

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
JUNE 20, 2023  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Preliminary Minutes

Present: Pam Dunning, Terry Heller, Bill Maloney, Sarah Whitfield, and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Absent: James Andretta

Dennis Simmons called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board

a. **Bill Maloney moved to nominate Sarah Whitfield as chair. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. **Pam Dunning moved to nominate Bill Maloney as vice-chair. Vote 4-0-0.**

3. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the payroll warrants of June 9 and June 16, 2023. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of June 13 and June 20, 2023. Vote 4-0-0.**

4. Approval of Minutes

**Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2023. Vote 3-0-1 (Dunning abstained).**

5. Special Presentations or Awards -none

6. Committee Appointments

a. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Thomas Edward Eichler to the Board of Appeals. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Scott James to the Wiscasset Shellfish Committee. Vote 4-0-0.**

7. Public Hearings – none

8. Public Comment

Richard Riese, President of the Maine Art Gallery, thanked the citizens of Wiscasset for approving the appropriation of matching funds for grants that the gallery is applying for. He said the vote on the non-binding referendum on the sale of the gallery was not a mandate and he hoped that discussion would take place on the value of the gallery to the community.

9. Department Head or Committee Chair – see reports

In response to Sarah Whitfield’s question, Dennis Simmons said the new launch fees will be publicized on the text message site, the website, and the sign in front of the town office. In response to Bill Maloney’s comment, Harbormaster Hesselstine said the fees posted were annual fees except for a one-time fee of \$10.

10. Unfinished Business

a. Rewilding Project Approval: A public hearing was held at the previous meeting. There was no discussion on the project. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Rewilding Project. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. WWTP Pump Station 1 at 125 Bath Road: Dennis Simmons said lack of access to the property has been an ongoing problem and he asked the board for direction. Bill Maloney recommended that the town attorney send a cease and desist order to the owner of the property warning that if the plants are not cut down, the town will cut them down. He asked that the letter be delivered by a police officer. **Pam Dunning moved to carry out Bill’s recommendation. Vote 4-0-0.**

11. New Business

a. Bid Opening, Paving Bid – Postponed as bids were not yet due.

b. Bid Opening, Waterfront Harbormaster’s Building Shingling Project

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| Matt Dorsey               | \$10,800 |
| Williams Construction Co. | 7,950    |
| J. B. Roofing Systems     | 13,495   |
| Ted Webber                | 9,300    |

**Pam Dunning moved to authorize the Town Manager to review the bids and award to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 4-0-0.**

c. Chief Hesselstine request authorization to purchase 3 Getac F110-Fully Rugged Tablets and accessories @ \$18,741.66. **Terry Heller moved to authorize Chief Hesselstine to purchase 3 Getac F110-Fully Rugged Tablets and accessories @ \$18,741.66. Vote 4-0-0.**

d. Chief Hesselstine request authorization to purchase 12 Rifle Plates from Angel Armor @ \$6,516.09. **Terry Heller moved to authorize Chief Hesselstine to purchase 12 Rifle Plates from Angel Armor @ \$6,516.09. Vote 4-0-0.**

e. Scholarship expenditure approval for the 2023 General John and Mrs. Jeannette French scholarship and the 2023 Lawrence B. Haggett Memorial Scholarship. **Terry Heller moved to expend \$500 from the Lawrence B. Haggett Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$1,000 from the General John and Mrs. Jeanette French Scholarship to the students who meet the scholarship criteria selected by Wiscasset High School. Vote 4-0-0.**

f. Monthly Financials: There were no questions or comments.

g. Amend the FY '22 Carry Forward: **Pam Dunning moved to amend the FY'22 Carry Forward as requested, from \$310,783.81 to \$302,529.19. Vote 4-0-0.**

12. Assessors Business – Abatement

a. Property Tax Abatement for Creamed Banking Co. Personal Property Acct. #372 in the amount of \$68.27. **Terry Heller moved to approve the personal property tax abatement for Creamed Baking Co. acct. #372 in the amount of \$68.27. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. Property Tax Abatement for George and Samantha Humphrey, Personal Property Acct. #246 in the amount of \$84.34. **Terry Heller moved to approve the personal property tax abatement for George and Samantha Humphrey, Acct. #246 in the amount of \$84.34. Vote 4-0-0.**

13. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons reported that the Emergency Management truck will be parked on the driveway on Saturday and Sunday so the public can view the equipment.

He reported that he has been receiving inquiries as a result of the passage of the cannabis ordinances and he is in the process of developing an application.

14. Other Board Business

a. Executive session for a legal matter: At 6:26 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E). Vote 4-0-0.** At 6:58 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to exit executive session. Vote 4-0-0.**

b. Executive session for an economic development matter: At 7:03 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C). Vote 4-0-0.** At 7:42 p.m. **Pam Dunning moved to exit executive session. Vote 4-0-0.**

15. Adjournment

**Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.**

Dennis Simmons