

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 22, 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 Goud called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

New Business

3. Sign Foster Care Month Proclamation

David Nichols moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to proclaim May as Foster Care month in the town of Wiscasset. Vote 5-0.

4. Harbormaster Appointment and Consideration of Confirmation

There were four applicants for this position and all were interviewed. In accordance with the recommendation of the interview committee, **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to appoint Peter Dalton as Harbormaster.** Mr. Dalton was raised in Wiscasset, is familiar with the waterfront, clamming, boat building and carpentry. **Vote 5-0.**

5. Discussion to Appropriate and Transfer from General Fund to the Fire Department the reimbursement of \$5,300.

The chairman said that \$5,465.76 had been transferred to the Association of Firefighters.

6. Discussion on Borski's Way - Attorney Eliot Field

Attorney Field, appearing on behalf of the residents of Borski's Way, requested that the acceptance of the road be put on the warrant for a town vote in June. He said the road had been approved as part of the subdivision in 2000, and there was an understanding that the road would meet town specifications and the town would accept the road. He said the Planning Board had not included in its approval how the road was to be maintained, the assumption being that a road association was not necessary as the town would be maintaining it. Recently, several places had been noted for repair and the contractor has said that the necessary work would be performed so that the road would comply with town specifications before Town Meeting.

There was extensive discussion on the history of the road's non-conformance and the many Planning Board meetings at which the road had been discussed. Residents of the road who were present claimed that they had been told the town would accept the road and for that reason, no road association had ever been formed.

Duane Goud said that the town had not been in the business of taking over roads in the last five to ten years because of staff reductions in the Public Works Department. He added that

whatever the developer told buyers did not commit the town to assuming ownership of the road. The acceptance of other roads when put on the warrant by petition had not been approved. He said that if acceptance of the road were to be on the warrant for Town Meeting, the road would have to meet specifications and be inspected before Friday, April 25, when the warrant would be finalized.

Jeff Herbert, attorney for Bill Whorff, said that towns usually require a homeowners' association, but Wiscasset had not done that in this case. He said he assumed the Planning Board would have approved the road before any building permits were issued. Herbert said according to Bill Whorff, the repairs could be done by Friday.

Duane Goud said the town had road standards for subdivisions, but that did not guarantee that the roads would be taken over by the town simply because they met the standards. He said that acceptance of the road would not be put on the warrant until the road had been repaired to town standards and inspected with test bores being taken. If repairs are not made by Friday, the matter could be put on the next warrant in November. He made no guarantee that the road would be taken over by the town and recommended that the residents form a road association.

Phil DiVece moved, Duane Goud moved, to put an article on the warrant for acceptance of the road. Discussion included the condition that the road be inspected and meet town standards by Friday, April 25, at noon. **Vote 5-0.** (See amendment to this motion made during Other Business.)

7. Finalize June 10, 2008 Ballot (where question number is different from the ballot, the subject is included)

Question 1 - **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 2 - **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 3 - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 4 - **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.** Arthur Faucher said he had discussed this item with Pam Lear and she had indicated that the number could be reduced to \$15,000 but not all doors would be replaced. **Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to amend this question to \$15,000. Vote 5-0. Vote on motion as amended 5-0.**

Question 5 - **David Nichols moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 6 - **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept. Vote 0-5.**

Duane Goud moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to accept Contractual Services separately. Vote 5-0.

Question 7 - **Duane Goud moved, Phil DiVece seconded to accept Municipal Insurance. Vote 5-0.**

Question 8 (Celebrations) - **Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 9 (Debt Services) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 10 (Public Utilities) - **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 4-0-1 (DiVece abstained)**

Question 11 (Police Dept.) - **Nicole Viele moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 12 (Fire Dept.) - **Nicole Viele moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 13 (Highway Dept.) - **Nicole Viele moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 1-4. David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to split and accept \$693,588. Vote 5-0.**

Question 14 (Road and Sidewalk) - **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept \$300,000. Vote 5-0**

Question 15 (Cemeteries) - **Nicole Viele moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0**

Question 16 (Library) - **Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to accept. Vote 2-3 (Curtis, Goud and Nichols opposed) Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to approve \$80,000 for the Wiscasset Public Library. Vote 3-2 (Viele and DiVece opposed)**
See motion on library funding under Other Business.

Question 17 (Animal Control) - **Bill Curtis moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0**

Question 18 (Shellfish) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 19 (Comm. Org.) - **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 20 (Adult Ed) - **Nicole Viele moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 21 (WCC) - **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept with an explanation. Vote 5-0.**

Question 22 (disposal of RE) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0**

Question 23 (Sr. Ctr) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 24 (Airport) - **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**
(Board will revisit this article)

Question 25 (Wtrfrnt) - **Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to raise and appropriate \$16,734 from taxation and appropriate the sum of \$52,000 from Department revenues and surplus for the total Waterfront & Harbors operational budget of \$68,734. Vote 5-0.**

Question 26 (Transfer Sta) - **Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0**

Question 27 (EMS) - **Bill Curtis moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to appropriate the sum of \$250,974 (the entire sum to come from departmental revenues) for the total Emergency Medical Services operational budget. (This would cover a full-time director) Vote 2-3 (Viele, Nichols and Goud opposing). Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to appropriate \$240,974 (30-hour director position). Vote 3-2 (Curtis and DiVece opposed). The Budget Committee will revisit this item.**

David Nichols moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to continue past 10 p.m. Vote 5-0.

Question 28 (Parks and Rec) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 29 (WWTP) - **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 30 (Highway Dept. Reserve) **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to delete this question. Vote 5-0.**

Question 30 (Impact Fees) **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0.**

Question 31 (Police Cruiser) **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept. Vote 5-0**

Question 32 (Ejector plate) **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to delete. Vote 5-0.**

Question 32 - **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$108,000 for the purchase of a transfer station truck. Vote 5-0.**

Question 33 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,150 for the purpose of Wiscasset Municipal Airport. (Runway striping was deleted). **Vote 5-0.**

Question 34 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. **Vote 5-0.**

Question 35 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. **Vote 4-1.**

Question 36 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. **Vote 5-0.**

Question 37 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. **Vote 5-0.**

Question 38 - Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to accept. **Vote 4-1 (Nichols opposed)**

Question 39 - Duane Goud moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to accept. **Vote 5-0.**

Question 40,41, 42 - David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to accept. **Vote 5-0.**

Questions 43,44 - David Nichols moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to put Questions 43 and 44 on the ballot. **Vote 5-0.**

Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to take \$444,950 from undesignated surplus to put toward taxes to reduce tax amount this year. Vote 5-0.

During discussion on the questions pertaining to the library and the emergency medical service, it was suggested that two items be put on the warrant for the two amounts being considered with the votes of the Budget Committee and Selectmen recorded. Pamela Dunning said she thought this would be confusing to the voters. She said that if the items did not pass, the EMS would be covered for three months until a second vote could be taken; however, the library would be completely without funds for three months and would have to close. **Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to go with \$85,000 for the library. Vote 3-2 (Nichols and Curtis opposed).**

8. Other Board Business

Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to amend the motion on Borski's Way to include the condition that the road be brought up to town standards and inspected before 1 p.m. on Friday, April 25. Vote 5-0. Vote on amended motion 5-0.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be held on April 29 at 6 p.m. to be followed by an abatement workshop.

9. Adjourn

At 11:10 p.m. **Bill Curtis moved, Duane Goud seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0**