

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
NOVEMBER 13, 2018

Present: Kim Andersson, Bob Blagden, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines Jr., 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. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrant of November 9, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrant of November 13, 2018. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018 and the minutes of November 6, 2018 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment

Judy Flanagan described the activities planned for the Holiday Marketfest at the Community Center, Nichols-Sortwell House, First Congregational Church, Wiscasset Public Library and the downtown shops the second weekend of December. In addition, there will be a Snow Ball at Water's Edge on Saturday, December 8. Flanagan asked permission to put up signs advertising the events. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to allow the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Marketfest to put up signage. Vote 5-0-0.**

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

- a. Police Chief Lawrence Hesseltine – Request to expend \$30,000 reimbursement check: Chief Hesseltine asked permission to put back into the Law Enforcement budget the \$30,000 reimbursement check received from Brunswick for Officer Fisher. **Judy Colby moved to expend \$30,000 as the chief sees fit. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. Chief T. J. Merry – Fire Station door opener issues – Tabled until December 4 per request of Fire Chief.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Maine Yankee Covenant Amendment – Request for consent: J. Brown, Site Manager, gave an overview of the work done by the State and the DEP leading to the request for consent of the Maine Yankee Environmental Covenant Amendment. The DEP and Maine Yankee have agreed that further monitoring of the groundwater is no longer necessary as it meets groundwater standards and they have asked that the Town sign the Consent. In response to Kim Andersson’s question, Brown said that no development is planned on the site, only storage of fuel that is currently there. He added that there is no near-term plan to move the canisters. Attorney Ken Gray said that the nuclear issues are independent of the agreement. **Judy Colby moved to direct and authorize the Town Manager to execute the Consent to Amendment of Environmental Covenant relating to the Maine Yankee site in substantially the form as presented tonight. Vote 3-2-0 (Andersson and Rines opposed).**

b. Review Property Tax Payment Agreement

The board had received copies of a sample Land Purchase Installment Contract obtained from MMA, although MMA recommends consulting the town attorney. Judy Colby advised holding a workshop with the town attorney. Marian Anderson said MMA advises the Town not to enter into installment contracts and to not accept any payments after the property tax lien has automatically foreclosed. Bob Blagden asked the point of entering into a mortgage when the Town already has a tax lien on the property which trumps the mortgage. Judy Flanagan said someone from the State addressed the board on this subject a few years ago and Flanagan thought there was no cost. The Town Manager will check on this. Bob Blagden said the form looked incredibly complicated to accomplish what we want to. He asked if it would be better to have an agreement with a schedule for payoff and if payments were not made, the Town would enforce the lien. He added that the fact that taxes increased substantially was not considered when the current agreements were made. Vernice Boyce said only six property owners have agreements at this time. The Town Manager asked for permission to work with those who had faithfully worked with the town to enter into an agreement and to bring back the others for the board’s consideration on December 4. She said the first step in the past had been to sell vacant land. Ben Rines, Jr., asked that commercial properties be included in the list to be sold. Anderson will send the MMA document to the Town Attorney and invite her to the December 4 meeting to discuss the matter.

10. New Business

a. Wiscasset Chamber of Commerce: Holiday Marketfest, fireworks December 6th: Marian Anderson asked that this item be postponed until the December 4th meeting for a more in-depth discussion with Director of Recreation Lisa Thompson.

b. 2019 Fourth of July contract with Central Maine Pyrotechnics: Thompson, who was present, said there had been mixed reviews of the fireworks the previous year and before spending money on fireworks, she would like an opportunity to see if there are other companies who could provide fireworks. She added that more cooperation from town employees is needed for the 4th of July. She said people want parades and fireworks, but activities at the harbor don’t work out well. **Bob Blagden moved to put the fireworks out to bid. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Bid Opening

•Parks and Recreation Truck: One bid was received from Quirk for a 2019 F350 Ford Super Duty 4-wheel drive truck and Fisher plow - \$35,782 plus options: \$490 spray-in lining, \$395 undercoating, \$850 inside panel and outside fender hood. No delivery date was given. The bid asked for a delivery date by December 31; \$42,000 was budgeted for the truck. Because the bid needed clarification, **Bob Blagden moved to have the Recreation Director go there and see if it meets the bid specifications, is under \$42,000 and can be delivered by December 31 and if so to accept it. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Monthly Financials

- Department year to date expense report
- H.M.Payson

e. Election Results: Town Clerk Linda Perry reported that the vote on the referendum (CLC Ambulance) was Yes – 613, No – 1,221.

f. Richard C. Hasenfus Waterline Easement Request – Soule, Soule & Logan: Changes are still being made to the draft and the item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Ben Rines, Jr., confirmed that they, not the town, would be paying the legal fees.

11. Town Manager’s Report

Marian Anderson reported that she had received an email from William Pulver, DOT, stating that the loading zones planned for the Main Street project are the ones indicated by Ernie Martin: on Railroad Avenue, in front of Red’s Eats and in front of the former Chinese restaurant. No additional loading zone on Main Street is under consideration.

In response to Ben Rines’ question, Steve Christiansen said the “Keep Right” sign on Pleasant Street had been replaced.

12. Other Board Business

a. Assessors Abatements

- Biomerieux, Inc. (Personal Property Account #147) \$29.33
- Judith N. Waner, Blythe House Antiques (Map U01k Lot 028) \$848.47
- Ronald Gonyou (Map R01, Lot 037-E) \$391.00
- William and Donna Phinney Heirs (Map U01, Lot 112) \$1.95
- Danilo Konvalinka Trust (Personal Property Account #210) \$234.60

Bob Blagden moved to approve the abatements of Biomerieux, Inc. for \$29.33; Judith N. Waner for \$848.47; Robert Gonyou for \$391; William and Donna Phinney Heirs for \$1.95; and Danilo Konvalinka Trust for \$234.60 as recommended by Assessors Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0.

b. Assessors Supplemental

- Valerie Hinkley (Map R05, Lot 037-ON), \$760.50

Ben Rines, Jr. moved to approve the Supplemental of Valerie Hinkley (Map R05, Lot 037-ON) for \$760.50 as recommended by Assessors Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0.

13. Adjournment

Judy Colby wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.