

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
FEBRUARY 14, 2017

Tape recorded meeting

Present: David Cherry, Chair Judy Colby, Larry Gordon, Ben Rines, Jr., Jeff Slack and Town Manager Marian Anderson

Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and welcomed newly elected member Larry Gordon. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved that when the board adjourns it does so in memory and honor of Ruth Kierstead. Vote 5-0-0.**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **David Cherry moved to approve the payroll warrants of January 20, January 27, February 3 and February 14, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **David Cherry moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of January 24, January 31, February 7 and February 14, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Jeff Slack moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2017 as written. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee appointments

a. Donald Jones, Appearance of the Town Committee:

b. Norma Gordon, Appearance of the Town Committee

**Jeff Slack moved to accept both appointments. Vote 4-1-0 (Gordon opposed).**

6. Public Hearing – none

7. Unfinished Business

a. Update from Town Attorney Shana Mueller: At 7:07 p.m. **Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(e). Vote 4-1 (Slack opposed). Ben Rines, Jr. moved to come out of executive session at 7:25 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** Judy Colby said the board had discussed options regarding the energy project and no action will be taken at this time.

b. Murray Hill Properties – Repayment and Settlement Agreement for sewer services: Attorney Shana Mueller said the document given to the board was a rough draft but it outlined the payment schedule.

A \$10,000 and a \$2,000 payment had been made in January and the remaining payments from February through June will be increased to \$2,500 with a final payment of \$13,388.61. **Jeff Slack moved to accept the revisions as discussed. Vote 4-0-1 (Gordon abstained).**

8. Public Comment – none

9. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Waterfront Committee – proposed revision of the Town of Wiscasset Pier Policy and Application: **Jeff Slack moved to approve the revision of the pier policy. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Police Chief Jeffrey Lange – Request for authorization for Wiscasset Police Officers to have statewide arrest authority. Lange referred to the handout which summarized the need for police officers, when covering towns outside Wiscasset as mutual aid, to have arrest authority. He submitted a draft policy and the state enabling legislation. In response to Larry Gordon’s question, Lange said there is liability protection for an officer operating outside his or her jurisdiction. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the policy. Vote 4-1-0 (Gordon opposed).**

Lange said he had spoken with the Fire Chief and EMS Director about forming the Wiscasset Public Safety Advisory Council to review policies and procedures, determine where services should be focused and assist in strategic planning. He recommended 9 to 11 members including two high school students, but excluding those working for the Town or those that have a relationship with three departments. Applications are available and must be returned by March 6. Jeff Slack will assist in interviewing prospective members. The council will operate within current resources.

c. Todd Souza – Discussion on development of a no smoking ordinance on town-owned properties: Postponed to a future meeting.

10. New Business

a. Election of Board’s vice-chairman: **Judy Colby nominated David Cherry as vice chairman. Vote 4-0-1 (Cherry abstained).**

b. H.M.Payson Statement: Marian Anderson said the funds are doing well and the Investment Committee has asked H.M.Payson to make a presentation in April. Larry Gordon will be notified of the next meeting of the Investment Committee. Anderson said the capital improvement requests from the departments would be made available to the board in the next few days and will be discussed on February 25. Ben Rines, Jr., asked that the Town Manager contact the School Department about its budget.

c. Business License application for Kathrynne Willhoit Photography: **David Cherry moved to approve the application. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Discussion of Spirit of America Award: Marian Anderson asked for recommendations for the award. Entries are due by February 28.

11. Town Manager’s Report

a. Reschedule Capital Expenditure meeting: Documents will be provided and a decision will be made on meeting dates at the February 21 meeting.

b. Anderson made available to the board an adjusted spread sheet from Budget Committee on the school energy project, verifying the school figures.

c. A letter from the Wiscasset Taxpayers' Alliance requesting that meetings be scheduled had been received but Anderson said she had taken no action on the request, as there was not enough information available to schedule meetings. She added that two select board members and MDOT representatives were at all meetings on the Main Street improvement project.

#### 12. Other Board Business

a. Supplemental for property of Ronald Gonyou (Map R01, Lot 37-F) in the amount of \$1,781.17: **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the Supplemental for Map R01, Lot 37-F in the amount of \$1,781.17. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 13 Adjournment

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to adjourn the meeting in honor and memory of Ruth Keirstead at 7:28 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**