

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MARCH 30, 2021

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

Chair Pam Dunning called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of March 19 and March 26, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of March 23 and March 30, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

2. Approval of Minutes

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.

3. Special Presentations or Awards – none

4. Committee Appointments – none

5. Public Hearings – None

6. Public Comments – none

7. Department Head or Committee Chair – none

8. Unfinished Business -none

9. New Business

a. **New Business License: Jeff Slack moved to approve the new business license for Sal Matari, DBA Bay Bowls, Maine Street Pier. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Lincoln County Unified Criminal Court Doc. No. #s CR-19-209 Criminal Forfeiture: Jeff Slack moved to approve Transfer of Forfeiture Assets as stated in Lincoln County Unified Criminal Court Doc. No. # CR-19-220 Criminal Forfeiture. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. **Lincoln County Unified Criminal Court Doc. No. #s CR-19-220 and CR-19-221 Criminal Forfeiture: Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve Transfer of Forfeiture Assets as stated in Lincoln County Unified Criminal Court Doc. No #s CR-19-220 and CR-19-221 Criminal Forfeiture.** Police Chief Larry Hesselstine explained that these funds were connected with drug cases and the money was coming back to Wiscasset. **Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Maine Department of Environmental Protection Grant Service Contract for Project 2020R1-46, Old Ferry Road. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Grant Service Contract for Project 22020R1-46, Old Ferry Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Lincoln County Tax Commitment-Assessors' Return (signatures required): **Jeff Slack moved to authorize Town Manager Dennis Simmons to sign on behalf of the members. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Additions/Approval

- Authority to expend up to 3/12 of previous year's budget should a department budget fail (Article 3): **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to grant the authority to expend up to 3/12 of previous year's budget should a department budget fail. Vote 5-0-0.**
- Solar Project lease authority: In response to Ed Polewarczyk's concerns, Dennis Simmons replied that the previous board did not have the authority to negotiate a lease and the current article would give the current board authorization to enter into lease negotiations. He added that the negotiations would be public. **Vote 5-0-0.**
- \$145,000, if needed, from Capital Reserves for Town's share of airport runway reconstruction (Article 53): Dennis Simmons reported that the article would not be needed because the FAA had agreed to fund the full amount.
- \$12,000 from unexpended capital projects to equip new cruiser (Article 54): **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve using \$12,000 from unexpended capital projects to equip the new cruiser (Article 54).** Chief Hesseltine explained that the cruiser was purchased without electronics, radio or siren box because funds were not available at that time. **Vote 5-0-0.**
- Solar Ordinance (Article 62): The Town Manager said the ordinance had been withdrawn so that changes suggested by legal counsel could be made.

Sarah Whitfield moved to approve the Town of Wiscasset Warrant as amended. Vote 5-0-0. The Budget Committee's recommendation will be added. The board members will need to sign the warrant in person. The amended warrant will be available Wednesday afternoon for signatures.

g. 2020 Animal Control Officer Survey: Dennis Simmons included the survey for the board's information on where the money goes.

10. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that a special town meeting will be scheduled in the future to vote on items that could not be included in the current warrant.

A DEP compliance inspection was conducted at the town's permitted dump site at the pier and the site was found free of debris, with no evidence of any environmental impact. A copy of the Town's updated Best Management Practices policy will be sent to the DEP as requested.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles audited the Town on its compliance with the BMV registration processing rules and regulations and, as a result, an action plan has been instituted which includes refresher training and the possibility of moving the responsibility of the Motor Vehicle Registration Agent to the Tax Collector.

Police union contract negotiations are underway.

11. Other Board Business

In response to Kim Andersson's question regarding waiving an electricity deposit for Sprague's Lobsters at the town pier, Dennis Simmons said he would have information on April 6th to consider before acting on the request.

Regarding Kim Andersson's question on the reviving the Cemetery Committee, Simmons said people had expressed interest in serving on the ad hoc committee. The committee could be involved in decisions on the fence at the Ancient Cemetery. Applications will be available, and appointments could be made at the April 20th meeting. There was a consensus that the committee include only residents of Wiscasset.

12. Adjournment

Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adjourn the meeting 6:34 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.