

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
MAY 17, 2022  
WISCASSET COMMUNITY CENTER  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Kim Andersson (arrived during the meeting), 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 6:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

- a. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the payroll warrants of May 6 and May 13, 2022. Vote 4-0-0.**
- b. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of May 10 and May 17, 2022. Vote 4-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Pam Dunning moved to approve the minutes of May 3, 2022. Vote 4-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards

Dennis Simmons announced that the current week was EMS week and encouraged those present to thank the EMS staff.

5. Committee Appointments

**Pam Dunning moved to appoint Suzanne Rankin to the Cemetery Committee and Debra Pooler to the Planning Board. Vote 4-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

a. Annual Referendum Town Meeting warrant articles: **Pam Dunning moved to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.** (Kim Anderson arrived during the discussion.) Susan Blagden thanked the Highway Department for clearing the streets during the winter and Terry Heller for the Ukraine support. She expressed criticism for the handling of the repairs to the Wawenock Building. She thanked the six members of the public who were present and voted for the school department \$9,000,000 budget. Judy Flanagan noted that in the past the Waterfront Committee had been directed to raise fees, and when they complied were told that the fees were too high. She encouraged approval of the Harbor Expansion Project. Susan Robson outlined the process in putting together a grant for the engineering and design of the Harbor Expansion Project, the research into fees, and the preparation of the report for the proposal.

**Pam Dunning moved to close the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment on Non-agenda Items – none

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

In response to a question about opening Scout Hall for public use of the bathrooms, Ted Snowden said it could be opened at any time.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Recommendation for Waterfront Fees: **Terry Heller moved to approve the Waterfront fees as proposed. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. James Weldon Johnson Memorial: Dusty Jones reporting on the weekend honoring James Weldon Johnson (June 17-19) said there had been discussion about planting of trees, a program is planned honoring James Weldon Johnson's birthday on the 18<sup>th</sup> and materials about the celebration will be in the library.

10. New Business

a. New Business License application: Kari McArdle DBA Little Village Design (online) 192 Old Sheepscot Road. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the business license application for Kari McArdle, DBA Little Village Design. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Department of Resources Shoreline Pollution Survey: No board action required.

c. Monthly Financials:

- H.M.Payson Statement of Accounts: Dennis Simmons commented that it had not been a good month for investments
- Year to date (through April) expense/revenue reports

d. Renewal of Professional Planning Services Contract: **Pam Dunning moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town of Wiscasset the Renewal of Professional Planning Services Contract with Lincoln County. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Surplus 1993 Dump Truck (old sludge truck) -Wastewater Treatment Plant: **Pam Dunning moved to deem the Wastewater Treatment Plant's 1993 GMC Dump Truck as surplus and authorize the Town Manager to solicit bids to sell. Vote 5-0-0.**

10. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that work on the interior of the Wawenock Building had begun, and anticipated completion date is November 1.

He reported that the new WWTP sludge truck had arrived and had been placed into service. The old truck is of no use to the town, it will be declared surplus property and bids will be sought to sell it to the highest bidder.

Simmons reported that Officer Wilhoite has completed the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and will be graduating May 20. Chief Hesseltine is graduating with honors from Central Maine Community College with a degree in Criminal Justice.

Referring to Rob Lalli's report given at the last meeting, Simmons said Wiscasset had applied to the County for up to \$200,000 in ARPA funds for the repairs to the wastewater treatment plant. Simmons and Lalli will be meeting with Mike Jenkins from USDA to discuss Rural Development funding.

Work to install the WWTP pump station generators is underway. The generators are expected around the end of June, but switches and other electrical components are in, and Machinery Services is working to prepare the sites for the installation of the generators.

Simmons, Ted Snowden, and Peter Wells reviewed the bids for the Ancient Cemetery fence and chose the aluminum fencing at a cost of \$53,500.

Simmons thanked department heads and employees for working hard to stay within their budgets while the cost of nearly everything has been skyrocketing.

#### 12. Other Board Business

a. Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel. **Pam Dunning moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) at 6:25 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Pam Dunning moved to exit Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 13. Adjournment

**Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**