

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
OCTOBER 15, 2024
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Preliminary Minutes

Present: James Andretta, Vice Chair Pam Dunning, Terry Heller, Bill Maloney (via zoom),
Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

The chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the Payroll Warrants of October 4, 2024, and October 11, 2024. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Pam Dunning moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants of October 8, 2024, and October 15, 2024. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of October 1, 2024. Vote 4-0-1 (Andretta abstained).**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of October 7, 2024. Vote 4-0-1 (Andretta abstained).**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings

a. Referendum Town Meeting Warrant. **Pam Dunning moved to open the public hearing on the Referendum Town Meeting Warrant at 6:02 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

In response to Ed Polewarczyk's questions, Simmons said Article 3 on the Wastewater Treatment Plant relocation was not asking for funds, only approval of its relocation. Another vote to fund the relocation will be necessary. Article 4 indicates that membership of town committees is not limited to town residents. The law requires only that they be a US citizen and a Maine resident. **Terry Heller moved to close the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.**

7. Public Comment on non-agenda items

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department Head Monthly Reports

9. Unfinished Business

a. Wawenock Block update – No update was received; however, it was noted that windows are in on the second and third floors.

10. New Business

a. Monthly Financials

- H.M.Payson Statement of Accounts
- Year-to-date expense/revenue reports

b. Mason Station Public Safety Improvements – Ryan Gahagan

Gahagan presented an update on Mason Station activities including the clearing of the site, environmental and safety measures being taken (six-foot chain link fencing and “No Trespassing signs), electricity supply and a timeline of activities. Power lines will be buried in accordance with the Shoreland Business II ordinance. Gahagan will be meeting with Aaron Chrostowsky, the CEO and contract planner Emily Rabb and will be submitting an application to the Planning Board.

c. Declare the Transfer Station’s 1989 Bobcat as surplus property

Pam Dunning moved to declare the Transfer Station’s 1989 Bobcat as surplus and authorize the Town Manager and Public Works Director to dispose of it as they deem appropriate. Vote 5-0-0.

11. Assessors Business

a. Abatements

1) Brenda J. Sawyer for Map U02 Lot 087 in the amount of \$3,697.49. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Brenda J. Sawyer for Map U02 Lot 087 in the amount of \$3,697.49 as recommended by Assessors’ Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

2) Ruth and Edward Mewa for Map U23 Lot 001 in the amount of \$444.25. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Ruth and Edward Mewa for Map U23 Lot 001 in the amount of \$444.25 as recommended by Assessors’ Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

3) Edward A. Lucier, for Map U04, Lot 011 in the amount of \$662.82. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Edward A. Lucier for Map U04, Lot 011 in the amount of \$662.82 as recommended by Assessors’ Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Supplemental

1) Brenda Sawyer for Map U02, Lot 087 in the amount of \$2,253.24. **Terry Heller moved to approve the supplemental for Brenda Sawyer for Map U02 Lot 087 in the amount of \$2,253.24 as recommended by Assessors’ Agent Ellery Bane. Vote 5-0-0**

12. Town Manager’s Report

Simmons reported on the 70-plus entries in the contest to provide the meaning of the acronym MHP erroneously painted on Federal Street. The winner was Garage Door and More for “mistakes happen people”.

13. Other Board Business

a. Executive Session for consultation with legal counsel. **At 6:34 p.m., Pam Dunning moved to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E). Vote 5-0-0. Bill Maloney moved to exit Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

Pam Dunning moved to approve the October 7, 2024, settlement with Maine Yankee and authorize the Town’s legal counsel to complete negotiation on the legal documents. Vote 5-0-0.

14. Adjournment

Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.