

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD  
ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
MINUTES, JUNE 27, 2017

Tape recorded meeting

Present: Bob Blagden, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair 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. **Judy Colby moved to approve the payroll warrant of June 27, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrant of June 27, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of June 15 and June 20, 2017. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk described an incident which called for action by the EMTs and praised them for their efficiency in treating him. He said the team was outstanding and he thanked them.

Todd Souza expressed disappointment in the voters' decision to not approve the Planning Department budget. He said he hoped that, as a result of the petition being circulated, people will reconsider. He asked who would take up the slack.

Kim Doughty asked that the ballot show the impact on the budget of each financial line item on the warrant. She also asked for the amount of grant money the planner had brought in, as she had read conflicting amounts.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair – none

9. Unfinished Business

a. Year-to-date financials as of June 23, 2017: Marian Anderson said the books will close on Friday and added that Parks and Recreation still had money coming in for summer camps. Ben Rines, Jr. inquired

about the Capital Improvement budget and was advised that the Balance number was not a deficit. In response to a further question, Marian Anderson said there will be loan payments coming in and she hoped funds would not have to be taken from surplus.

Ed Polewarczyk said with tax due dates offset three months from the fiscal year, the Town should have enough money in June to carry through until October when the tax bills are sent out, or the town will have to borrow money for the last three months.

Judy Colby commended the department heads for staying within their budgets.

b. EMS contract with Dresden: Marian Anderson reported that Dresden residents voted at their town meeting to go with Wiscasset EMS for services. The contract is being drafted and will begin July 1. **Judy Colby moved to direct, delegate, and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract on behalf of the Town of Wiscasset with the Town of Dresden to provide ambulance services pursuant to the terms discussed by the Selectmen in April, 2017 and the Town Meeting vote this month.** Anderson said Dresden will pay \$6,000 the first year, \$6,500 the second year and \$7000 the third year. Bob Blagden questioned the contract terms regarding the collection of bad debts of Dresden and other towns. Katherine Martin-Savage recommended receiving quarterly reports. In response to questions, Marian Anderson said the board had earlier approved the contract which is scheduled to begin July 1. Ben Rines, Jr. said he had voted for the contract but had serious reservations. **Vote 3-0-2** (Blagden and Martin-Savage abstained.)

#### 10. New Business

a. Discuss future voting location: Marian Anderson said she had been asked about changing the voting location back to the town office. It was suggested that the opinion of the Town Clerk and the ballot clerks be sought. Kathy Martin-Savage and Bob Blagden favored the change. The matter will be discussed at a later date. Todd Souza recommended that the town go back to open town meetings so that ballot questions can be explained more thoroughly to voters. It was also suggested that voting hours begin at 7 a.m. for those working out of town.

b. MDOT Letter: Marian Anderson asked for clarification from the board regarding the letter to the MDOT. Ben Rines, Jr. said the intention of his motion was to support the article as written to reflect the will of the voters. Anderson will make draft copies available to the board.

c. Bid Opening – Chip Seal: The following bids were received:

	<u>Huntoon Hill</u>	<u>Hooper</u>	<u>Old Bath</u>	<u>Beechnut Hill</u>	<u>Hand Plates</u>	<u>Butt Points</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allstate Asphalt	\$37,480.80	\$19,964	\$ 93,753.52	\$12,460.50	\$140/ton	\$10 /sf	\$160,658.82
Crooker Const.	41,028.09	21,853.45	98,477.72	13,525.5		10/sf	\$174,884.76

**Judy Colby moved to authorize the Public Works Director and Town Manager to review the bids and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Review Policy on Correspondence addressed to the Selectmen: Copies of the policy were given to the board for their consideration. Judy Colby commented that any mail received by the office or the select board is public record and therefore is available to the public.

## 11. Town Manager's Report

Anderson said the referendum on marijuana had passed and she provided the board with the potential next steps and issues regarding marijuana legalization for the Town of Wiscasset. She also put together a summary of next steps regarding modification or other action concerning the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Anderson reminded the board that in the past the subject of placing the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden positions under the Police Department had been discussed. Anderson asked if this was the intention of the board. Police Chief Jeffrey Lange reported that he had both a certified harbormaster and certified shellfish warden on the police force. Adding the harbormaster and shellfish warden duties to the police force would not be a cost to the town as the officers would be paid the stipend now paid to the harbormaster and shellfish warden, but fees and fines will increase because of the increased presence of a police officer. Lange said that if the change of these positions to the police department is made, he will have one of his officers trained to prosecute violators and those fines will go to the town. Lange said the officer would also enforce parking when the MDOT plan is complete. Only legal parking places are enforced now; there are parking places in town that are not legal. Anderson said that the office had received two applications for the harbormaster position at a stipend of \$7500, although both had full time jobs. Katherine Martin-Savage moved to put the harbormaster and the shellfish warden under the Police Department. Vote 4-1-0 (Rines opposed).

Anderson reminded everyone that the office would be closed at noon on Friday, June 30.

## 12 Other Board Business

The chair welcomed State Senator Dana Dow to the meeting, and on behalf of the board thanked Ben Averill for all he had done for the Town of Wiscasset and wished him well in the future.

Bob Blagden asked that the tables be arranged so that the board members can see each other more easily than they can with the present arrangement.

**Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRS §405(6)(A) to discuss a personnel matter. Vote 3-2-0 (Rines and Blagden opposed).** Rines and Blagden did not attend the executive session. **Judy Colby moved to come out of executive session. Vote 3-0-0.**

## 13 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.