

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 27, 2007

(Tape recorded meeting)

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

1. Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Approve Minutes of November 13, 2007

**David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to approve as read. Vote 4-0.**

**New Business**

4. Request to Place Two Questions on January 15, 2008 Ballot

- Amendments to the Wiscasset Comprehensive Plan: Town Planner Jeffrey Hinderliter summarized the amendments that had been made to the Comprehensive Plan in response to the State's finding of inconsistencies with the State's Growth Management Act. The State has approved the amendments and they must now be voted on by the town. Amendments were made to the Natural Resource section and to the Goals, Policies and Procedures section. Hinderliter requested that the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan be placed on the January 15, 2008 ballot.

Bill Curtis asked that the Board of Selectmen be added to the responsibility column on Page 11-10, Section 5, B and C. He further asked that on Page 11-25, Emergency Services, Ambulance Service be added, add "written" to the mutual aid agreements, add Selectmen in the responsibility column and change the title of 2A to Homeland Security Agency.

- Amendments to the Wiscasset Ordinances Article IX, Section 3: Jeffrey Hinderliter said an amendment to increase the fine for parking within ten feet of a fire hydrant to \$100 had been recommended by Wiscasset Police Lt. John Allen. He asked that this amendment also be placed on the January 15, 2008 ballot. No other changes to parking fines were proposed.

Don Jones said that he had no problem with the amendment, but, as a matter of protocol, the matter should have been referred to the Transportation Committee for comment.

In response to Steve Mehrl's question, the chairman said that there were no plans to post signs indicating the fine. The area within ten feet of a hydrant will be painted to indicate parking is prohibited. Steve Mehrl expressed concern over the doubling of the fine if not paid by the second day.

**Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to put the amendments on the January 15, 2008 ballot. Vote 4-0.**

5. Request to Restrict Parking on High Street to East Side Only (Lee Street to Library)

Jeffrey Hinderliter presented a request from Steve Widmer that the town prohibit parking on the east side of High Street from Lee Street to the library. Lt. Allen said that parking on both sides of the street, especially on court days, hinders the passage of emergency vehicles. Hinderliter

recommended that an ordinance amendment be drafted to change the parking on High Street. **David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to send the request to restrict parking on the east side of High Street to the Transportation Committee and the Ordinance Review Committee to make the changes. Vote 4-0.**

#### 6. Consideration of New Liquor License for an Off-premise Table Wine Retailer

Luanne and William Clifford have applied to the State for an Off-Premise Retailer license for the vacant building formerly occupied by Frugal Fashions. The Cliffords own a market and restaurant in Boothbay Harbor and plan to sell wines for off-premise use and gourmet food in the Wiscasset location. A public hearing is not required, nor is a municipal approval; however, Jeffrey Hinderliter said he would write a letter to the Department of Public Safety advising the State if the Selectmen are in favor of granting the license. **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to approve the off-premise liquor license.** In response to Lt. Allen's question about security, Luanne Clifford said new locks and lighting are planned, but they have not yet looked into security firms. **Vote 4-0.**

#### 7. Larrabee Band Fund Request

**David Nichols moved, Nicole Viele seconded, to approve taking \$23,427.90 from the Larrabee Band Fund as requested. Vote 4-0.**

#### 8. Wiscasset Airport Operator's Report (Mike Muchmore)

- FAA/MDOT Required Change Order on the Taxiway extension Project: Mike Muchmore said that as a result of the final inspection of the taxiway extension by the FAA and MDOT, the following change orders were required: A change in an identifying sign on the taxiway, and the sealing of re-cut joints in the pavement at two places. The contract price will be increased by \$1,312.50 to a total of \$599,699. The FAA will pay 95% of the contract with the Town and State each paying 2-1/2%. Mike Muchmore said the contract had not been closed out. Bill Curtis said there were outstanding issues from 2006 which had not been taken care of such as the ruts and stumps. **Bill Curtis moved, David Nichols seconded, to pay no more invoices on the taxiway until everything including ruts, stumps, tags on lights and the items on the FAA punch list are taken care of by Oest Associates. Vote 4-0.**

