

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
APRIL 3, 2019

Preliminary Minutes

Members Present: Kim Andersson, Bob Blagden, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr. and Interim Town Manager John O'Connell

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Budget Discussion/Approval

The Board discussed the budget requests for inclusion on the town warrant. Town Manager John O'Connell said the board had been supplied with a budget which requires less than 2% increase in property taxes and relies on a 29% increase in the sewer rates.

In a discussion of funding of capital projects, Treasurer Vernice Boyce said that a 4.5% withdrawal for capital projects from the Payson account would be \$518,808. The unexpended capital in checking is \$157,007 which could be used to reduce taxes or put back into capital this year. In order to fund Department head requests for capital improvements in addition to commercial pier debt and back hoe debt, and to keep taxes to a 2% increase, it would be necessary to take \$300,000 out of capital. If all managers' requests were funded, it would be necessary to take \$82,286 from the reserve beyond the 4.5% that is recommended.

Following an extensive discussion of the managers' requests, the board voted to approve the following capital projects:

Ben Rines, Jr., moved Kim Andersson seconded, to fund the following capital projects: Roads and sidewalks, \$200,000; Parks and Recreation \$58,000; Fire and EMS radios \$35,400; Municipal Building floor rehab \$45,000; Pier debt, \$40,464; and back hoe, \$22,237. Vote 5-0-0. The capital projects will be separate articles on the warrant. Vote 5-0-0.

The following warrant articles were approved:

A. Administration \$172,056: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$172,056 on the Tow Warrant for the Administration budget. Vote 5-0-0

B. Airport \$90,769: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr, seconded, to place the amount of \$90,769 on the Town Warrant for the Airport budget. Vote 5-0-0.

C. Animal Control \$17,367: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$17,367 on the Town Warrant for the Animal Control budget. Vote 5-0-0.

D. Assessing \$6,778: Judy Colby moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$6,778 on the Town Warrant for the Assessing budget. Vote 5-0-0.

E. Boards and Committees \$2,843: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$2,843 on the Town Warrant for the Boards/Committees budget. Vote 5-0-0.

F. Capital Improvement \$401,101:

- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$40,464 on the Town Warrant for Debt Service. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$200,000 on the Town Warrant for Highways, roads and sidewalks. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$22,237 on the Town Warrant for a Back Hoe. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$10,000 on the Town Warrant for Planning and Engineering. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$8,000 on the Town Warrant for Lawn Mower. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$35,400 on the Town Warrant for Radio repeaters for Fire and Police Depts. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$40,000 on the Town Warrant for lockers. Vote 5-0-0.
- Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$45,000 for Municipal Building Floor Rehab. Vote 5-0-0.

Kathy Martin-Savage moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to take \$142,993 from reserves to reduce taxes. Vote 5-0-0.

Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to reallocate \$157,007 from unexpended capital. Vote 5-0-0.

G. Celebrations \$12,000: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$12,000 on the Town Warrant for the Celebrations budget. Vote 5-0-0.

H. Cemeteries up to \$108,013: Kathy Martin-Savage moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of up to \$108,013 on the Town Warrant for the Cemeteries budget. Vote 5-0-0.

I. Clerk \$90,381: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$90,381 on the Town Warrant for the Clerk budget. Vote 5-0-0.

J. Code Enforcement \$35,956: Judy Colby moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$35,956 on the Town Warrant for Code Enforcement. Vote 5-0-0.

K. Community Organizations \$62,865: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$62,865 on the Town Warrant for Community Organizations. Vote 5-0-0

- Library \$57,250
- Healthy Kids \$1,500.
- New Hope for Women \$1,515
- Help Yourself Food Pantry \$1,000
- Church of the Nazarene Food Pantry \$1,000

- American Legion Flag Program \$600

L. Comprehensive Plan \$20,000: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$20,000 on the Town Warrant for the Comprehensive Plan. Vote 5-0-0.

M. Contingency \$20,000: Judy Colby moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$20,000 on the Town Warrant for Contingency. Vote 5-0-0.

N. Contractual \$197,500: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$197,500 on the Town Warrant for the Contractual budget. Vote 5-0-0.

O. Debt Service \$234,234: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$234,234 on the Town Warrant for Debt Service. Vote 5-0-0

- Tan Interest and Fees \$15,000
- School Withdrawal Bond \$228,234

P. Elections \$19,185: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$19,183 on the Town Warrant for the Elections budget. Vote 5-0-0.

Q. EMA/EMS \$540,598: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$540,598 on the Town Warrant for the EMA/EMS budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Blagden opposed).

R. Finance \$223,261: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$223,261 on the Town Warrant for the Finance Budget. Vote 5-0-0.

S. Fire Department \$150,938: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$150,938 on the Town Warrant for the Fire Department budget. Vote 5-0-0.

T. General Assistance \$20,000: Ben Rines, Jr., moved Judy Colby seconded, to amend a previous motion for \$25,071 and place the amount of \$20,000 on the Town Warrant for the General Assistance budget. Vote 5-0-0.

U. Municipal Building \$79,141: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$79,141 on the Town Warrant for the Municipal Building budget. Vote 5-0-0.

V. Municipal Insurance \$248,243 (Includes Retiree Health Insurance)

- Municipal Property/Casualty \$37,056: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$37,056 on the Town Warrant for Municipal Property/Casualty Insurance. Vote 5-0-0.
- Unemployment Compensation \$14,569: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$14,569 on the Town Warrant for Unemployment Insurance. Vote 5-0-0.
- Workers' Compensation Insurance \$149,518: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$149,518 on the Town Warrant for Workers' Compensation Insurance. Vote 5-0-0.
- Retiree Health Insurance \$47,100: (appropriation Retiree Health Insurance Reserve) Ben Rines, Jr., moved Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$47,100 on the Town Warrant for Retiree Health Insurance. Vote 5-0-0.

W. Parks and Recreation \$720,288: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kim Andersson seconded, to place the amount of \$720,288 on the Town Warrant for the Parks and Recreation budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Blagden opposed)

X. Planning \$28,700: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$28,700 on the Town Warrant for the Planning budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Blagden opposed).

Y. Police \$435,541: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$435,541 on the Town Warrant for the Police budget. Vote 5-0-0.

Z. School Resource Officer \$50,166: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$50,166 on the Town Warrant for the School Resource Officer. Vote 5-0-0.

AA. Public Utilities \$275,314: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$275,314 on the Town Warrant for the Public Utilities budget. Vote 5-0-0.

BB. Public Works \$636,600: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$636,600 on the Town Warrant for the Public Works budget. Vote 5-0-0.

CC. Office of Selectmen \$27,162: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$27,162 on the Town Warrant for the Office of Selectmen budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Andersson opposed).

DD. Senior Center \$14,397: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$14,397 on the Town Warrant for the Senior Center budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Blagden opposed).

EE. Shellfish \$6,003: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Kathy Martin-Savage seconded, to place the amount of \$6,003 on the Town Warrant for the Shellfish budget. Vote 4-1-0 (Blagden opposed).

FF. Transfer Station \$593,944: Judy Colby moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$593,944 on the Town Warrant for the Transfer Station budget. Vote 5-0-0.

GG. Wastewater Treatment Plant \$751,736 (appropriate) Bob Blagden moved, Ben Rines, Jr., seconded, to place the amount of \$751,736 on the Town Warrant for the Wastewater Treatment Plant budget. Vote 5-0-0.

HH. Waterfront and Harbors \$44,909: Ben Rines, Jr., moved, Judy Colby seconded, to place the amount of \$44,909 on the Town Warrant for the Waterfront and Harbors budget. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Adjournment

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.