

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

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

Executive Session

5:30 p.m. **Judy Colby moved to enter into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405 (6) (D) to discuss labor negotiations. Vote 4-0-1 (Rines abstained). Judy Colby moved to exit executive session at 5:55 p.m. Vote 4-0-1 (Rines abstained).**

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the payroll warrants of September 6, 2019 and September 13, 2019. Vote 4-0-1 (Martin-Savage abstained).**

b. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of September 10 and September 17, 2019. Vote 4-0-1 (Martin-Savage abstained).**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Judy Colby moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2019. Vote 4-0-1 (Martin-Savage abstained).**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings

a. Adoption of the 2019-2020 General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-F and Appendix H: **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to go into the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** John O'Connell explained the new maximums and recommended that the board adopt them. **Ben Rines, Jr, moved to come out of the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Ben Rines, Jr., moved to adopt the 2019-2020 General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-F and Appendix H. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Leslie Roberts reported that she had been unsuccessful in finding grants for the repair of the clock tower because it was located on a building that the town did not own. She asked that repairs be made or at the least weatherproofing be installed to protect the building. John O'Connell said that Mid Maine

Restorations will be closing the clock tower for the winter on Wednesday, September 18. He said he would welcome any help with funding for the repair which is estimated at \$50,000.

Susan Blagden thanked Public Works Director Ted Snowden for repairing the Tucker gravesites and the County Commissioners for planting a hedge around the propane tank and air-conditioning unit at the courthouse.

Pam Logan said the town clock should be ringing, and the Town, as stewards of the clock, should have a budget for maintenance of the clock. She also mentioned that her house is featured in the September-October issue of Maine Home.

Kim Dolce asked about winterizing the clock tower and was advised that the winterizing would be done on the interior of the tower. She also said the Town is responsible for the clock and any damage to the building, which is not owned by Town, would be the responsibility of the Town.

Judy Colby thanked Ted Snowden for the new street sign.

#### 8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Lisa Thompson – Parks and Recreation update: In a slide presentation, Thompson outlined the ways the Parks and Recreation Department plans to build revenue and cut costs in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. She described the various programs the center offers, the increase in fees, the cost cutting measures being taken and revenue generators, one part of which is community partnership anticipated revenue.

b. Department Had monthly reports – see submitted reports

Rick Tetrev, Airport Manager, reported that he will be stocking up on aviation fuel because it will be unavailable for several months from the regular source. He also reported that the Rangely airport is replacing its lighting system and will sell their current lights which are not compatible with the new system to Wiscasset for \$500. A minor accident had occurred at the airport when a plane lost control and ran into a sign. Damage was covered by insurance.

In response to Ben Rines, Jr.'s question, Rick Gaeth said that an agreement signed in 2018 indicates the Town will be billed an estimated \$35,000 by the DOT for replacing manholes and sewer line work. This was not included in the department's 2019-2020 budget, as Gaeth was not aware of the agreement.

#### 10. New Business

a. Monthly Financials

- Department year-to-date expense report
- H.M. Payson Statement of Accounts

#### 11. Town Manager's Report

a. Charter Communications – Upcoming Changes: Information on price increases was provided to the selectmen.

b. General Assistance Audit: O'Connell said Kathleen Onorato had done well with the audit.

c. Tax bills: Bills have been sent out.

## 12. Other Board Business

### a. Assessors' Business

- Assessors' Return – County Taxes: The return was signed.
- Municipal Valuation Report: The report was signed.

b. Correspondence-Clara Wentworth: Judy Colby read a letter from Mrs. Wentworth thanking the board for dedicating the Town Report to her.

Judy Colby asked for a moment of silence to remember the Farmington Fire Department members lost in the explosion.

c. Executive Session: At 7:05 p.m. **Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M. R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Vote 5-0-0.** The board exited executive session at 7:30. **Jeff Slack moved to accept the letter of resignation from Rick Gaeth as Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor effective 1/2/20 with serious regrets. Vote 5-0-0.** The Board wished him well and thanked him for the work he has done at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## 13. Adjournment

**Jeff Slack moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**