

**Wiscasset Selectboard
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2017**

5 p.m.

Executive session for consultation with legal counsel.

- **Motion: For the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E) to meet with legal counsel.**

Chair Judy Colby motioned Second by David Cherry. Ben Rines stated he did not feel it was necessary to go in to executive session to discuss the ordinance. After Board discussion the consensus was that no executive session is necessary. The Board members did not want to pursue the removal hearing previously scheduled for May 9, 2017. The Board consensus was to repeal the historic preservation ordinance. The meeting suspended at 5:10 until the regular 6:00 PM meeting. Resident Susan Blagdon joined the Board in the audience at 5:15.

The Wiscasset Selectboard, Tax Assessors & Overseers of the Poor met in regular session **Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 6 p.m.** in the Municipal Meeting Room.

MINUTES

6 p.m. Call the meeting to order

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

David Cherry moved to approve the payroll warrants of April 21 and April 28 Vote 5-0-0

**David Cherry moved to Accounts Payable Warrants: April 25 , 2017; and May 2, 2017
Vote 5-0-0**

3. Approval of Minutes:

Ben Rines moved to approve the April 18, 2017 minutes. Vote 5-0-0

4. Special Presentations or Awards:
5. Committee appointments:
6. Public Hearings:

David Cherry moved to open the public hearing for the proposed new ordinance and ordinance revisions

- Disorderly House Ordinance (NEW)
- Amendments to Article IX, Section 4.7 Impoundment Fees
- Amendments to Shellfish Conservation Ordinance Section 6.6 (Opening and Closing of Flats – **Selectman Slack proposed amending the fees**
Resident Commercial current fee \$150.00 increase to \$ 195.00
Non-Resident Commercial current fee \$ 300.00 to \$ 390.00
Resident Recreational current fee \$ 15.00 to \$ 20.00
Non-Resident Recreational \$30.00 to \$ 40.00

Ben Rines moved to increase the fees. Vote 5-0-0

Selectman Slack moved to cancel the previously scheduled May 9th public meeting regarding the Historic Preservation Commission Vote 5-0-0

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Steve Mehrl requested that the Board purchase a sound system to include microphones for the meeting room. Albert Kontrath also requested the town improve the sound system.

Susan Blagdon asked that the Board repeat the explanation regarding the Boards decision to repeal the Historic Preservation ordinance. Attorney Mueller explained that the process for amending the ordinance. In this instance, the repealing of the Historic Preservation section of the Town's ordinance is considered an amendment to the ordinance.

8. Department head or committee chair:

- a. Road Commissioner Doug Fowler-Discussion of Wiscasset Water Districts road opening permit. Doug explained the attached memo and the Water Districts belief that they are exempt from having to obtain an/or pay for the town road opening permit. Chris Cossette explained that sometime in 2008,(he has been unable to find the documents) the Town exempted the water district. Chris reviewed the dates of the communications with town regarding the upcoming infrastructure project. Larry Gordon expressed concern about the summer traffic issues with construction scheduled during the peak season. Ben Rines commented that this project seems like "over-kill". Chair Judy Colby stated that the construction schedule leaves something to be desired. Planning to open downtown roads the week of the 4th of July is poor planning. Greg Wood, trustee of the water district explained the 6 million dollar debt the district is carrying. David Cherry stated he saw no reason to exempt the road opening fees. Ben Rines stated that he wanted the roads returned to the same condition as the water district found them. The taxpayers of Wiscasset should not have to pay to repair the water districts road damage. Judy Colby motion to set the fee at \$8,121. Vote 4-1 (Larry Gordon opposed)**
- b. Police Chief Jeffrey Lange-Police department's plans for developing Child Safe Zones at Wiscasset School – Chief Lange updated the Board on the placement of the new "Child Safe Zone signs. – see attached memo from details.**
- c. Tax Collector Molly Bonang-Payment of Maine Yankee taxes and impact fee (see memo)**

Chair Judy Colby thanked the Tax Collector for the information. No discussion.

9. Unfinished Business:

10. New Business

- a. School budget town meeting date request-Heather Wilmot, Superintendent of School
**Motion: Judy moved to set the date of the school budget meeting for Monday, May 15.
Vote 5-0-0**

- b. Wiscasset Water District proposed 2017 & 2018 rate increase. **Manager Anderson provided the Board with projected two year budget impact to the Town. The projected two year impact is \$ 65, 491.75. Assuming consumption etc. remains the same. This increase is not in the FY 2017/2018 municipal budget. The Town will work with the Public Advocates office to obtain the required signatures to have the rate increase reviewed.**

- c. EMS and Police Services at Wiscasset Speedway-Lawrence Gordon stated that the racetrack should be providing their own security, not using Wiscasset Police and their own EMS. If these employees are hurt at the racetrack the Town is responsible for the workman's comp and lost wages and lost staff time to cover the rest of the town. This should not be the responsibility of the taxpayers. Toby Martin explained that EMS providers cannot practice by 3rd party contract. Covering the track is meeting the needs of the community. Glen Craig stated that the liability is on the town without a policy to cover the town otherwise. The Town Manager and Departments will explore other options for the town and report back to the Board end of June.

- d. Pier Vendor Permit Applications
Motion Jeff Slack to approve the Pier Vendor Permit application of Mali Mrozinski and Jordan Gehman of Doublet Design and Pier Vendor Permit application of Alvah Maloney of Maine Kayak, Inc. Vote 5-0-0

- e. Bid Opening-Wastewater operations and maintenance evaluation
Chair Judy Colby opened the 3 bids received:

Water Quality	-\$11,860.00
Wright- Pierce-	\$12,900.00
A-E Hudson	- \$13,950.00

Chair Judy Colby Motion to have the Town Manager and Wastewater Treatment Supervisor review the bids and bring their recommendation back to the board. Vote 5-0-0

11. Town Manager's Report

Reminder of the MDOT public meeting on downtown traffic improvement project set for May 8, at the elementary school.

12. Other Board Business

- a. Abatement

Motion Jeff Slack to approve the abatement for Thomas and Dianne Curtis at 43 Ready Point Road in the amount of \$462.14 as recommended by Assessors Agent Ellery G. Bane.

13. Adjournment

Jeff Slack moved to adjourn 8:15 Vote 5-0-0

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