

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OCTOBER 2, 2007

(Tape Recorded Meeting)

Present: Bill Curtis, Chairman Duane Goud, Vice Chairman David Nichols,
Alex Robertson and Nicole Viele

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 September 18, 2007

The minutes were amended to indicate Duane Goud seconded the motion under Item 12. **Bill Curtis moved, Alex Robertson seconded, to accept the minutes as amended. Vote 5-0.**

Old Business

4. Request to Accept Harrison Lane as a Town Road

Duane Goud said the Road Commissioner and Town Manager had concerns about accepting the road because of the entrance width, visibility, and difficulty in plowing. He added that the Town had downsized its road crew in the past few years and had not taken on the responsibility of maintaining new roads. Harold Warren said the road had been built according to town standards, the residents pay taxes and the voters should decide whether to accept the road.

Road Commissioner Bob Blagden said that the road was probably built to specs but the intersection with Brown Road was a terrible intersection to plow. He recommended that a policy decision on accepting roads be made, as other requests will be made in the future.

Duane Goud recommended that Mr. Warren meet with the Town Manager, Town Planner and Road Commissioner to work out what improvements could be made to the road such as a greater turning radius before the Town took it over. He recommended that accepting the road not be put on the warrant until the Annual Town Meeting in June.

New Business

5. Request to Approve the 911 Road naming of Lobster Lane off Lowelltown Road

David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to name the road Lobster Lane. Vote 5-0.

6. Request to Approve the 911 Road naming of Clover Lane off Beechnut Hill Road

David Nichols moved, Alex Robertson seconded, to accept Clover Lane as the name of the driveway off Beechnut Hill Road. Vote 5-0.

7. Accept Employee Resignation from CEO Robert Sharkey Effective September 13, 2007

David Nichols moved, Alex Robertson seconded, to accept Robert Sharkey's resignation with regret. Vote 5-0.

8. Town Manager's Report

● **FEMA Grant Reimbursement:** In Arthur Faucher's absence, Duane Goud said that the Town had received a grant check for \$8,669.67 for damage caused by the April 2007 storm. These funds fall under the special revenue category and usually are put in the General Fund. However, the Sewer Department Manager has asked that his department be reimbursed in the amount of \$4,783.65 for removal of hazardous trees and contract services for a submersible pump. **Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to transfer \$4,783.65 into the Sewer Treatment facility account.** Bob Blagden questioned the decision to put the Public Works part of the grant in the General Fund rather than reimbursing the Highway Department as was done with the Sewer Department funds. Duane Goud said that the difference was that the Sewer Treatment Plant was an Enterprise Account; the Public Works Department will be able to use these funds if it exceeds its budget. He added that a request could be made to the Town Manager for the transfer of funds to the Public Works Department. **Vote 5-0.**

9. Other Board Business

Bill Curtis said that he and Todd Souza had received a proposal to update the town website from Jeremy Usher who will make a presentation at the October 16 meeting.

10. Announce Future Meetings, Workshops and Events

Duane Goud said that the Fourth of July Committee will be meeting on October 4 at 6 p.m., and he will ask them to include in their planning the town's 250th anniversary, which will occur in two and a half years.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the bypass will be available on October 11.

Absentee ballots for the November election will be available on October 9.

11. Adjourn

At 7:40 p.m. **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0.**