

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MARCH 31, 2020 (via teleconference)

Present: Chairman Judith Colby, Vice Chairman Benjamin Rines, Jr. Kimberly Andersson, Katharine-Martin Savage, Jefferson Slack, Town Manager John O'Connell and Administrative Assistant Kathleen Onorato

Media representatives: Lincoln County News, Charlotte Boynton; Wiscasset Newspaper, Phil DiVece

1. Call to Order

Chairman Judith Colby called the meeting to order via Cisco Webex remote conferencing at 2:02 p.m.

2. Budget Discussion

Town Manager John O'Connell reminded the Board about the difficulty of moving ahead on a budget with too many unknowns surrounding the current pandemic. O'Connell said the Town had received confirmation from MMA regarding the Board's options to continue operating the Town at the previous year's approved budget. He told the Board he thought it was their best option, considering the current situation.

Concerns were raised regarding the election process and turning in nominations papers in time for April 9th. According to an opinion from MMA the board would have the option under the emergency legislation to cancel the entire nomination process and initiate a new 100-day nomination paper process later. The current selectmen would stay in place until an election could be held.

Jefferson Slack made a motion, seconded by Benjamin Rines, Jr., to postpone the annual town meeting and elections until a time when it's safe to proceed with a Town Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Town Manager O'Connell told the Board that the floors in sections of the municipal building had been abated and that the flooring should be laid this week.

The Board also decided to postpone the printing of the Annual Town Report.

The Board will resume its regular meeting schedule via teleconferencing for essential business only. Next meeting will be April 7, 2020 at 5 p.m.

At 2:33 Jefferson Slack made a motion, seconded by Benjamin Rines, Jr., to adjourn. Motion passed, 5-0.