

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES, MAY 5, 2009

Preliminary Minutes

(Tape recorded meeting)

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

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. Public Hearing and Selectmen's Consideration: Ivanna Inc.'s Lighthouse Lobster Shack Restaurant Liquor License

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. Ivan Korolev plans to operate a lobster shack at the Maine Heritage Village and has applied for a beer and wine license. Lt. John Allen, Wiscasset Police Department said he would like to look at the layout of the establishment and would like more information about the restaurant such as whether drinks would be allowed outside the restaurant and whether drinks would be served in glass or paper containers. He asked the board to consider tabling action on this application until he could investigate further. The public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

**Bill Curtis moved to table the matter until the next meeting. Vote 5-0-0.** Mr. Korolev said the planned opening date was May 16, and the next selectmen's meeting would be on May 19. He said he had spoken with Jeffrey Hinderliter, Town Planner, and made application in time for the last meeting but was asked to delay until this meeting because the board had been busy with the budget. He added that after the selectmen approve the application, it would have to be approved by the state, which, if the selectmen's vote were postponed, would delay his application even further.

4. Approve meeting minutes of April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 23, 2009

**Phil DiVece moved to approve the minutes of April 7, 2009. Vote 4-0-1** (Curtis abstained).  
**Nicole Viele moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2009. Vote 4-0-1** (DiVece abstained).  
**Phil DiVece moved to approve the minutes of April 21, 2009. Vote 5-0-0.** **Phil DiVece moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2009. Vote 5-0-0.**

5. Citizen Comment

Roland Abbott, EMA, said he understood a check had been received from FEMA for damage incurred by the ice storm and that the amount had been \$59,929, \$2,850 of which was slated for the ambulance service and over \$50,000 for the public works department. He asked that the funds be disbursed to the proper accounts and not put into the general fund. Although the Town Manager said he was not aware of the check, Abbott said that Becky Applin had emailed him notice that it had been received. Dick Hanson said that in 2000, a check for \$50,000 intended for the highway department had been put into the general fund, and he made several critical remarks about the town government. Nicole Viele said that if FEMA indicated these funds were for the ambulance service and highway department, that is where the money would go.

Steve Mehrl said that it appeared Mr. Korolev had met with the Town Planner in plenty of time to get his liquor license before opening and that the board should not hold up this new business opportunity. John Allen said he was concerned about the lack of no parking signs on Old Bath Road and said he had only heard of the application that day. Bill Barnes said that the board's

action would discourage people coming to town and said that the board had never denied a new or old liquor license.

## **New Business**

### 6. Shelley Winchenbach, Government Affairs Manager, Time Warner Company: Discussion on Access Channels

Ms. Winchenbach said that according to the 2004 franchise agreement the Town had signed with Time Warner, the Town was entitled to two access channels, three origination sites, a capital grant and the ability to have access within the town for broadcasting from the high school, the community center and town hall. She said the town would have the ability to override programming on Channel 7 if it wished to broadcast town events and would have access to another channel for educational purposes. The \$40,000 grant given the town by Time Warner was to set up a studio for broadcasting. The two access channels have not been used over the past five years and Winchenbach said that if the town did not want to use them, Time Warner would like to have the town give them back so that Time Warner could use them for more HD programming. David Nichols said the board would discuss the matter with the schools. Winchenbach agreed to attend a joint meeting.

### 7. Road Striping Bids, Bike-Ped Committee Member

Road Striping Bids: One road striping bid was received from Lucas Striping as follows:

4" white and yellow lines per linear foot	.24
Double yellow center line per linear foot	.08
White edge line per linear foot	.05
Cross Walk per sq. ft.	.80
Stop bars per sq. ft.	.80
Parking stall/each	.24
Arrows/each	\$10.00

Road Commissioner Bob Blagden said that Pine Tree Safety Lines had also been sent bid forms but had declined to bid. He said the prices from Lucas Striping were about the same as what had been paid last year. **Bill Curtis moved to accept the bid as read. Vote 5-0-0.**

Bike-Ped Committee Member: As requested in a memo to the Town Manager from Bob Faunce, Lincoln County Planner, **Bob Fairfield moved to appoint Bob Bruce to the Wiscasset Bicycle-Pedestrian Study Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

### 8. Town Manager

Ferry Road Development's Annual Payment: Mason Station LLC has sent a check to the Town for \$250,000.

MDOT Local Project Administration: The candidate for Road Commissioner who is elected in June will be required to complete an MDOT Local Project Administration course in order for the town to participate in state or federal stimulus projects, as MDOT no longer has the personnel to administer these funds.

Copying of Historical Documents: The Town Manager reported that the Copy Shop was well equipped to handle the copying of historical documents. He suggested that one of the retired selectmen handle transporting the documents. **Phil DiVece moved to authorize the Town Manager to make arrangements to have copies made of the Town's historic documents.** DiVece suggested that copies be obtained by the Town and displayed in the meeting room. **Vote 5-0-0.**

Recommendation for new Town Clerk: The Town Manager reported that three of the seven applicants for town clerk had been interviewed and the committee's recommendation was Christine Wolfe, currently employed as Town Clerk and Tax Collector for Dresden. She will be working for Wiscasset part-time until July 1 while assisting her replacement in Dresden. The selectmen will be advised of the grade and rate/range of pay in the near future. **Bob Fairfield moved to appoint Christine Wolfe to the Town Clerk position. Vote 5-0-0.**

9. Other Business

**Phil DiVece moved to have the Town Manager provide the Board of Selectmen and residents of the town with an update on the Edward Jones account at the June 2 meeting and have the auditor present as well. Vote 5-0-0.**

10. Adjourn

At 7:50 p.m., **Bob Fairfield moved to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.**