

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AUGUST 11, 2009

Preliminary Minutes

Tape-recorded meeting

Present: Chairman Bob Blagden, Bill Curtis, Pam Dunning, Bob Fairfield and  
Town Manager Arthur Faucher

Absent: Phil DiVece

5:30PM Executive Session with David Barrett.

At 5:50 p.m., the Chair moved to go into executive session. The purpose of the executive session was to meet with David Barrett of the Maine Municipal Association to discuss labor contracts as permitted under Title 1: Chapter 13 Section 405 6 (D).

The Board of Selectmen exited executive session at 6:55 p.m. The Board of Selectmen took no voting action. Attorney Barrett is to continue with his preparations for a second meeting with the entire Board of Selectmen.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bob Blagden 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 August 4, 2009

**Pam Dunning moved to approve the minutes of August 4, 2009. Vote 4-0-0.**

4. Citizen Comment

George Green encouraged the board to give preference in hiring town employees to tax-paying residents of Wiscasset, if qualified.

Clark Jones noted that Wiscasset wreckers were not called for a recent accident on the bridge, which tied up traffic for hours; wreckers came from Boothbay and Waldoboro.

Richard Hanson asked if it were possible to have the mill rate, as the information would be valuable to the voters who would soon be voting on the school budget and the highway department budget. Arthur Faucher said he did not have the mill rate at this time, as the audit, which was ongoing, should be finished in two weeks.

5. Erv Deck: Bids for the Airport Snow Removal Equipment Building

Erv Deck, Airport Manager, reported that he and the town manager had opened and reviewed the two bids for assembly and site work for the snow removal equipment (SRE) building. Out of the nine bid packages that were taken out, two had submitted bids as follows: R. A. Paradis & Son, Inc. - \$342,991; and Machinery Service Company, Inc. - \$296,300. The Airport Committee had met to review the bids and recommended accepting the low bid. If approved by the board, the bid will be sent to the FAA. Total grant amount for the building is \$335,000, of which the FAA will be responsible for 95%, the town and the state will split the remaining 5%. The town's share is \$8,375, which will come from the airport budget.

In response to Bill Curtis' question on the proposed location, Deck said it would be at the far end of the airport. Curtis said he would rather have it sited near the operations building. Deck said there was not enough space at that location.

**Bob Blagden moved to accept the low bid of \$296,300 from Machinery Service Company for construction of the SRE building. Vote 3-1-0 (Curtis opposed).**

#### 6 Chris Cossette: Main and Federal Street Reconstruction Action Committee

Cossette proposed a Reconstruction Committee to work in partnership with the MDOT on logistics and issues to be addressed in dealing with the infrastructure for this construction project. Cossette said the two-part project could be phased over two years and that there is a short time window to complete the work. He said there are a number of funding sources for this project, which was originally scheduled for 2011-2012, and that the original timeline may still be possible.

He recommended membership on the committee include the town planner, town manager, road commissioner, selectmen, budget committee members, and Water District Trustees and asked for an indication of the board's interest. It was the consensus of the board that formation of the committee should go forward. The budget committee chairman was present and will ask for volunteers from his committee. Cossette said that it was critical to get the committee formed soon and he recommended early September for the first meeting. Funding sources will be discussed with the committee.

#### 7. Town Manager

- MDOT's visit at Thorndike Road: Arthur Faucher reported he, the town planner, and the MDOT had met with George Lamar. The MDOT will determine if Thorndike Road was abandoned and the state will survey the property and original layout of the road to determine the boundary between Mr. Lamar's property and the old U. S. Route 1. The MDOT will report to the selectmen at the August 18 meeting and in the meantime, the gate and gravel will remain as they are now.
- MMA property insurance dividend press release: The town will receive \$6400.
- RFPs have been sent out for repair of the roof vent, roof valley, and sump pump and for three ADA-compliant doors.

Bob Blagden asked that the policy of sending out RFPs to an existing list of contractors be followed. He said in the past contractors could ask to be on the list and would automatically be sent RFPs. The town manager said he would advertise/announce that a list was being compiled.

#### 8. Other Business - none

#### 9. Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to go into executive session under Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405(6)(A) for the purpose of conducting a performance evaluation of Peter Dalton as Harbormaster. Vote 4-0-0.**

The Board of Selectmen exited executive session at 8:27p.m. The Town Manager will place a copy of the performance review in Selectman DiVece's mailbox and Selectmen will address the difference of hours worked at the next meeting.

#### 10. Adjourn

**Pam Dunning moved to adjourn at 8:28p.m. Vote 4-0-0.**