

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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

Absent: Chair Judy Colby

Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Ben Rines, Jr. moved that when the board adjourns the meeting, it does so in honor and memory of George Green and Joanne Farmer. Vote 4-0-0.

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of October 18 and 25 and November 1, 2019. Vote 4-0-0.

b. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of October 22 and 29 and November 5, 2019. Vote 4-0-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

Kim Andersson moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2019. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee appointments

Jeff Slack moved to approve the appointment of Coleen Gilliam to the Cooper DiPerri Scholarship Committee, Betsy Kyle to the Appearance of the Town Committee, Peter Wells to the Budget Committee, Peter Gagnon to the Historic Preservation Commission, Dan Watts to the Budget Committee, Sherri Dunbar to the Budget Committee and Brad Sevaldson to the Appearance of the Town Committee. Vote 4-0-0.

6. Public Hearings

The public hearing for the annual license for sale of Consumer Fireworks-Big Al's Outlet, Inc., DBA Big Al's Fireworks Outlet, 300 Bath Road was postponed until the next meeting.

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk encouraged the board, before approving the Cenergy plan for a solar installation at the airport, to do a complete financial analysis of Cenergy; to review existing projects, some of which are smaller than that planned in Wiscasset; determine if the project is financially profitable; establish a time

line; determine the total cost and method of financing; determine if the airport is the best site or would Maine Yankee or the landfill be more advantageous; and explore details of the lease agreement. He said he did not want to see another project like Point East which failed 15 years ago.

Terry Heller announced that 2,020 daffodils had been planted on the common that day and thanked Ted Snowden, Public Works, and volunteers for their help.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Richard Forrest, Waterfront Committee-proposed Waterfront Slips: Forrest asked the board to consider the concept for boat slips at the waterfront to increase revenue and provide access for boats on a seasonal basis. A drawing accompanying the request shows spaces for 13 boats which could be rented for \$500 to \$1,000 for the season. If the board agrees, the Waterfront Committee would pursue funding for an engineering study. The committee would undertake the fundraising as there is currently no staff available for this activity. If the activity is approved, the Waterfront Committee would then pursue additional funding for construction and installation of the slips. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the Waterfront Committee's plan for looking into funds for an engineering study. Vote 3-1-0** (Rines opposed, saying he would rather look into funds for access to White's Island. Kim Andersson thanked Forrest for all the work done by the Waterfront Committee.

9. Unfinished Business

a. CMP Street Light Proposal update: O'Connell reported that he had received additional information on conversion to LED for the town's street lights. The fixture would be a 3,000 Kelvin which is a warm white color. If CMP installs and maintain the lights, the Town will save \$13,000 annually. Or the Town could buy the lights and enter into a service contract with CMP. O'Connell recommended staying with CMP.

Ann Leslie said the Conservation Commission had investigated the subject two years ago but the Town Manager at that time was not interested in pursuing it. She suggested getting involved with other towns and recommended looking at alternatives before deciding. Kim Andersson asked that the matter be brought back to the board at a future meeting.

10. New Business

a. Maine Art Gallery Lease: O'Connell said the lease was same as the previous agreement. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to grant the lease for five years for \$1 per year. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. Board Representation on the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to appoint Jeff Slack to the Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. Vote 3-0-1** (Slack abstained).

11. Town Manager's Report

a. Correspondence

- American Legion Flag Program: The board received a note of thanks to the Town for appropriating \$600 in support of the Legion's flag program.

b. Wiscasset Middle High School Threat: A letter from Superintendent of School Terry Wood was sent to the parents and guardians of school children regarding the recent threat and cancellation of school.

c. Spirit of America Awards-November 7, 2019: The Family Wishes organization will be honored at the Lincoln County awards ceremony on November 7, 2019 at 4 p.m.

d. Utility Agreement Extension: The agreement has been extended to July 15, 2020 and covers adjustment to sewer manholes in the amount of \$33,175.

e. Park and Recreation Director Interviews: O'Connell said an offer will be made to a candidate on November 6.

f. Update on Holiday decorating: Terry Heller said the estimated cost for the decorations had been reduced to \$1,852. Beth Maxwell, President of the Wiscasset Garden Club, said her organization had voted to purchase the garlands to decorate the downtown area, reducing the cost by more than \$700. Heller was given the permission to proceed and will be coordinating with the Town Manager.

12. Other Board Business

a. Assessors' Business

Jeff Slack moved to approve the abatements for Vincent J. and Mary Covello for \$398; Ronald E. Titcomb and Shirley Helms (Trustees), Ronald E. Titcomb Living Trust, (Map R01, Lot 25) for \$23.88 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 4-0-0.

13. Adjournment

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.