

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
JANUARY 19, 2021

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. via Zoom.

1. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of January 8, 2021 and January 15, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of January 12 and January 19, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

2. Approval of Minutes

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2021 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Special Presentations or Awards – none

4. Committee Appointments – none

5. Public Hearings – none

6. Public Comment – none

7. Department Head or Committee Chair

In response to Sarah Whitfield's question, Duane Goud said no date had been set for Winterfest, but it probably would be the end of February. Kathy Martin-Savage said it was a pleasure to read the department reports. Kim Andersson thanked the EMS, Fire and Police departments for their work under the present circumstances.

8. Unfinished Business – none

9. New Business

a. **New Business License: Jeff Slack moved to approve the Business License for Patricia Bean, DBA Grounded Seed Flower Farm. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Monthly Financials: There were no comments or questions.

c. Municipal Quit Claim Deed-Suzanne Griffith, Map U05, Lot 003: **Jeff Slack moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Suzanne Griffith, Map U05, Lot 003. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Maine Service Center Coalition Membership: Dennis Simmons said the coalition was a lobbying group for towns which were service centers for surrounding towns. There was a consensus of the board that it was not interested in joining at this time.

#### 10. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager met with Mary Ellen Barnes and Emily Rabbe of Lincoln County Planning regarding planning services for Wiscasset. Topics discussed were assisting the Comprehensive Plan Committee, assisting Steve Barndollar move ahead with his project at the former elementary school, and getting brownfields properties back on the tax rolls.

Simmons and Chief Hesseltine met with Ernie Martin and Steve Landry of MDOT to discuss changing the traffic lights downtown to flashing during the winter months. Although MDOT was not inclined to make the change, they said they would study the issue.

Bruce Mullins, Code Enforcement Officer, has been dealing with properties that are in violation of state and town ordinances covering illegal junkyards or accumulations of trash. If necessary, the town will take legal action. In one instance where a property owner has made no effort to clean his property, the board will hold a public hearing, probably in March, to adjudge that the property is unsanitary and unsuitable for use or occupancy. This will allow the town to clean up the property and petition the Superior Court to recover costs.

The bid for the ambulance was awarded to Sugarloaf Rescue and the new vehicle will be delivered mid to late fall. It will include a power-lift stretcher system which will help cut down on back injuries and avoid workers' comp claims.

Information on the FY22 budget indicates that there will be an increase in some school funding, the state revenue sharing will be preserved as will the homestead exemption reimbursement.

#### 11. Other Board Business

The executive session was cancelled.

#### 12. Adjournment

**Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**