



**TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND**  
**6 Fowles Point Road**  
**Westport Island, ME 04578**

Office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

**Town of Westport Island**  
**Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting**  
**January 19, 2015**

**Present:**

**Selectmen:** George D. Richardson, Jr., Gerald A. Bodmer, and Ross Norton

**Citizens:** Gaye Wagner and Mary Coventry

**Guests:** Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News) and Bob Fairfield

**Meeting Convened:**

1. George called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Business Conducted:**

**2. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant No. 29 for a total of \$86,669.07. (Payroll-\$1,200.00; Accounts Payable-\$85,499.07); Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**3. Board of Selectmen Minutes:** George motioned to accept the minutes of January 12, 2015; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**4. Westport Island History Committee Grant:** Gaye Wagner and Mary Coventry, co-chairs of the History Committee, advised the Board of Selectmen that the Town and the History Committee have been awarded a grant of up to \$2,372.00 from Maine State Archives. Gaye said the grant money will be used to hire a consultant to work with the Committee on proper methods to catalogue and store archival items; to hire an intern; and to purchase storage materials. It is also a goal to bring town government-related archival documents back to the Town Office. Gaye requested that the agreement/receipt for the grant money be signed by the Chairman of the Board. George so motioned; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**5. Charter for the Westport Island History Committee:** Gaye Wagner and Mary Coventry provided the Board of Selectmen with a draft charter for the Westport Island History Committee to be considered by the Selectmen as part of a request to grant the History Committee status as a standing, rather than an "ad hoc" committee. The Committee has been advised by a consultant, as well as state funders, that having such a "permanent" status is preferable when being considered for grants. George advised that the Board of Selectmen would review it for discussion at a future Selectmen's meeting.

**6. Fire Department Request for the Transfer of Money Raised at Town Meeting:** George discussed the December 17, 2014 request from the Fire Department to transfer Direct Purchase and Direct Payment Accounts to the Fire Department. He read the Maine Municipal Association Legal Services Department response stating that the Board of Selectmen have no legal authority under general law (Section 5722) to honor the request for municipal raised or appropriated money because the amount exceeds \$1,000, which is the highest amount that they could transfer.

**7. Planning Board Appointment:** George motioned to appoint Michelle Chartier as an Alternate on the Planning Board; Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**8. Presidents Day:** The Board of Selectmen agreed that they would hold their weekly meeting on Presidents Day, February 16, 2015.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

9. George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:25 p.m.; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.  
1st Selectman

Gerald A. Bodmer  
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton  
3rd Selectman