

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 13, 2007

(Tape recorded meeting)

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

1. Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

3. Approve Minutes of October 30, 2007

**Bill Curtis moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept the minutes as printed. Vote 4-0.**

**New Business**

4. Appoint John Blagdon, Jr., and Jean Huber to the Appeals Committee

**David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to reappoint John Blagdon, Jr., and Jean Huber to the Appeals Committee. Vote 4-0.**

5. Set Date for January 15, 2008 Election Day public hearing

**Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to set Thursday, January 3 2008 at 6 p.m. at the Wiscasset Middle School as the date for the public hearing for the January 15 election. Vote 4-0.**

6. Proposed Ground Lease for Falvey, LLC (Ken Boudin)

Airport Committee member Ken Boudin said Don Falvey had requested that the Town accept half the lease payment for land at the far end of the runway near Chewonki, as the three clients he had for buildings on the property had backed out and he had been unable to find replacements. He has put over \$250,000 into the site. His lease states that no payment is due until the taxiway is finished, but even though the taxiway is not completed, he has offered to pay half the lease which is \$6,776.89. The Airport Committee has recommended approving Mr. Falvey's request. **Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to approve the half lease payment. Vote 4-0.**

7. Town Manager's Report

Arthur Faucher recommended approving Pam Lear's transition from the School Department to the Town as part-time (30 hours) custodian. Her hourly rate will remain the same and she will retain her earned time. **Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to appoint Pam Lear as part-time custodian. Vote 4-0.** • The Town Manager recommended approving Lt. John Allen's request for a payout of his unused vacation time, as he is unable to take off more time this year and would lose 14 hours'

pay, amounting to \$269.50. **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to pay Lt. Allen \$19.25 per hour for 14 hours for a total of \$269.50. Vote 4-0.** • The Town Manager recommended that the Town office close at noon on December 24 but be open regular hours on December 31. **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, that the Town Office close at noon on December 24 in observance of Christmas Eve. Vote 4-0.** The early closing will apply to all town employees.

#### 8. Other Board Business

Requests for bid for a snowplow truck had been sent to three companies; however, only one bid had been received. Howard P. Fairfield, LLC had bid \$44,350 with the option of providing a stainless steel body in lieu of a steel body for an additional \$3,400. Road Commissioner Bob Blagden recommended adding the stainless steel body, if funds were available, to avoid damage by rust. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to authorize \$47,750 for Howard P. Fairfield bid for stainless steel plow and accessories. Vote 4-0.**

Arthur Faucher thanked the Road Commissioner and public works crew for cleaning up the Young property. He said the property would be put up for bid and noted that there is no well on the site.

Bill Curtis recommended advertising for Waterfront Committee members and the newspaper reporters present were asked to include the request in their columns.

Joe Carter asked whether the State was still using liquid calcium chloride on roads and said that it was causing rust on his vehicles.

Nicole Viele said that a meeting was being held that night in Whitefield on school consolidation and she would report on the results.

#### 9. Citizen Comments

Bob Blagden said that although the Board had voted to change the hours of an employee, he had not gotten a directive to that effect. He said that both the Highway and Transfer Station departments were affected and that when all employees did not report for work at the same time, there was an adverse impact on the Highway Department. Duane Goud said the Board would meet in executive session on November 14, 2007 with the labor attorney, at which the matter would be discussed.

Steve Mehrl asked why the audit had taken five months to complete. Arthur Faucher replied that it was a full-fledged audit, customary when a new Town Manager was hired. The audit will be in the Town Report.

Arthur Faucher said that copies of the Environmental Impact Statement for the bypass were available at the Town Office and at the library.

#### 10. Future Meetings, Workshops and Events

Meetings on the EIS are scheduled as follows:

November 15, 6 p.m., Boothbay Harbor

November 28, 5:30 p.m., Wiscasset Senior Center dinner (reservations required)

November 29, 6 p.m. Edgecomb Town Hall  
December 1, 10 a.m. Edgecomb Town Hall  
December 3, 6 p.m., Alna Fire Department  
December 4, 7 p.m., Wiscasset High School  
December 6, 6 p.m., Westport Island Town Hall

11. Adjourn

At 7:39 p.m., **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to adjourn. Vote 4-0.**