

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 15, 2008

(Tape recorded meeting)

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

Absent: Chairman Duane Goud

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Nichols 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 April 1, 2008

**Bill Curtis moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to approve the minutes as printed. Vote 4-0.**

4. Public Hearing and Selectmen Consideration: Taste of Orient Liquor License Renewal

The public hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m. Police Lt. John Allen asked that the decision be delayed until he had time to see if there had been any incidents at the restaurant. The public hearing closed at 7:07.

**Bill Curtis moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to table this item until the next meeting. Vote 3-0-1 (DiVece abstained).**

5. 4th of July Committee Parade Route Plans - Becky Applin

Becky Applin said that because of the Water District plans for Lee Street, the original parade route would be used with staging on Churchill Street. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m. and the parade at 10 a.m.

In response to Becky Applin's request, Laurie and John Allen volunteered to serve on the 250th Celebration Committee. **Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to appoint John and Laurie Allen to the 250th Celebration Committee. Vote 4-0.**

6. Request for Ordinance Amendment Allowing Mooring Location Transfer - Woody Freeman

See Item 11.

7. Permit Application for 2008 Season Use of Main St. Pier

Arthur Faucher submitted a plan showing the layout of vendors on the pier. Vendor applications had been received from Frank Sprague, Matt O'Donnell, David Higgins, James and Leanne Olsen, Alicia Huff and Robert Jones. **Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to accept the applications with the Waterfront Committee's recommendations for placement. Vote 4-0.**

8. Sign Corrected Release Deed for Winthrop C. Staples, Sr.

The release deed was corrected substituting the Riverview Credit Union for Winthrop C. Staples, Sr. **Nicole Viele moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to sign the corrected release deed. Vote 4-0.**

9. Public Works Striping Bid Opening and Award

Two bids were submitted as follows:

	<u>Pine State Safety Lines</u>	<u>Lucas Striping</u>
4" white & yellow lines per lin. ft.	.25	.24
Double yellow center line per lin.ft.	.08	.08
White edge line per lin. ft.	.05	.05
Crosswalks per sq. ft.	.80	.80
Stop bars per sq. ft.	.80	.80
Parking stalls each	4.00	4.32
Arrows each	10.00	10.00

According to Bob Blagden, Road Commissioner, the Lucas Striping bid was the lower of the two, considering the amount for the 4" white and yellow lines per linear foot was less than the Pine State bid and the savings would exceed any difference in the painting of the parking stalls. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to accept the Lucas bid for striping. Vote 4-0.**

10. Shellfish Committee Appointments

Arthur Faucher presented the recommendation of the Shellfish Committee. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to appoint Donald James, Peter Dalton, Paul Dickson, Timothy James, Richard Forrest, Peter (PF) Fairfield and Rex Collamore to the Shellfish Committee. Vote 4-0.**

11. June 2008 Ballot Ordinance Request: Recommend placement of Port and Harbor Ordinance Amendment on June 2008 Ballot

**Nicole Viele moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to place the Port and Harbor Ordinance amendment on the June 2008 ballot. Vote 4-0.**

12. June 2008 Ballot Ordinance Request: Recommend Placement of Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Amendments on June 2008 Ballot

**Nicole Viele moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to place the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance amendments on the June 2008 ballot. Vote 4-0.**

13. Request Permission to Install Direction Sign on the East Coast Greenway Bike Route

**Robert Bruce said the bike route would run through Wiscasset on its route from Calais, Maine to Key West, Florida.** He said Wiscasset and the DOT have already approved the route, and he requested written permission to install a direction sign at no cost to the town. The sign has not yet been designed and must be approved by the DOT. Town Planner Jeffrey Hinderliter said it would be advisable to know the location of the sign for purposes of plowing and sight lines. David Nichols advised Mr. Bruce to meet with the Town Planner when the location for the sign has been determined and at that point, the Board will vote on giving permission. In response to Bob Blagden's question, Mr. Bruce said that maintenance of the sign had not been discussed.

14. Request to Use Town Common for Summerfest - First Congregational Church

**Bill Curtis moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to approve the request to use the town common for Summerfest. Vote 4-0.**

15. Schedule Public Hearing: High Street Parking Ordinance Amendments (Recommend April 29, 2008)

**David Nichols moved, Phil DiVece seconded, to set April 29, 2008 for the public hearing on the High Street Parking Ordinance amendment. Vote 4-0.**

16. Other Business

The Chairman read a letter to the Selectmen from Robert B. Patterson offering to sell property at 96 Bath Road to the Town for \$350,000. **Nicole Viele moved, David Nichols seconded, to decline the offer of Robert B. Patterson. Vote 4-0.**

17. Citizen Comments

Laurie Allen asked the Board to consider prohibiting smoking at the entrances to public buildings. Prior Morrell, as a smoker, objected to the recommendation. Lt. John Allen suggested that smokers go to their vehicles to smoke.

Paul Grover thanked Debi Applebee and Arthur Faucher for putting up the sign congratulating the championship team.

Tony True reminded the Board that the warrant article to keep the transfer station open on Sunday failed the previous year by five votes. The Board at that time said it was not a dead issue; however, it is not on the ballot this year. He asked that it be put on the ballot and allow the people to decide.

Clark Jones asked why the Town did not collect property tax from the railroad.

Prior Morrell said there was no drainage on the i.park road resulting in black ice in the winter and the owner should be advised to consider liability. He added that there is poor visibility turning onto Birch Point Road.

George Green asked that the expense budget (discussed at the public hearing) be added up, as the total appeared wrong.

Tony True asked why the Board could not issue the liquor license to the Taste of Orient and then if there were any problems, revoke it. David Nichols said there is plenty of time to consider the permit before its expiration date on May 31st.

In response to Carroll Colby's question regarding the ownership of Ferry Road to Rynel, Arthur Faucher said the voters will be voting to accept it in June.

18. Adjourn

At 7:55 p.m. **Bill Curtis moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0.**