in Wiscasset, it would not come from Damariscotta; and that CLC does go to Midcoast Hospital. She said another ambulance service had inquired about serving Wiscasset. She added that some of Wiscasset's EMS employees also work with CLC. The voters will decide in November which ambulance service will be selected. **Kim Andersson moved that this select board continue its investigation into EMS services for the town including consideration of CLC services, meetings with current Wiscasset EMS staff, community input and other potential partners and that the final recommendation is placed on the November ballot for the voters to decide. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Update on sunken boat in harbor – discussed – see above.

10 New Business

a. Bid openings

Transfer Trailer

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Less Trade-in</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
SpecTech	\$64,872	\$2,000	\$62,872

Atlantic Recycling Equipment (180 days lead time)	82,200	2,500	79,700
Messer Truck Group	98,128	500	97,628

Judy Colby moved to authorize the Town Manager and Transfer Station Superintendent to review the bids and award the Transfer Trailer to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.

Patrol Truck

<u>Name</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Less Trade-in</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Freightliner of Maine	\$181,627	\$5,000	\$176,627
Portland North Truck Center	196,289	6,000	190,289
O'Connor	187,233 (300-day delivery)		
H.P. Fairfield	Freightliner demo \$69,999	\$72,999 gear and install	

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

b. Public Notice – Maine Yankee Proposed Changes to Compliance Order: No action required.

c. Monthly Financials: The Town Manager commended the department heads as their accounts were not overdrawn. Contractual (legal) services, Public Utilities and Unemployment were overdrawn, the latter is being investigated for a fraudulent claim.

d. Al Cohen – Request to speak to Board: Cohen said the “Certified Business Friendly” sign should be taken down; he explained his difficulties with the application process in his attempt to build a building in Wiscasset. His attorney had advised that the application didn’t match the ordinance; Cohen said he had received several different copies of the application. He said without a planner or a Code Enforcement Officer, applicants had no one to go to for information. Anderson replied that the town’s legal counsel found no fault with the application and advised Cohen that the ORC is revising the application. Planning Board chair Ray Soule gave a recent example of problems caused by lack of a planner to advise an applicant. Cohen said the Planning Board and ORC are made up of volunteers and need the help of a planner. Anderson said the Town has advertised for a Code Enforcement Officer and is looking into having the CEO work more hours. She said she has been doing inspections at 6 a.m., filling in for a CEO. Kim Andersson suggested a subcommittee be formed to investigate how to deal with the lack of a planner.

Cohen also complained that the office had been closed on the last day of the month and he was unable to register his vehicle. Anderson replied that notice had been put in the paper and on the town sign that the office would be closed to do a computer upgrade which was not possible to do on the weekend when the offices that did the upgrading would be closed.

11. Town Manager’s Report

a. Communications: Anderson summarized correspondence received from Leslie Roberts regarding trees in the Main Street project; from Karl Olson, ORC, regarding the need to start considering an updated Comprehensive Plan; an email of thanks from Trooper James Leonard for the help Assistant Fire Chief Nick Merry gave to help an accident victim in Brunswick, and correspondence from FAA Director

Gail Lattrell giving a review of Town Compliance for Airport Assurances on Chewonki Campground property. Anderson said the Lincoln County Planning Commission has ordered materials to begin work on the comp plan.

12. Other Board Business

Judy Colby said she, Ben Rines, Jr., and the Town Manager will meet with the DOT Commissioner regarding the town's concerns on Friday, July 20.

Kim Anderson said the July 4th celebration was awesome. Steve Christiansen said the fireworks started 25 minutes early, ended at 9:25, were the worst he had seen and were a waste of money.

Kathy Martin-Savage thanked Kim Andersson for arranging the float for the select and school boards.

August 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 is National Night Out at the town playground to promote community/police partnership. Tables and chairs will be provided, bring your own food.

Judy Colby moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA Section 405 (6) (A). Vote 5-0-0.

13 Adjournment

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.