

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
AUGUST 16, 2022  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM.

Present: James Andretta, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones, Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the payroll warrants of August 5, 2022 and August 12, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of August 9 and August 16, 2022. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

**Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of August 2, 2022, as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards – none

5. Committee Appointments – none

6. Public Hearings – none

7. Public Comment

Richard Forrest, Waterfront Committee, said he had been contacted with a request to berth the Virginia in the harbor from November to mid-April in the same space as the Providence was moored in 2018-2019. Forrest negotiated a fee of \$2,000 for the stay. The Harbormaster has approved berthing the Virginia in the harbor.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair

a. Department Head monthly reports

9. Unfinished Business

a. **TextMyGov Agreement: Dennis Simmons reported that he had negotiated an increase in the number of texts to 50,000. Dusty Jones moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the TextMyGov agreement on behalf of the Town of Wiscasset and to authorize the use of ARPA funds to pay the subscription costs. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. Port and Harbor Ordinance Update: The Ordinance Review Committee had revised the sections noted. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the changes. Vote 5-0-0.**

c. Marijuana Ordinance Discussion – postponed.

10. New Business

a. Proposed Augmented Reality Plaque – Peter Wells: Wells described a new program element at the recreational pier created by Winslow Studios, a visual model of the Hester and Luther Little projected on the harbor by means of an I-phone or tablet. He also described a plaque with information on the Hester and Luther Little which eventually will be permanent on the northeast corner of the pier. Craig Winslow is finetuning the program. Funds for the project are available from the Schoonerfest account.

b. Monthly Reports

- Monthly Expense and revenue reports
- H.M.Payson Statement of Accounts

c. Town Property Rental Application – Wedding reception: Elizabeth Ichtou and Brad Woods have applied for permission to use the Recreational Pier for a wedding reception. Expected attendance is 80 and the event will be BYOB. There were concerns about serving liquor on town property and enforcement. Simmons said that when the town policy was adopted, he assumed that it would apply to organizations, not individuals. According to the State, the decision is up to the locality. **Dusty Jones moved to approve the rental application. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. Application for a BYOB permit – Elizabeth Ichtou and Paul Woods, 31 Fort Hill Street: There was further discussion on the presence of alcoholic beverages on the pier. The town has no policy regarding the serving of BYOB alcohol on Town property. The area for the reception will be roped off and will not interfere with the existing business on the pier. Guests are expected to be on site from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ms Ichtou will add the Town of Wiscasset as an additional insured under the liability policy. **Dusty Jones moved to deny the BYOB permit, motion failed on a 2-3-0 vote. Dusty Jones moved to approve the BYOB request. Vote 4-1-0 (Jones opposed.)**

e. 2004 GMC Truck Bids: The following bid was received:

Asian Auto of Plaistow, NH \$1632.12

**Bill Maloney moved to authorize the Town Manager and Public Works Director to review the bids and award the bid to the highest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. Paving Bids: The following bids were received:

All States Construction:	\$138,245
Littlefield Paving & Plowing:	\$150,176
Pike Industries:	\$207,600

**Bill Maloney moved to authorize the Town Manager and Public Works Director to review the bids and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

g. Broadband RFP bid opening: The following bids were received:

Hometown Fiber: \$29,986  
Axiom: \$21,000  
Mission Broadband: \$60,990

**Dusty Jones moved to authorize the Town Manager to review the bids with the Broadband Committee and award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

h. Smoking Policy Update: The policy was updated to include the smoking of cannabis. **Terry Heller moved to approve the updated smoking policy. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 11. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported the receipt of a dividend check from Maine Municipal Workers' Comp Fund for \$6,457.00.

Simmons said the marijuana ordinance had been put on the agenda for discussion about changes Dusty Jones proposed. When the wording of the ordinance is agreed upon, it will go back to the Ordinance Review Committee and Planning Board for a public hearing. The public hearing will require two weeks' public notice, so there will not be time to put this ordinance on the ballot for November.

Simmons spent two days at the MTCMA Management Institute. He said it was a great educational opportunity and a chance to exchange ideas with his colleagues from across the state.

Report from Ralph Doering: The interior work to hold the wall up has been completed and they are now waiting for the mason contractor to finish up another job. They are scheduled to start the exterior repairs after Labor Day.

#### 12. Other Board Business

Sarah Whitfield announced a Comprehensive Plan Committee is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Dennis Simmons told the board he expected to be able to do the tax commitment at the Sept 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. He is just waiting for the Maine Yankee assessment calculation from the attorney.

#### 13 Adjournment

**Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**