

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
JULY 7, 2020

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 5:03 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of June 19, June 26, and July 3, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of June 23, June 30, and July 7, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of June 15, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of June 25, 2020 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

a. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the appointment of Donald Davis to the Waterfront Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

6. Public Hearing

a. Liquor License Renewals

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to open the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr., moved to close the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Jeff Slack moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for Louis Rylant, Seabasket, LLC at 303 Bath Road including extension if necessary. Vote 5-0-0.

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to open the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr., moved to close the public hearing. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the Liquor License renewal for Edward D. Colburn, EDCRS, LLC DBA Water Street Kitchen and Bar at 15 Water Street. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department Head or Committee Chair – none

9. Unfinished Business – none

10 New Business

a. Annual Town Meeting Warrant: John O'Connell said that because of the Governor's executive order, the School Department was not required to have a budget public hearing. Consequently, the Town now has to absorb the school numbers in the Town warrant and will have to include language to incorporate what the School Department needs to operate. O'Connell will consult with counsel regarding the language to be used in the warrant. Ben Rines, Jr., asked to change the wording on Article 51 to: "...for the purpose of paying the final installment." He also asked that the wording in Article 54 read "to reduce the 2020 tax commitment."

b. Fire Department Ladder Truck Surplus: O'Connell said The Surplus Item Policy provides that items no longer deemed necessary can be declared surplus and he asked that the board declare the Fire Department Ladder Truck as surplus and put it out to bid. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to declare the ladder truck surplus. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Town Manager's Report

O'Connell reported on a conference call regarding the Cenergy project and said that things were going well. In the next few weeks Steve Barrett will meet with the board regarding the financial advantages the town will have with the project as well as public relations opportunities.

O'Connell said CEO Bruce Mullins had been approached regarding a request to place tables on the sidewalks where liquor could be served. He asked the board to think about the request and it will be on the next agenda.

Ben Rines, Jr., said that while he was glad the board was meeting in person, he wished it would be possible to accommodate more people. Meeting at the Rec Center gymnasium was suggested.

12. Other Board Business

a. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter: **Judy Colby moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Vote 5-0-0. Judy Colby moved to exit Executive Session. Vote 5-0-0.**

The chair said that after working diligently to find a replacement for John O'Connell, they had offered the position to Dennis Simmons, currently EMS Director. Simmons thanked the board and said he has enjoyed working 18 months as EMS Director and looked forward to working with the board and department heads.

b. Executive Session to consider a Poverty Abatement Application. **Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, §841(2) MRSA to consider a request for abatement of taxes for reasons of poverty. Vote 5-0-0. Judy Colby moved to exit executive session. Vote 5-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr, moved to grant the property abatement in the amount of \$2,019. Vote 5-0-0.**

13. Adjournment

Jeff Slack moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.