

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Present: Kim Andersson, Chair Pam Dunning, Vice Chair Kathy Martin-Savage, Jeff Slack, Sarah Whitfield, and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Pam Dunning 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 October 9 and 16, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of September 22 and 29 and October 6, 13, and 20, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2020. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations and Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings

a. Special Amusement Permit – Richard and Vanessa Jordan DBA Wiscasset Speedway, LLC

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to open the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** Kevin Smith of Wiscasset opposed the granting of the permit saying that there was no specificity in the application regarding the request to extend the time of operation or what other groups might be using the facility. Vanessa Jordan of the Wiscasset Speedway said that there was nothing in the application that would change the operation as it has existed for the past eight or nine years. Other groups using the speedway would include monster trucks, a circus, concerts, etc. Kim Andersson noted the generosity of the speedway in hosting the high school graduation. Jeff Slack added that from the beginning the speedway was invested in Wiscasset. Pam Dunning said although she did not oppose the speedway, she objected to the wording in the application regarding the ability to operate after the 10 p.m. closing time. She said that originally, when she was on the board previously, the applicant was required to apply for an extension to the closing time for each event. **Kim Andersson moved to close the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Jeff Slack moved to approve the application. Vote 4-1-0 (Dunning opposed).**

b. Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permit Renewals

**Kim Andersson moved to open the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0.** Andersson confirmed that the businesses had been inspected by the Code Enforcement Officer. **Kim Andersson moved to close the**

**public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the permits for Blagden’s Garage; Grover Auto and Tire, Inc.; and Pro Body Works. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Liquor License-Daniel Dyer DBA Barnhouse Grill and Pub

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to open the public hearing for the Liquor License of Daniel Dyer DBA Barnhouse Grill and Pub. Vote 5-0-0.** Daniel Dyer said all would be welcome when the pub was open and promised fabulous entertainment. **Kim Andersson moved to close the public hearing. Vote 5-0-0. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the liquor license of Daniel Dyer DBA Barnhouse Grill and Pub. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Terry Heller said that Nightmare on Federal Street will begin at 4:30, later than usual because the full moonrise will take place at 5:50 p.m. She said there will be safety precautions with six-foot social distancing. She also reported, as a member of the Appearance of the Town Committee, that the improvements to the Sunken Garden were almost complete except for the gates at the arch and invited the board to visit. She said she will at a future meeting request funds for a railing on the stairs, cost estimated at \$800.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department Head monthly reports: Kathy Martin-Savage thanked the directors and noted that the reports were well done.

b. Town Clerk request for normal business hours five days prior to elections: Dennis Simmons said normally the board approves the Town Clerk’s request to not stay open after normal office hours on the week before Election Day; however, this year he recommended and the Town Clerk agreed to stay open two hours later on Tuesday and Wednesday before Election Day for registrations and absentee ballots.

9. Unfinished Business

10. New Business

a. New Business Licenses

- Brian Emmons, DBA Brian’s Welding and Fabrication, 21 Fowle Hill Road
- Nicolas West, DBA Pure Cleaning Solutions, 138 Rumerill Road

**Jeff Slack moved to approve the business licenses for Brian Emmons and Nicolas West. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Bid Openings: Police Cruiser

The following bids were received:

Rockland Ford: 2021 Ford Explorer Police Package hybrid: \$36,282.45  
Rockland Ford: 2021 Ford Explorer Police Package gas only: \$33,166.35  
Quirk Auto: 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility \$33,212.00  
Quirk Auto: 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility \$32,441.00

Darling's: 2021 Police Interceptor gas only: \$32,420.00  
Darling's: 2020 Police Interceptor hybrid: \$39,782.00

**Kim Andersson moved to authorize the Police Chief and Town Manager to review the bids and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Monthly Financials

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

11. Town Manager's Report

a. Maine Yankee Impact fee/assessment: Simmons reported that the first installment of the \$115,326.96 impact fee had been received.

b. November 3 Board meeting/location: Simmons said because of the election on November 3, the next select board meeting will be held at the municipal building hearing room.

12. Assessor's Business

a. Abatements

- De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc., Personal Property Account #347 for \$46.28.
- Martin D and Lauren M. Jackson, 15 Bradford Road, \$464.77

Jeff Slack moved to approve the abatement for De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$46.28 and the abatement for Martin D and Lauren M. Jackson for \$464.77. Vote 5-0-0.

13. Other Board Business

a. Executive Session to consider poverty abatement applications. At 6:43 p.m., **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to enter executive session pursuant to the provisions of Title 36, §841(2) MRSA to consider requests for abatement of taxes for reasons of poverty. Vote 5-0-0.** At 7:02 p.m., **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to leave executive session. Vote 5-0-0.** **Kim Andersson moved to deny the poverty abatements 102020A and 102020B. Vote 5-0-0.**

14. Adjournment

**Sarah Whitfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**