

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 27, 2008

(Tape recorded meeting)

Present: Bill Curtis, Phil DiVece, Chairman Duane Goud, Vice Chairman David Nichols,  
Nicole Viele and Town Manager Arthur Faucher

1. Call to Order

Chairman Duane Goud called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Approve Minutes of May 13, 2008

**Nicole Viele moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept the minutes as written. Vote 5-0.**

4. Public Hearings: Commercial Waste Hauler Permits

The public hearing on the following waste haulers was opened at 7:06 p.m.

- Giles Rubbish, Inc.
- Regional Rubbish Removal, Inc.
- Pine Tree Waste, Inc.

The Transfer Station Superintendent reported no concerns; the haulers had performed according to the Town ordinances. The public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

**David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to approve the applications of Giles Rubbish, Inc., Regional Rubbish Removal, Inc., and Pine Tree Waste, Inc. Vote 5-0.**

5. Pine Tree Waste Single Stream Recycling Proposal

Woody Freeman explained the single stream recycling proposal whereby recyclables would be put into one container at the Transfer Station to be hauled away by Pine Tree Waste. Use of the program will result in a 10% to 14% reduction in MSW and eliminate 300 tons of recyclables being thrown away. Pine Tree Waste is offering the program to Wiscasset for two years at no cost. If approved, information on the program can be disseminated to the public through the schools and elsewhere, and the program could begin on July 1.

Freeman said that most items currently being recycled and placed in eight containers at the Transfer Station would be deposited into one container. Corrugated cardboard and large metal will be retained by the town. Bill Curtis said coordination would be necessary between the Town and the waste haulers, and Wiscasset would have to provide Alna and Westport Island with information on the proposal. He said he had had no reply from Pine Tree to his calls for information.

Freeman said the cost of the program after two years had not been discussed, but if the Town were not satisfied, it could cancel the service. In response to questions, he said the program would require one to two hours of manual labor to load the trailer and he would monitor the loading. In order to formalize the agreement, Bill Curtis, Arthur Faucher, David Nichols, and Woody Freeman will meet with Stu Axelrod of Pine Tree Waste to negotiate a contract for a two-year pilot program to begin July 1. **Duane Goud moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to move forward with the proposal for a two-year contract with Pine Tree Waste beginning July 1, 2008 to be signed at the June 10 meeting. Vote 5-0.**

#### 6. July 4th committee update

Becky Applin reported that the committee had met and recommended using the Mason Station site for setting off the 4th of July fireworks. **Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to approve setting off the fire works from Mason Station.** Applin said Point East, the fire marshal and Central Maine Pyrotechnics had approved the location. She said the reason for the change in location was to improve visibility from the pier where other activities would be held. Insurance will be coordinated with the Maine Pyrotechnics. There will be flyers and other publicity about the event within the next few weeks. **Vote 5-0.** The theme of this year's celebration is "Heroes Then and Now."

#### 7. Wiscasset Airport Manager

- Repainting the aviation fuel tanks and above-ground piping: Ervin Deck said the firm that services the fuel tanks had inspected the tanks in March and found that they needed stripping, priming and repainting; the deadline for completing the work is mid-July. The cost will be \$3500 to \$4500. Deck said he would get estimates.
- Airport Mowing: There is no stipulation in the current FBO contract requiring mowing. Deck said that the Community Center had the manpower to mow but did not own adequate equipment. He recommended a \$16,000 John Deere 31 hp mower which would be discounted by \$9600 for a municipality. A lease-to-buy option would be \$200 per month for five years, which Deck said he could find in his current budget.
- New fueling area light pole: Deck said the wooden pole for the security light between the tanks needed replacing and he recommended a metal post. Bill Curtis recommended Class 1, Division 1 wiring for the security light.

#### 8. Proposed three-day music and arts festival to be held at the Point East Maritime Village

Asa Kitfield presented information on a proposed music festival tentatively scheduled for the Columbus Day weekend in 2008. He said he hoped the festival would be an annual event and he anticipated attendance ultimately of 10,000. The event would take place at the Point East Maritime Village with camping at nearby Chewonki and at the airport. A special amusement permit from Wiscasset will be needed as well as a Mass Gatherings Permit from the State Health Department and a State liquor license. After permits are secured, he will seek financing for the event. Ten per cent of the ticket sales after expenses will be given to local charities.

Kitfield said that \$5 million of insurance per event would be carried; security would be by off-duty police, Brinks security guards and hired security guards; local fire and EMS departments would be involved. In response to questions, he said he had not previously run an event such as this but was working with a project manager who had run 90% of the Phish Festivals up north. He agreed to get sound readings to estimate noise levels of the concerts. Ervin Deck said that in the past the FAA had agreed to close the airport in similar circumstances.

