

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
APRIL 21, 2009
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 6 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m.

2. Public Informational Meeting: 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget Warrant Articles for the upcoming annual town meeting of June 9, 2009 (Draft 3)

Question 1 - No discussion.

Question 2 - It was noted that 2B should be in the form of a question.

Question 3 - No discussion

Question 4 - No discussion

Question 5A - Prior Morrell said the Health Officer, who is the Town Manager, has no qualifications. Arthur Faucher said that the Town would have a health officer for the coming budget year. Budget Committee voted unanimously to not recommend this question.

Question 5B - Board of Selectmen had not voted on this question.

Question 6A - No discussion.

Question 6B - This is an addition to the amount raised last year.

Question 7 - No discussion

Question 8 - No discussion

Question 9 - No discussion

Question 10 - No discussion

Question 11 - Selectmen had not voted on this item because one member had been absent; the Budget Committee had tabled it. Votes on this question will be taken at the April 23 meeting. The Road Commissioner's salary is included in this total but may change after the election.

Question 12 - No discussion

Question 13 - No discussion

Question 14 - No discussion

Question 15 - Charlotte Davenport, President of LCTV asked the Selectmen to raise their donation to \$10,000; was advised all donations were flat funded, some town residents do not have cable.

Question 16 - No discussion

Question 17 - Selectmen will vote on this question on April 23.

Question 18 - Selectmen will revisit this question on April 23. Prior Morrell spoke in opposition to the 40kw generator.

Question 19 - No discussion

Question 20 - Budget Committee had not recommended because this is no longer a true enterprise account; anticipated revenues had not been received. There was discussion on gross budgeting, which was recommended by the auditors. Budget Committee will revisit.

Question 21 - No discussion

Question 22 - This question will not be worded as an enterprise account.

Question 23 - No discussion

Question 24 - Peter Dalton listed the cost of maintenance/repair work needed at the waterfront and asked if he could take money out of the account. Selectmen will consider on April 23.

Question 25 - Selectmen will vote on April 23. Budget Committee is waiting for Selectmen to vote on two personnel questions - Highway Department and Transfer Station.

Question 26 - No discussion

Question 27 - State limit is 9%; in the past Town has charged 2% less. Higher rate might encourage owners of large properties to pay. Selectmen will vote on April 23.

Question 28 - No discussion

The meeting recessed for 20 minutes at 6:55 and resumed at the municipal building meeting room at 7:15 p.m.

3. Frank Sprague: Seasonal use of an ATM at the Main Street Pier

Nicole Viele reported that local stores were in favor of an ATM on the pier because the Key Bank ATM was broken. Lt. John Allen, Wiscasset Police Department, was not in favor of the ATM as he considered it a security risk. Power and phone lines will be supplied by Frank Sprague.

David Nichols moved to grant the vender's permit for Frank Sprague and allow the use of an ATM on the Main Street Pier. Vote 3-2 (DiVece and Fairfield opposed). Peter Dalton said that Frank Sprague's space had been grandfathered per the Selectmen's minutes of June 27, 2006.

4. Jeffrey Hinderliter: Advertisement for a Code Enforcement Officer

Jeffrey Hinderliter asked for approval of the job description and advertisement for the CEO's position. He estimated it would take two months before someone would be hired for the position.

Nicole Viele moved to authorize Jeffrey Hinderliter to advertise for a Code Enforcement Officer. Vote 5-0.

5. Town Manager: Discussion on contract services for assessment field work

Arthur Faucher said the original amount in the budget for Engineering/Consultants was \$57,000, part of which was for engineering services for Federal Street and Route 1. MDOT will not be doing this work in 2010-2011 as planned, but in 2011-2012. There is a \$40,870.76 unexpended in that account. He recommended that the selectmen authorize funds for field work by Tyler now rather than in the fall. This would allow the mill rate to be set well in advance of the date tax bills

would have to be mailed out. **Nicole Viele moved authorize the town manager to sign a contract with Tyler to do field work and use \$16,000 out of contractual services. Vote 5-0.**

6. Other Business

The selectmen will meet with the Budget Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23.

7. Adjourn

At 7:30 p.m. **Bill Curtis moved to adjourn. Vote 5-0.**