

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Present: Kim Andersson, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., Jeff Slack and Town Manager John O'Connell

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of November 8 and 15, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of November 12 and 19, 2019. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of November 5, 2019. Vote 4-0-1 (Colby abstained).

4. Special Presentations or Awards

In response to Norma Gordon's letter of resignation from the Town Appearance Committee, the Town presented her with a certificate honoring her years of service to the town, a bouquet of flowers and a box of candy. She was unable to be present and the gifts were delivered to her.

5. Committee appointments – none

6. Public Hearing

a. Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permit Renewals for the following:

- Blagden's Garage, 842 Gardiner Road
- Grover Auto & Tire Inc., 271 Bath Road
- Norm's Used Cars, Inc. 744 Bath Road
- Pro Body Works, 323 Bath Road

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to go into the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. There was no discussion. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to exit the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr., moved to grant the above Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard permit renewals. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Business License Applications

a. Al Cohen, Big Al's Outlet Inc. DBA Big Al's Fireworks outlet: There was discussion on the proper order of approvals of the business license and the fireworks license, the approval of which was also on the agenda. Chris Neagle, attorney for Al Cohen, said that a business license was required before a fireworks permit could be issued. This was confirmed by the wording in the ordinance. It was suggested that the business permit could be approved conditional upon the fireworks permit being approved. Ben Rines, Jr., asked that the town's attorney be present at the meeting when the license and fireworks

licenses are discussed. Kate Bryant spoke in opposition, stating that a shipping container had been on the property for more than 90 days and was less than the required distance (60 feet) from the building. Bruce Mullins, CEO, said he had measured the distance from the fireworks store to the Big Al's building and it was more than the required 60 feet. Cecilio Juntura said that fireworks store was too close to his building. A motion by Kathy Martin-Savage to approve the license for Big Al's Fireworks Outlet failed. Vote 2-2-1 (Colby and Martin-Savage voted for, Andersson and Slack opposed, Rines abstained.)

Later during the meeting, Mullins and Juntura went to the property to measure the distance between the fireworks store and the Chinese restaurant and found it to be 67'8"; however from the fireworks store to the porch of the restaurant the distance was 59'10". It was unclear when the porch had been added. A 2012 site plan done for the Cohens showing the acceptable distance was entered into the record. The building permit showing the date of the addition of steps to the Chinese restaurant and a certified site plan of Cohen's property will be researched and the matter will be on the agenda in two weeks.

A motion to reconsider the earlier board vote denying the application; and to table the application was made by Andersson (who voted against the motion to approve the application) was seconded and approved. Vote 5-0-0.

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the business license for Big Al's Super Values-Big Al's Self Storage, Inc. Vote 5-0-0. A motion to reconsider the earlier board vote denying the application and

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the business license for Datvik Deirkrikorian, DBA Water Lily Flowers and Gifts, LLC. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Public Hearing

a. Annual License for Sale of Consumer Fireworks-Big Al's Outlet, Inc. 300 Bath Road – Postponed

9. Public Comment

Susan Robson spoke on upcoming holiday season events such as Marketfest and the Sno Ball which will be held at the Ledges with the Salty Dogs providing music.

Bob Blagden thanked Ted Snowden for storing for the winter the cannon near the memorial.

10. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Susan Robson, Waterfront Committee-Pier Policy Updates: Robson presented revised pier policies which included a rental increase, the possible addition of vendors, and the requirement for individual electric meters; she also advocated a pro-active job of marketing the piers. Jim Kochan commented on the inequity in the rate structure which would result in \$5 per square foot for the smaller spaces and 25¢ per square foot for the larger spaces. He also suggested that the pier rentals be more widely advertised. Frank Sprague noted that the port-o-johns on the pier were for the Town, not the vendors and should be a town expense.

b. Department Head Monthly Reports: Rich Gaeth introduced Rob Lalli, who has been hired as the Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor. John O'Connell reported that Duane Goud had been appointed Director of the Parks and Recreation Department.

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- a. Resignation-Norma Gordon, Appearance of the Town Committee: **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to accept the resignation with regret and wished her the best. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. Quit Claim Deed
 - Susan D. Jones, 110 Old Sheepscot Road (Map R05, Lot 099-A): **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the Quit Claim deed. Vote 5-0-0.**
- c. Monthly Financials
- d. Huntoon Hill Grange blanket approval to operate Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance for the year 2020 (required yearly by Maine State Police): **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the blanket approval request of Huntoon Hill Grange to operate Beano/Bingo and Games of Chance. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Town Manager's Report

- a. Update on waterfront grants: Information will be forthcoming from Maryellen Barnes.
- b. Downtown Winter Maintenance/Street lights: O'Connell had met with Ernie Martin regarding winter maintenance and lights. As soon as stop lights are coordinated with the railroad, they will be activated. Paving of the parking lot and bricking of sidewalks have yet to be completed. Five streetlights can be removed as they have been replaced by the new lights O'Connell has not yet researched the CMP LED lights.
- c. YouTube Live Recording: All town committees will meet in the meeting room and will be videotaped.
- d. Personnel Updates: Rob Lalli – Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; Duane Goud- Parks and Recreation Director
- e. Cenergy will be on the November 25th Planning Board agenda. Zak Gray, Ed Polewarczyk, and Bill Maloney will attend.
- f. Airport reselection: Jeff Slack will serve on the committee, which meets every three years, dealing with the RFQ for consultants. The committee will meet on December 11.

O'Connell announced that the Historic Preservation Commission will not meet on November 21.

Ed Polewarczyk distributed Solar Project Comments dated 11/5/19 and 11/19/19 encouraging the board to do due diligence while making the decision on Cenergy's proposal, specifically to evaluate the company's financial condition, to review the company's previous and existing projects and to evaluate the project.

Ben Rines, Jr., asked that the original directional signs be returned to the corner of Federal and Main Streets.

14. Other Board Business

- a. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter: **At 7:26 p.m. Judy Colby moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Vote 5-0-0. At 7:58 p.m. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to exit Executive Session. Vote 5-0-0.**

15. Adjournment

The board adjourned at 7:58 p.m.