

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 17, 2023
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Preliminary Minutes

Present: James Andretta, Pam Dunning, Terry Heller, Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield, and via Zoom Town Manager Dennis Simmons

The chair called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Payroll Warrants: Pam Dunning moved to approve the payroll warrants of October 6, FY24 and October 13, FY 24. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Accounts Payable Warrants: Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants for October 12, FY 24 and October 17, FY 24. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.

4. Special Presentations and Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments/Resignations – none

6. Public Hearings

a. **Special Referendum Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Pam Dunning moved to open the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** There was no discussion. **Bob Maloney moved to close the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Special Amusement Permit: Vanessa & Richard Jordan, Wiscasset Speedway: Pam Dunning moved to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** There was no discussion. **Bill Maloney moved to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** **Terry Heller moved to approve the Special Amusement Permit for Vanessa and Richard Jordan, Wiscasset Speedway. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment – none

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. See Department Monthly Report: The harbormaster reported that worms were not stolen from the worm cart; they escaped on their own.

b. Monthly Financials

c. H. M. Payson Monthly Statement

9. Unfinished Business

a. Solar Discussion, Old Ferry Road: James Andretta provided information on the possibility and advantages of leasing town-owned land across from Maine Yankee to Midcoast Solar providing income from the lease as well as increased property tax. He asked that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee and have them look at the financials and report back.

10. New Business

a. Old Stage Road Overlimit Permit for MDOT: **Terry Heller moved to approve the Old Stage Road Overlimit, Permit for MDOT. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Assessor's Business

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the tax abatement for Harvey Jackson, 760 Old Bath Road, Map U-18, Lot 5-A RE acct.#2693 for \$63.07. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the tax abatement for Karen Ruth McGrath and Gordon Scott James, 542 Gardiner Road, Map R03, Lot 34 RE Acct #355 for \$269.34. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. **Terry Heller moved to approve the tax abatement for John F. Stone, Jr., 42 Old Stage Road, Map U17, Lot 5-1 RE Acct. #1958 for \$819.96. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. **Terry Heller moved to approve the tax abatement for Richard F. Moore, 48 Morse Drive, Map R03, Lot 33-4 RE Account No. 2536 for \$5,489.13. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. **Terry Heller moved to approve the tax abatement for Richard F. Moore, 48 Morse Drive, Map R03, Lot 33-1-A RE Account # 2590 for \$2,255.32. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. **Terry Heller moved to approve the supplement for Richard F. Moore, 48 Morse Drive, Map R03, Lot 33-4 RE Account #2536 for \$6,943.24. Vote 5-0-0.**

g. Set date for Selectboard Workshop – to be determined.

12. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that the Public Works Department is now fully staffed and will soon be caught up on their work. He added that paving will begin next week, beginning on Foye Road.

13. Other Board Business – none

14. Adjournment

Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.