

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of February 7 and 14, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of February 11 and 18, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2020 as presented. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

**Jeff Slack moved to appoint Donald Jones and Elizabeth Maxwell to the Appearance of the Town Committee and Jason Putnam to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

6. Public Hearing

Liquor license renewal hearing for Carla Chapman dba The Cubby Hole postponed until March 3, 2020.

7. Public Comment

Richard Forrest said the 55-foot pinnace Virginia will be undergoing work in Bath and is looking for a winter berth next fall. He said permission to come to Wiscasset in October was requested because there is no ice and it is in a hurricane hole. The same criteria as was in effect with the Providence last year would be in force regarding rent and electricity. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the request. Vote 5-0-0.**

Peter Wells and Jorge Peña, members of an ad hoc committee, discussed plans to celebrate the schooners which were in Wiscasset from 1932 until 1998. This year Schoonerfest, which will be an annual celebration, will be held from August 16 to September 6. The celebration will include sponsorship of artists creating in whatever form or fashion models of the schooners which would be displayed on downtown sidewalks. They envision a boardwalk between the piers and creation of a logo

which could be used on T-shirts, etc. Wells said the Waterfront Committee, Historic Preservation Commission and Ted Snowden, head of the Public Works Department, were in favor of the project and there would be no cost to the town. Chief Hesselstine commented that the celebration would require more officers which would be a cost to the town. There was a consensus of the board that plans should go ahead, and the organizers were asked to present to the board before the event detailed plans for use of town facilities.

Kim Andersson issued an invitation to a fundraiser for the music department at the high school on Sunday, March 1, at 5 p.m. Opus One Band will be providing the music.

#### 8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Waterfront Committee, Susan Robson-Pier Policy Updates: Supplying electricity to vendors on the pier was discussed and it was the consensus of the board that eight meters be installed on the perimeter of the pier and vendors who want electricity may contract with CMP for their electricity as measured by the meter for their space. The cost of installing the meters is \$4,970 per an estimate by Carleton Electric Inc. No decision on the source of those funds was made. Applications for the current year will not extend beyond October. The pier will be inspected during the summer and if no repairs are necessary, the vendors may remain on the pier; however, if repair of the pier is necessary, the structures will have to be removed for the winter. Robson was asked to submit a diagram of the spaces on the pier and location of the electric meters at the next meeting. **Judy Colby moved to accept the policy subject to change on the electricity. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Department Head Monthly Reports – In response to a question on the increase in calls for service, Chief Hesselstine said that last year two officers had been in training and not answering calls on their own. He said calls were increasing every month.

Rob Lalli, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent, will be attending a workshop on breweries, as there are two prospective beer breweries and a coffee brewery in town. Inasmuch as the breweries can have an effect on the sewer system, it was suggested that the WWTP sign off on new business licenses as do the police, fire, and codes departments. John O’Connell said the matter will be referred to the Ordinance Review Committee for possible ordinance revisions setting standards for breweries. He added that the EMS should also be involved because of the medical risk of toxic substances.

#### 9. Unfinished Business – none

#### 10. New Business

a. Request for interest waiver for delinquent personal property tax: Dion West had requested that the Town waive the interest on past due taxes which he had been ordered by the District Court to pay. John O’Connell said he saw no reason to waive the interest and it would set a precedent for the future. **Judy Colby moved to deny the request to waive interest of \$817.14. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Department Head Monthly Reports: Judy Colby commented that all were doing well. John O’Connell said that no meeting with Payson had been set up.

#### 11. Town Manager’s Report

a. E911 Addressing: O'Connell said that not everyone had displayed their house numbers, and this was a reminder to put the numbers up.

b. Budget Workshops: The next budget workshop will be held on Thursday, February 27. Updated revenues will be available. If necessary, an additional budget workshop will be held on Monday, March 2.

c. Town Manager Search: Seven applications have been received and they will be reviewed on Monday, March 2.

d. A summary of the audit bids was provided. **Judy Colby moved to award the auditing service to William Brewer. Vote 5-0-0.** The bid was based on a three-year contract.

12. Other Board Business – none

13. Adjournment

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**