

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
FEBRUARY 6, 2024  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Terry Heller, Vice Chair Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Absent: James Andretta, Pam Dunning

The chair called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the payroll warrants for January 19, January 26 and February 2, 2024. Vote 3-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants for January 23, January 30 and February 6, 2024. Vote 3-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Bill Maloney moved to table approval of the minutes of January 16, 2024. Vote 3-0-0.**

4. Special presentations or awards - none

5. Committee Appointments

a. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Pamela Bracket to the Airport Committee. Vote 3-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

a. Liquor License renewal – Bath Ale Works, LLC located at 681 Bath Road. **Terry Heller moved to open the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.** There was no discussion. **Terry Heller moved to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.** **Terry Heller moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Bath Ale Works, LLC located at 681 Bath Road. Vote 3-0-0.**

b. New Medical Cannabis License (retail store) Sea Grass Group, LLC dba Mad Hatter's located at 291 Bath Road. **Terry Heller moved to open the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.** Simmons indicated that the approval should be subject to the Fire Chief signing off on the license. **Terry Heller moved to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Terry Heller moved to approve the new Medical Cannabis License (retail store) for the Sea Grass Group dba Mad Hatter's located at 291 Bath Road upon the Fire Chief's approval of the application. Vote 3-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Karen Sullivan thanked Town Manager Simmons for the statement released urging support of the Maine Yankee bill.

8. Department head or committee chair – none

9. Unfinished Business

a. Economic Development Ad Hoc Advisory Committee: Aaron Chrostowsky said a few changes had been made to the ad hoc Economic Development Advisory Committee Directive. The membership requirement had been changed from residents only to residents, taxpayers, local governmental entities, and non-profit and business leaders. A change in the order of the committee directive sections was made, the consideration that the directive be part of the economic development plan was added as well as that the committee will serve as an advisory committee to the brownfields committee. **Bill Maloney moved to accept the plan as amended. Vote 3-0-0.**

Sarah Whitfield gave an update on the Wawenock progress 53 Main street. Work is underway and progressing; the materials are on site and work will continue until completed.

10. New Business

12. Town Manager's Report

Department heads have submitted their budget requests and Simmons will be working on refining them in preparation for the budget meeting on Saturday, February 17.

Simmons reported on a compliance audit of the town's administration of the retirement program citing two issues which were identified. Both department budgets affected by the findings will be able to handle the additional expense. The town was found to be in compliance with all other aspects of the program.

13. Other Board Business

Aaron Chrostowsky reported he had met with Susan Robson, chair of the Waterfront Committee on the next steps for the waterfront plan. He said he would like to make a 20-minute presentation to a Waterfront Committee workshop to which the Climate Action Team will be invited.

14. Adjournment

**Bill Maloney moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M. Vote 3-0-0.**

