

Abatement Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2007

Present: Duane Goud, David Nichols, Nicole Viele, William Curtis and
Assessors' Agent Sue Varney.

Chairman Duane Goud opened the meeting at 6:04 pm. At 6:05 p.m., **Nicole Viele moved to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating a poverty abatement case pursuant to 36 MRSA subsection 841. William Curtis seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.** The Board of Selectmen returned to regular session at 6:50 pm. **David Nichols moved to deny #2. Nicole Viele seconded the motion. Vote 4-0.**

The abatement meeting ended at 6:51 pm and the Board recessed until the 7:00 pm regular meeting.

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 30, 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

Duane Goud, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

3. Public Hearing: General Assistance New Maximums

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. Becky Applin asked for the Board's approval of the appendices supplied by the State inasmuch as Wiscasset does not have its own ordinance. She read and explained Appendix B, Food Maximums, and Appendix C, Housing Maximums. The public hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept the appendices as written by the State of Maine. Vote 4-0.

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to appoint Rebekah Applin, the administrative assistant and Town Manager Arthur Faucher to act on assistance applications. Vote 4-0. David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, that the Board of Selectmen be the appeals board for assistance applications. Vote 4-0.

Becky Applin reminded the public of the need for contributions of food or money for the Thanksgiving baskets and food and necessities for Christmas for needy families in town. The contributions can be brought to the Town Office.

Becky Applin asked that the Board invite volunteers to serve on the 250th anniversary committee and include in the budget funds for a weekend celebration over the 7/4/2010 holiday. Duane Goud asked that a notice be put in the newspaper requesting anyone who wished to volunteer for the 250th anniversary committee should contact the Board of Selectmen or the Town Office.

5. Public Hearing: Junk yard/Automobile Graveyard Permit Renewal for Dan Grover, Grover Auto & Tire, Inc.

The public hearing opened at 7:20 p.m. CEO Stuart Wyman reported that he had inspected and approved the site. Proof of notices of the public hearing to the abutters was submitted. The public hearing closed at 7:21 p.m.

David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to approve the application of Grover Auto & Tire, Inc. for a junk yard/automobile graveyard permit. Vote 4-0.

6. Approve Minutes of October 16, 2007

Nicole Viele moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept the minutes of October 16, 2007. Vote 4-0.

New Business

7. Presentation for Proposed New Website for Recreation Department and Town Hall

Todd Souza said he had reviewed the long-term goals of the website and qualified suppliers as authorized by the Board in March 2007. He introduced Jeremy Usher of Firefly who, he said, had the ability to fulfill the needs of the Town. Mr. Usher outlined his credentials and the methodologies he would use for the development of the Recreation Center and Town web site. He opened an office in Damariscotta in 2005 for interactive web development. He said his company builds full-fledged data applications, not just a website, which offers a great deal of flexibility and means the project can be customized. He said the proposal calls for three phases: Phase I - Information planning, design, and final presentation; Phase II - Development of database; Phase III - Implementation of necessary changes.

Todd Souza recommended using Firefly to set up the town's and recreation center's website. He said he had met with Jeremy Usher to discuss not only what was needed at the present time, but also what might be needed four or five years down the road. The website would replace the method of supplying information about the recreation center to the public, reducing the cost of printed brochures and other information, which sometimes changes on a day-to-day basis. The proposed system would be much easier to maintain than the present system.

Jeremy Usher said he could start on the website immediately. The cost of the current proposal is \$12,500 to be paid in five installments. The annual cost thereafter will be based upon how on the site is hosted. Todd Souza will be working with Jeremy Usher on a timeline. Usher said there would be no termination fee if the project were cancelled. **Bill Curtis moved, David Nichols seconded, to enter into an agreement with Firefly with fees similar to those shown on page 9, Section VII of the proposal. Vote 4-0.**

8. Appoint Judy Flanagan to the RPC

This item was scheduled to be deleted; however, Nicole Viele said that George Greene was interested in serving on the Regional Planning Committee for School Consolidation. Doug Smith (School Board) and Nicole Viele (Selectman) are currently members. George Greene said if appointed to the RPC, he would resign from the Budget Committee. **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to appoint George Greene to the RPC. Vote 4-0.**

9. Accept Letter of Resignation from Reserve Police Officer Daniel Nichols

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Daniel Nichols as reserve police officer and recommend that the Board send a letter of appreciation to him. Vote 4-0.

10. Request Approval of 911 road naming of "Morse Drive" off Gardiner Road

Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to approve the road naming of Morse Drive off Gardiner Road for 911 purposes. Vote 4-0.

11. Town Manager's Report

Arthur Faucher said that the former Elizabeth Young property, which had been tax-acquired by the Town of Wiscasset, had been cleaned up by the Public Works Department before demolition of the house. In response to the Town Manager's request Bob Blagden had indicated that he had the necessary equipment to demolish the house at a cost of \$75 per hour with no mobilization fee. In order to avoid a conflict of interest, the Town Manager asked Woody Freeman, Manager of the Transfer Station, to contact contractors who had the necessary equipment for the demolition. Ray Soule quoted a price of \$100 per hour and an estimated total of \$1100, which included loading the demolition materials in the Town's truck. Scott Connors quoted \$175 or \$225 per hour, depending upon the equipment used, with a mobilization fee of \$100 to \$300.

In response to the suggestion that the building be burned rather than demolished, Bob Blagden said that the house was completely filled and burning the contents might release contaminants. He recommended removing the appliances before demolition. **Bill Curtis moved, Duane Goud seconded, to go with the Bob Blagden bid at \$75 per hour with work to be completed by November 15, 2007.** Duane Goud asked that all costs pertaining to the cleanup of the property and demolition be added to the liens that were on the property so that the Town can recoup all costs when it is sold. **Vote 4-0.**

12. Other Board Business

Becky Applin asked whether there would be a decision that week on a union matter to be considered by the Board in executive session. Duane Goud replied in the affirmative.

Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to go into executive session following the assessors' workshop. Vote 4-0.

13. Adjourn

At 8:30 p.m. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0.**

The assessment workshop with David LeDew started at 8:20 p.m. and ended at 9:40 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to go into executive session under Title 1: General Provisions, Chapter 13: Section 405, title 6D for the purposes of discussion of labor contract proposals pertaining to IAMAW Local #4 and the Town of Wiscasset. Vote 4-0.**

The Board exited executive session at 10:50 p.m.

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to: 1) pay the IAMAW Local #4 the sum of \$186.20 for the Wiscasset Transfer Station grievance issue, 2) Employee William "Bill" Thayer returns to the previous Transfer Station work schedule being from Tuesday to Saturday. Vote 4-0.

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to not to pay the IAMAW Local #4 Downtown Trash grievance issue. Discussion: 1) The payment table shows Employee 485 to be compensated when he is already a Saturday worker. 2) Employer's managerial rights need further discussion. **Vote 4-0.**

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to adjourn at 10:55pm. Vote 4-0.