

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

(Tape Recorded Meeting)

Present: Chairman Duane Goud, Vice Chairman David Nichols, Alex Robertson, Nicole Viele and Town Manager Arthur Faucher

Absent: Bill Curtis

1. Call to Order

The chairman called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (omitted)

Old Business

3. Previously Tabled - Discussion on Property Sale of Old Railroad Right-of-way (Roy Farmer)

Arthur Faucher said that the Town Attorney had prepared documents for the transfer of this property. The attorney reported that in 1996 the Board was given the authority to release the properties that were transferred from WIDCO. **Duane Goud moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to sign the quitclaim deed for transfer of the right-of-way to the property owner (George and Joseph Bond). Vote 4-0.**

4. Award Winter Sand Bid

The sole bid received was from H. C. Crooker & Sons for \$5.50 per cubic yard of sand. **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to accept the bid of H. C. Crooker & Sons. Vote 4-0.**

5. Review of School Trust Funds/Playing Fields (Nicole Viele)

Nicole Viele said she and Arthur Faucher had met with Attorney Peter Lowe of Brann & Isaacson regarding the school consolidation, specifically the disposition of the trust funds and playing fields. Arthur Faucher said he would like Attorney Lowe to put together language for the Selectmen to vote on which would protect the Town's interest in the playing fields and in the trust funds, as they are funds established for the Town of Wiscasset. He said the trust funds and fields are a non-negotiable item. Although Wiscasset would retain ownership of the fields and maintain them, they may be used by others as long as the Town would have the ability to use them when they want to.

Arthur Faucher recommended hiring the attorney to review what the town has funded in the past and to prepare the necessary language before consolidation that would name the Selectmen as steward of the funds with the power to invest the interest earned. **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to authorize Nicole Viele and Arthur Faucher to work with Attorney Lowe on this task.** He charges \$195 per hour and does not charge for travel time. **Vote 4-0.**

6. Sign Constitution Week Proclamation

The Board had been requested by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to sign a proclamation declaring September 17 to 23 as Constitution Week. **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to sign the proclamation. Vote 4-0.**

7. Approve Corrective Quitclaim Deed - Gagnon Property

An error had been made in the description of the property on the original deed from the Town to Mr. Gagnon, and the Town Attorney had requested that the Selectmen sign a corrected deed. **David Nichols moved, Duane Goud seconded, to sign the quitclaim deed. Vote 4-0.**

8. Other Business

Arthur Faucher said he would advise the Board of Assessors of the date of an evening workshop to discuss the inequities in the assessments of certain properties on Young's Point Road. He recommended that a representative from Tyler be present. Duane Goud said he would rather have a workshop with Tyler to give them an opportunity to explain how the assessments were made before the Board meets with taxpayers. Tyler has been meeting with people in order to resolve some of the inequities, but if no resolution is forthcoming, the taxpayer will be able to meet with the assessors, and if they are still not satisfied, they can appeal the decision to the County Commissioners.

Duane Goud said the Selectmen would not be able to accept the valuations on September 18 unless the work is complete. If necessary, the Board could meet on September 25 for a vote on the tax commitment; tax bills would then go out on October 3 with payment due on October 26.

Alex Robertson said that the Peterbilt tractor at the Transfer Station needed transmission repair at a cost of \$5,000. He said that the leasing company could find only one tractor that would work with the current system. He recommended that the Board consider putting the purchase of a new truck on the November warrant and keeping the current one as a backup. Arthur Faucher said the truck would be repaired on September 7 or 10th and the Transfer Station was operational.

Duane Goud asked the Town Manager to contact Woody Freeman for information on various scenarios for the operation of the transfer station.

Arthur Faucher said the draft investment policy for the Town trust funds and reserve account had been returned to the consultant following comment by the Selectmen. He added that he had contacted Edward Jones, who had invested Town funds in the past, for a copy of the investment policy they had proposed.

Duane Goud said the County meeting would be held on September 13 at 7 p.m.

The Chairman has asked Jeffrey Hinderliter to proceed with ordinance revisions dealing with noise and odor if the currently proposed amendment to increase the allowed height of a building is approved.

Duane Goud recommended having a workshop to discuss the transfer station, the proposed ordinance amendment, and school consolidation.

9. Future Meetings, Workshops and Events

The meeting on September 18 will begin at 6 p.m.

10. Adjourn

At 9:05 p.m. **David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to adjourn the meeting.**
Vote 5-0