

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

Present: Kim Andersson, Chair Judy Colby, Kathy Martin-Savage, Vice Chair Ben Rines, Jr., Jeff Slack and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of August 21 and 28, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of August 25 and September 1, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Martin Savage moved to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020. Vote 5-0-0

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

Jeff Slack moved to approve the committee appointments of Jason Putnam to the Ordinance Review Committee and Zachary Gray to the Comprehensive Planning Committee. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearing – none

7. Public Comment

Phil DiVece thanked Judy Colby for her years of service, saying she had done a super job and her leadership was appreciated.

Terri Heller said the daily bell ringing at noon will end on Sunday, September 6, and she asked permission for a picnic to be held on the common on that day from 10 to 3. **Ben Rines, Jr., moved to allow a picnic on the common from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 6. Vote 5-0-0.**

8. Department Head or Committee Chair – none

9. Unfinished Business

a. Sewer Abatement Policy (drafted revision): Simmons presented a draft of the revised Sewer Bill Abatement Policy which would apply in cases where water usage was not discharged into the sewer.

Applications for sewer charge abatements will go first to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager who will review the request and will send the request to the select board with recommendation, either approval or denial. Customers will have the right to appeal the decision of the WWTP manager. **Kim Andersson moved to approve the Sewer Bill Abatement Policy. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Sewer Abatement Request – Matzke: **Kim Andersson moved to approve the abatement for Lilac Cottage Antiques. Vote 3-2-0 (Colby and Slack opposed).**

10. New Business

a. Bid Opening – Winter Sand: The sole bid received was from Nathan O. Northrup Forest Products and Earthworks - \$6/cubic yard loaded on town-provided trucks or \$14.75/cubic yard delivered to Town Garage. Simmons said the bid received was lower than last year’s bid. Judy Colby requested the Town Manager and Public Works Supervisor to review the bid and award to the bidder unless they think it should be rebid.

b. FY '20 Carry Forward Request: Simmons outlined the carry forward requests totaling \$153,229.56 as follows:

Administration: \$7,172.53 plus Contingency \$6,000 for Town Manager vacation/holiday payout;

Comprehensive Plan: \$20,000;

Contractual Services: \$56,500 for 1) \$21,500 for auditor’s invoice not received and 2) \$35,000 for MY Agreement Legal expenses;

Elections: \$14,264.27 for two elections moved to this fiscal year;

General Assistance: \$2,592.76 Balance of GA donation;

Planning and Development: \$28,700 for updating guide to opening a business or building a house in Wiscasset;

Selectmen: \$3,000 for FY '19 town reports to be paid this FY;

Waterfront: \$25,698.

Ben Rines, Jr., moved to approve the carry forward requests. Vote 5-0-0.

c. New Business License: **Jeff Slack moved to approve new business licenses for Elizabeth Clinton, DBA Birch Point Dog Spa, 83 Birch Point and Matthew Dorsey, DBA Barbarian Barbeque, 68 Clarks Point Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Property Foreclosure, Martin Finley, Jr., Young’s Point Road (land only): Finley had been advised that unless delinquent taxes were paid before September 1, the Board of Selectmen may exercise its right to sell the property. Finley said he had been trying to sell the property and had a purchase and sale agreement. Finley was advised that the property now belongs to the Town and unless Finley can pay the \$36,675 in back taxes, the Town has the right to sell the property. After discussion including

mention that MMA had advised turning down a similar request, **Jeff Slack moved to postpone a decision on the request to September 15. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Resignation – Frederick Quivey, Investment Committee: Simmons read the letter of resignation. **Jeff Slack moved to accept the resignation with deep regret. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. Set Special Town Meeting Date (FY '20 overdrafts, Shoreland Zoning Ordinance): Simmons said an open town meeting would have to be scheduled to approve the overdrafts and the new Shoreland Ordinance which had inadvertently been omitted from the September 8 warrant. It was decided that the matter be referred to the new board to be elected on September 8 who will meet on September 9 to elect officers and can determine at that time when the open town meeting should be held.

11. Town Manager's Report

a. Waterfront Grant Award: Simmons announced that the Town had received a Department of Maine Resources grant for \$7,500 for Wiscasset Municipal Pier Expansion. The Town will be responsible for \$2,500 in matching grant funds. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to accept the \$7,500 grant and approve the \$2,500 matching funds. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Maine Yankee Impact Fee: Peter Murray has advised the town that the 20-year agreement with Maine Yankee will expire in 2023 and planning should begin for renewal of the contract.

c. Greenlawn Memorial Garden Policy: Simmons said the Cemetery Policy forbids decorations of any kind with the exception of the American flag in the Greenlawn Memorial Garden; the policy will be enforced and decorations removed shortly. Rules have been published in the newspaper and notices were sent to the appropriate individuals.

12. Other Board Business

Kim Andersson moved to suspend the rules to allow a vote on an item not on the agenda. Vote 5-0-0. Andersson moved that the denial of the sewer abatement request of Christine of-Lovette be reconsidered as the request fits in with both the new and old policy. Vote 3-2-0 (Colby and Slack opposed).

Ben Rines, Jr., presented a bouquet of flowers to Judy Colby on behalf of the board and thanked her for her many years of service. Colby thanked the board, the voters who had elected her, the department heads, and employees for their support. Kathy Martin-Savage presented Colby with a framed photo of the board and thanked her for her leadership. A photo was also presented to Kathy Onorato, Administrative Assistant, with thanks.

13. Adjournment

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.