

MEETING MINUTES

The Wiscasset Board of Selectmen, Tax Assessors & Overseers of the Poor met Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Meeting Room.

Present: Chairman Judith Colby, Vice Chairman Benjamin Rines, Jr., Jefferson Slack, Katharine Martin-Savage, Robert Blagden and Town Manager Marian Anderson.

1. Call the meeting to order

At 5:35 Chairman Judy Colby called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Special Town Meeting Warrant

A draft copy of the Special Referendum Town Meeting was distributed to the Board of Selectmen and to those in the audience. Chairman Judy Colby suggested taking out the following informational note:

A "YES" vote will continue the lawsuit.
A "NO" vote will stop the lawsuit.

Colby said the purpose of her motion at the previous meeting was to ask a simple straight question, yes or no. She thought the information notes may cause confusion. Audience member Susan Blagden agreed it would be best to remove the "Informational Note"

Katharine-Martin Savage suggested adding another article regarding the funding, should the town vote to continue with the law suit.

Members of the audience expressed the need of making sure the public was well informed of the issue and also that there were parties willing to help pay the legal costs incurred by the Town.

Anne Leslie asked the Board if the Town votes to continue with the lawsuit, whether the Board would call another Special Town Meeting to accept donations/and or ask for funding. Chairman Colby said if the Town votes to continue the lawsuit, the Board would then take the necessary steps to seek funding.

Bill Sutter expressed concern that by stopping the lawsuit the Town decides not to defend its current ordinances.

Bill Maloney said he attended the meeting on February 13 and read the consent agreement which does not include any Main Street parking and said his interpretation of what the Town's attorney was saying is that the Town doesn't have a shot of winning this law suit.

A motion was made by Judy Colby, seconded by Jeff Slack to approve the following articles for a Special Referendum Town Meeting:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. Do you wish to continue with the lawsuit filed by the Town of Wiscasset against the Maine Department of Transportation regarding the Wiscasset Downtown Project?

Motion passed: 4 to 1 (Martin-Savage opposed)

A motion was made by Judy Colby, second by Jeff Slack to set April 17, 2018 as the date for the Special Referendum Town Meeting and April 3, 2018 as the Special Referendum Town Meeting Public Hearing date, **motion passed 5-0-0**

3. Adjournment

At 6:03 a motion was made by Judy Colby, seconded by Jeff Slack to adjourn, motion passed, 5-0-0.