

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
FEBRUARY 21, 2017

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

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

- a. **David Cherry moved to approve the payroll warrants of February 17, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **David Cherry moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of February 21, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes – none

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department head or committee chair

a. Todd Souza – Discussion on development of a no smoking ordinance on town-owned properties: Souza asked permission to work with the board and the Ordinance Review Committee on a no smoking ordinance to be ready for the June warrant. He recommended that the ordinance would apply to the Community Center and High School, playground and Superintendent's office and Sherman Park. Enforcement would begin with education and conversation. Signs will be needed and Souza will look into sources for funding. Police Chief Jeffrey Lange said that the police could not enforce a policy; an ordinance would be required. **Larry Gordon moved to approve a no smoking policy on the three areas mentioned by Souza. David Cherry moved to amend the motion to include "or vaping" after "no smoking". Vote on the amendment 5-0-0. Vote on the motion as amended: 5-0-0.** The no smoking ordinances of other towns will be reviewed and an ordinance will be drafted for the June ballot.

Souza also asked the board if Hannah Court, Morris Farm, could bring her produce and meat to the community center for collection by the members who have bought shares in the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Court, who leases the farm, cites the lack of parking at the farm. Souza said Court will sign a memorandum of understanding and provide proof of liability insurance. **Jeff Slack moved to allow Hannah Court to use the community center parking for collection. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Department Head Reports: In response to Ben Rines' question, EMS Director Toby Martin said the EMS Department will be establishing a medical equipment loan program which would allow residents to borrow medical equipment such as crutches, commodes, wheelchairs, etc. He asked for community support. In response to Larry Gordon's question, police chief Jeffrey Lange explained the arrest powers of the police officers outside of Wiscasset under the new policy. The officers will be covered by liability insurance. Marian Anderson thanked Doug Fowler, his crew and other town employees for their work during the recent storms.

#### 9. Unfinished Business

a. Boston Post Cane: Since the death of Ruth Kierstead at the age of 101, the oldest resident and proposed recipient of the Boston Post Cane will be Ruth Applin who will be 100 in the spring. Marian Anderson will contact the family regarding arrangements.

#### 10. New Business

##### a. Monthly Financials

- . Year-to-Date Department Report
- . H.M. Payson Statement

b. BluePaint Development proposal – Birch Point/Mason Station: The letter from BluePaint Development was discussed briefly and there was a consensus that the board had no interest in the proposal.

c. Sewer Lien Abatement: Carolyn and Robert Harris (Harris Chapter 7 Bankruptcy): **David Cherry moved to write off the \$428.41 sewer lien for Carolyn and Robert Harris. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Discussion of Spirit of America Award recipient: Marian Anderson asked that recommendations for the award be given to her.

#### 11. Town Manager's Report

a. Preliminary review of proposed 2017 Capital Budget: Anderson said information from H.M. Payson for the Saturday meeting will include scenarios with both 3.5% and 4.5% withdrawals as well as advice on borrowing from and repaying investments versus floating a bond.

b. Primary School proceeds: A memo from the Town Treasurer indicated that the proceeds from the sale after expenses were \$380,640.47.

c. Review policy for use of town property and equipment: Anderson said the policy is being updated and she will discuss it with department heads and report at the next meeting.

#### 12. Other Board Business

a. Abatement for property of Michael J. Cardillo (Map R03, Lot 69) in the amount of \$310.59.

b. Abatement for property of Craig Winters (Map U03, Lot 27) in the amount of \$1,429.44.

c. Abatement for property of heirs of Eugene Damon (Map U01, Lot 38) in the amount of \$2,076.81.

**Jeff Slack moved to approve the Abatements as recommended by assessors' agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

**David Cherry moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**