

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 4, 2025  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Terry Heller, Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Absent: James Andretta and Vice Chair Pam Dunning

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer’s Warrants

a. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the payroll warrants of January 24, 2025, and January 31, 2025. Vote 3-0-0.**

b. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the Accounts Payable warrants of January 28, 2025 and February 4, 2025. Vote 3-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Terry Heller moved to table the minutes of January 21, 2025. Vote 3-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

**Bill Maloney moved to appoint Jennifer Surgenor to the Climate Action Team. Vote 3-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

a. Adult Use Cannabis Storefront for JAR Co. CV, LLC, located at 564 Bath Road. **Bill Maloney moved to open the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Vote 3-0-0. Bill Maloney moved to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Vote 3-0-0. Bill Maloney moved to approve the Adult Use Cannabis Storefront License for JAR Co. CV, LLC, located at 564 Bath Road. Vote 3-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk, who had attended the recent Future of the Schools meeting, complimented John Merry on a “great job” in maintaining the building which Polewarczyk said was above average among the school facilities he had visited recently. However, he said he saw little

concern from the School Board members about the 6% increase in the school budget. He said scholastically the Wiscasset schools are in the bottom 25% of Maine schools and the only future for the schools is to become one of the top-rated schools in the state.

#### 8. Department Head or Committee Chair

#### 9. Unfinished Business (There was no Wawenock report)

#### 10. New Business

a. Resignation of Patrick Sandefur, Climate Action Team: **Bill Maloney moved to accept the resignation of Patrick Sandefur from the Climate Action Team. Vote 3-0-0.**

b. Selectboard representative for Public Works union negotiation: **Sarah Whitfield moved to appoint Bill Maloney as selectboard representative for the Public Works union negotiations. Vote 3-0-0.**

c. Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Good Shepherd Food Bank thanking Wiscasset for its gift of \$4,000.

#### 11. Assessors Business – none

#### 12. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that Aaron Chrostowsky and he will begin training on the new town website which will come online about March 1. The address will change from wiscasset.org to wiscasset.me.gov.

Simmons reported that the work stoppage at Mason Station was due to frozen grant funds.

Simmons said the medical reimbursement contract is up for renewal in March and the board should review the contract before automatically signing it. He added that additional work is needed on the overlay zoning map at a cost of \$4,000.

#### 13. Other Board Business

The 2/11 budget workshop has been cancelled; the selectboard will hold budget workshops on February 25 and March 25.

#### 14. Adjournment

**Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.**