

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
JANUARY 7, 2025
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

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

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. Payroll Warrants: December 20, 2024; December 27, 2024; January 3, 2025. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Payroll Warrants of December 20, 2024, December 27, 2024, and January 3, 2025. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Accounts Payable Warrants: December 24, 2024; December 31, 2024; and January 7, 2025. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Accounts Payable Warrants of December 24, 2024, December 31, 2024 and January 7, 2025. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2024, and December 17, 2024. **Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2024. Vote 5-0-0. Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations of Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments

a. Waterfront Committee: **Terry Heller moved to appoint Eric Cousineau and Luke Saindon to the Waterfront Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Planning Board: **Terry Heller moved to appoint Anthony Gatti to the Planning Board. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Airport Committee: **Terry Heller moved to appoint Mark Light to the Airport Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

a. Liquor License – Taba, LLC, DBA Marketplace Cafe, located at 681 Bath Road. **Terry Heller moved to open the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Terry Heller moved to close the**

public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Terry Heller moved to approve the Liquor License application for Taba, LLC, DBA Marketplace Café, located at 681 Bath Road. Vote 5-0-0.

7. Public Comment

Ed Polewarczyk, commenting on the decreasing school enrollment and the increasing school budget, the need for affordable housing, and the high energy rates, suggested that a solution could be to bring in additional tax revenue by pursuing nuclear energy with small marginal reactors on the Ferry Road property. Dennis Simmons commented that the land of the former nuclear power plant could not be used for nuclear power, a stipulation of the agreement with Maine Yankee.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

9. Unfinished Business

a. Wawenock Block Update: The Town has been advised that now that the holidays are over, work will start this week.

b. 2025 Animal Control Contract: **Terry Heller moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the 2025 Animal Control Contract with Lincoln County on behalf of the Town of Wiscasset. Vote 5-0-0.**

10. New Business

a. Business License – Sheepscoot River Press, LLC, DBA Fiction: a novel bookshop, located at 49 Water Street. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Business License for Sheepscoot River Press, LLC, DBA Fiction: a novel bookshop. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Northeast Trades Services-Wiscasset: **Terry Heller moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the lease agreements between the Town of Wiscasset and Northeast Trades Services for the rental of Suite B and Suite C at the Airport Terminal Building. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Foreclosed Property Sale Process: **Terry Heller moved to authorize the Town Manager to begin the sale process of Foreclosed Properties. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. **Terry Heller moved to award the Request for Qualifications bid for Environmental Planning Services to develop a community-driven climate resilience plan for the Wiscasset Waterfront to Haley Ward. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. Correspondence: Notes thanking the town for its donation have been received from New Hope-Midcoast and Healthy Kids.

11. Assessors Business

a. Abatement: Ralph A. and Chad A. Hilton, Map R07, Lot 53 in the amount of \$49.76. **Terry Heller moved to approve the abatement for Ralph A. and Chad A. Hilton for Map R07, Lot 53 in the amount of \$49.76 as recommended by Assessors' Agent Ellery G. Bane. Vote 5-0-0.**

12. Town Manager's Report – none

13. Other Board Business

Aaron Chrostowsky reminded the public to complete the Public Community Development Survey on the town website.

14. Adjournment

Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.