Steve Mehrl asked why a more appropriate place like Topsham Fairgrounds or Thomas Point Beach had not been chosen for the event. He said he was appalled that Eaton Farm would be used and added that there was no upside for the Town. Phil DiVece said he would like to review the ordinances relating to special amusement permits.

Kitfield was advised to meet with Town Planner Jeffrey Hinderliter regarding the ordinances covering special amusement permits.

#### 9. Request to close Finance Office at noon on June 30, 2008 to balance and process all year-end reports and set up books to open the fiscal year

**Phil DiVece moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to close the Finance Office at noon on June 30, 2008. Vote 5-0.**

10. Approve Ballot Clerk list for annual election June 10, 2008

**David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to approve the ballot clerks for the June 10 election as follows:**

**8 am to 2 pm: Belinda Haggett and Patricia Bridgham**

**2 pm to end: Judy Flanagan and Joan Grondin**

**Warden: Richard Grondin**

**Vote 5-0.**

11. Sign Warrant for June 10, 2008 annual election

**Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to sign the warrant for the June 10, 2008 annual election. Vote 5-0.**

12. Request to approve the 911 road naming of "Sweet Farm Road" (driveway at 217 Lowelltown Road)

**Nicole Viele moved, David Nichols seconded, to approve the 911 naming of Sweet Fern Road. Vote 5-0.** Bill Curtis asked that the Police, Fire and Ambulance Departments be advised of the name change.

13. Appoint Stephen Whitfield to the School RPC

**Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to appoint Stephen Whitfield to the Reorganization Planning Committee.** Nicole Viele said that the committee would meet on May 29 to complete the draft plan that would then be submitted to the Town Attorney and to the State before the Town vote in September. **Vote 5-0.**

14. Town Manager Report

- RHR Smith & Company auditing services contract for fiscal year 2007/2008: Arthur Faucher said the letter outlining the agreement for auditing services from RHR Smith & Co. called for a fee of \$10,000, the same as last year, which would be paid from next year's budget. He said the firm had done three days of pre-audit work at no charge. He asked for authorization to sign the letter of agreement. **Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to change the date for the start of the audit on page 6 of the letter to May 27, 2008. Vote 5-0. Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract.** Phil DiVece, reporting on a meeting with RHR Smith, said it had done a good job reconciling accounts. The firm had recommended that the Town have a capital investment plan to tie to reserve accounts. The firm had also offered assistance with the Jones portfolio. **Vote 5-0.**

15. Other Board Business

**Phil DiVece moved, Duane Goud seconded, to direct Jeffrey Hinderliter to forward to the Selectmen the necessary information so that a public hearing on changing the parking fines can be scheduled for the June 24 meeting. Vote 5-0.**

**Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to schedule a Board of Assessors meeting on June 2, 2008 at 7 p.m. Vote 5-0.**

Duane Goud announced the results of the vote on the school budget: Question 1 - 244 for, 176 against; Question 2 - 185 for, 239 against. The budget was defeated and a re-vote will be necessary.

## 16. Citizen Comments

Steve Mehrl asked if anything other than meeting conditions of the ordinance would prevent the holding of the music festival. He referred to the number of people attending at various locations and the problem with security for all the traffic. Duane Goud confirmed that the festival would have to meet the requirements of the ordinance and added that several years ago there was an event at the race track with 2,000 to 4,000 people attending, and the town had housed that number with no problem.

Steve Mehrl asked whether \$800,000 of teachers' pay had been addressed in the plan. Nicole Viele confirmed that it was in the plan and added that the townspeople would have to vote on the consolidation plan. She and George Greene have been the only members from Wiscasset on the RPC until this evening's appointment. In response to Bob Blagden's question, Nicole Viele said that there are penalties if the Town does not approve a consolidation plan.

Don Jones asked that Citizen Comments section be restored to the beginning of the agenda as a convenience to the public. The chairman said that moving the item eliminated discussion at the beginning of the meeting of items listed elsewhere on the agenda, and since the change, many of the meetings had not been as lengthy as previously. Jones also asked that minutes of board and committee meetings be posted on the website. **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to have the Town Manager direct the Executive Secretary to put all current minutes and agendas on the current website. Vote 5-0.**

## 17. Executive Session

At 9:13 p.m. **Duane Goud moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to move into executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405-6A for the purpose of evaluation and compensation of the following department directors: William Rines (Waste Water Treatment Plant), Clark Freeman (Transfer Station) and Robert Blagden (Public Works). Vote 5-0.**

The Board exited executive session at 10:40 p.m. The chairman asked the Selectmen to consider making compensation adjustments at the next meeting. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m. Vote 5-0.**