

WISCASSET SELECT BOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
JUNE 1, 2021

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

Pam Dunning called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Jeff Slack moved to take up under item 10 the business license applications of Kate's Boutique, LLC and Uncle Tom's Fish N Chips. Vote 5-0-0.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the payroll warrants of May 21 and May 28, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of May 25 and June 1, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee appointments

Jeff Slack moved to appoint John G. Rafter to the Comprehensive Planning Commission. Vote 5-0-0.

6. Public Hearing

a. Special Amusement Permit: Daniel Dyer, DBA Barnhouse Grill & Bar, 690 Bath Road. **Jeff Slack moved to open the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** The permit requested is for live music on the deck. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to close the public hearing at 6:13. Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve Dan Dyer's special amusement permit for the 2021 season. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Special Amusement Permit: Cecilio Juntura, DBA Taste of Orient, 306 Bath Road. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to open the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.** Town Manager Dennis Simmons said normally the Town Clerk issues renewal licenses; however, in cases where complaints have been made, the application is referred to the Select Board. He said both the Police Chief and the Code Enforcement Officer had registered complaints. Chief Hesseltine said there had been numerous complaints of over-serving and drunk driving as a result. The CEO reported complaints of food poisoning. Juntura said people came to his bar who had already been drinking; he was working to control his patrons and would be closing earlier. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to come**

out of the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Kim Andersson moved to approve the Liquor License Renewal for Cecilio Juntura, Taste of Orient. Vote 4-1-0. (Slack opposed).

7. Public Comment

Peter Wells, Co-chair of Schoonerfest distributed brochures for the August event and in an update said a website had been launched. With regard to liability insurance, he said \$2,000,000 coverage would be provided by Creative Alliance, and Workers' Comp insurance was not necessary as there would be no employees, only volunteers. Dennis Simmons said he would check with MMA, as town volunteers were covered by Worker's Comp. Wells said with regard to parking, he is investigating remote parking lots with buses to bring patrons to the downtown area. He will also be coordinating with Public Works and the Police Department.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

Becky Applin, Chair of the Cemetery Committee, thanked the board for appointing her and the other committee members. She said the ad hoc committee would be updating the 2013 guidelines and looking to the select board for direction. The committee will meet the first and third Mondays at 6 p.m. Pam Dunning offered assistance of the library with materials dealing with the history of the cemeteries. Dunning expressed concern about dogs in the cemeteries and suggested that when it is fenced, a self-closing gate be installed. A policy to ban animals in the cemeteries was also suggested.

9. Unfinished Business

a. Sidewalk Policy: Sarah Whitfield said the only change to the draft policy was the removal of the section prohibiting skating, as it would require an ordinance to prohibit. She suggested that a copy of the application also be distributed to the board. **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to adopt the Wiscasset Downtown License Policy. Vote 5-0-0.**

10. New Business

a. 2021 Fireworks Contract – Central Maine Pyrotechnics: **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the 2021 Fireworks Contract with Central Maine Pyrotechnics.** Dennis Simmons said there were carryover funds from last year when the fireworks were cancelled. **Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Request for use of Town Property – Wiscasset Public Library

The children's librarian, as part of the summer reading program, has requestee use of the town common near the courthouse for the installation of laminated story boards for a week three or four times over the summer. **Kim Andersson moved to approve the library's request for the use of town property. Vote 4-0-1 (Dunning abstained).**

c. Scholarship expenditure approval for 2021 General John and Mrs. Jeannette French Scholarship and the 2021 Lawrence B. Haggett Memorial Scholarship: **Jeff Slack moved to approve 2021 scholarship expenditure for the General John and Mrs. Jeannette French Scholarship and the**

2021 Lawrence B. Haggett Memorial Scholarship to Wiscasset High School students who meet the scholarship's criteria selected by Wiscasset. Vote 5-0-0.

d. Request for half day closure on June 30th for fiscal year-end procedures: **Kathy Martin-Savage moved to approve the request for half day closure on June 30th for fiscal year-end procedures. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Approval of Business License Application of Kate's Boutique, LLC.

f. Approval of Business License Application of Uncle Sean's Fish N Chips.

Jeff Slack moved to approve both business license applications. Vote 5-0-0.

11. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that the Middle Street and Treats' parking lots had been paved.

He noted that the governor's proposed supplemental budget includes increased funding for education bringing the state's share of education funding to 55%. The supplemental budget also includes an increase in revenue sharing from 3.75% to 4.5% for FY22 and 5.0% for FY23.

Simmons announced that the town should be receiving the first tranche of the ARPA funds in June estimated at \$391,000.

There has been no report on the Wawenock Building repair; an engineering study has been completed but a final report has not been issued.

Simmons expressed his thanks to Kathy Martin-Savage and Jeff Slack whose terms ended with this meeting.

12. Other Business

Pam Dunning thanked Kathy Martin-Savage and Jeff Slack for their work on the select board for many years.

13. Adjournment

Jeff Slack moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.