- Advisory Committee's Proposed 2008-2014 Capital Improvement Plan: Mike Muchmore presented the proposed CIP which included construction of a snow removal equipment building in 2009, an airport master plan update in 2010, runway reconstruction EIS in 2012 (\$150,000 to \$200,000) and runway reconstruction in 2013 (\$3.5 million). He said current projects include the taxiway extension and replacement of the beacon and Whale Back Ridge light. Muchmore estimated that there would be \$537,000 in entitlement funds by 2013. In response to Bill Curtis' question whether the sealing of the cracks in the runway would last until 2010 or 2011, Mike Muchmore said he thought it was last; the DOT had done some work which cost about \$8,000 and the Road Commissioner had also done some work but that cost had come out of airport maintenance funds. The money that was appropriated for the repair but not spent remained in the airport enterprise account.

#### 9. Town Manager's Report

- Shellfish Committee Request for Pay Adjustment for Jon Hentz, Shellfish Warden: The Shellfish Committee requested that the Shellfish Warden's pay be increased from \$10.81/hr. to \$11/hr. The committee further requested that Jon Hentz's pay increase be retroactive to July 1, 2007. In light of the amount of paperwork required for retroactive pay, **Duane Goud moved, David Nichols seconded, to approve \$11.00 per hour for the Shellfish Warden effective December 1, 2007. Vote 4-0.**

● Legal Update and Selectmen's Direction on the i.park roadway: Arthur Faucher said that in 2005 the Town issued a General Obligation bond for the i.park roadway and utilities. Although the town owns the road, it does not own the land under the road and the Town Manager recommended that the voters be asked to accept the roadway. He said he would ask that a deed be prepared by the Town Attorney for Ferry Road Development to sign transferring the land to the town. The Town Manager described a water problem on the road causing a dangerous icing condition. Bob Blagden, Road Commissioner, discussed possible solutions to the problem. Jim Dieter, President of Rynel, said that when he moved his company from Boothbay in 2005, he anticipated that the road would be a town road. He said his company is growing and he expects to have 50 employees by the end of the year. His company is in operation 24/7 and he said the water and ice problem is a safety issue for his employees, particularly for those who would be using the road in the dark.

**Duane Goud moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to approach the property owner about working on his land (for the drainage problem), to correct the drainage problem and to authorize the legal work necessary in order for the voters to be able to vote on ownership of the road at the June Town Meeting.** Asked if this road would be a priority for plowing, Bob Blagden said it would be done as part of the plow route when the plow was on Old Ferry Road. There was a discussion regarding the marketing of the i.park and whose responsibility it should be to do so. **Vote 4-0.**

#### 10. Other Board Business

Nicole Viele said that the Regional School Consolidation Committee had met and the proposed Sheepscot Valley RSU will include the schools in Wiscasset, Alna, Palermo, Somerville, Westport Island, Whitefield and Windsor with a total of 1,865 students. The plan will be voted on at the School Board meeting on Wednesday, November 28. The preliminary plan will be submitted to the State on November 30. The committee's goal is to complete the plan in April and submit it to the voters at the Town Meeting in June. Committee meetings are scheduled for December 13 and 20, and January 10 and 24 at the Whitefield Elementary School.

Duane Goud read a letter from Sue Varney thanking those who had contributed to provide Thanksgiving meals for 26 families. He also announced that the Santa fund collection had begun which will provide Christmas gifts for needy families. Information on adopting a family or participating in the tag tree is available at the town office.

Meetings scheduled on the bypass are:

November 28, 5:30 p.m., Wiscasset Senior Center dinner (reservations required)  
November 29, 6 p.m. Edgcomb Town Hall  
December 1, 10 a.m. Edgcomb Town Hall  
December 3, 6 p.m., Alna Fire Department  
December 4, 7 p.m., Wiscasset High School  
December 6, 6 p.m., Westport Island Town Hall

#### 11. Citizen Comments

George Greene said it appears that the EIS for the bypass indicates there are no plans to have an intersection with Routes 27 and 218 and he asked the Board to be proactive on the matter. Don Jones said that the plan includes a half intersection and he recommended that the Town ask for a full intersection.

#### 12. Adjourn

**David Nichols moved, Bill Curtis seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Vote 4-0.**