



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
April 27, 2015

Present:

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

Citizens: Ruth Nelson, Dennis Dunbar, Gaye Wagner, Roger Higgins, Mary Coventry, Ted and Deb Christie

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News), Bob Fairfield & Jane Carpenter (Wiscasset Newspaper)

Meeting Convened:

1. George called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Business Conducted:

2. **Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant No. 43 for a total of \$30,302.77 (Payroll-\$550.00; Accounts Payable-\$ 29,752.77); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. **Board of Selectmen Minutes:** George motioned to accept the minutes of April 20, 2015; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

4. **History Committee:** Mary Coventry and Gaye Wagner presented the Executive Summary of the History Committee's Strategic Plan for 2014-2015 to the Board of Selectmen and asked for questions as well as approval for moving forward. George motioned to approve the plan and the accompanying 2015-2016 budget request of \$500.00 to be put on the Town Warrant; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

5. Citizens Issues:

a. Dennis Dunbar reported that the Annual Island Spring clean-up will be held May 16th starting at the Town Hall at 9 a.m.

b. On behalf of the Conservation Commission, Dennis invited the Board of Selectmen to Clough Point on May 18th for the 6:30 p.m. ribbon cutting for the interpretive park opening ceremony.

c. Dennis advised the Board of Selectmen that the Arrowsic Conservation Committee has asked for a letter of support from the Westport Island Conservation Committee for a grant application. Dennis will send further details to the Board of Selectmen.

d. Ted Christie requested clarity on who would send the required letters to the property abutters of his property regarding his request to become classified as a Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District. George advised that he will be sending letters to the abutters for a date and time for a public hearing before the Board of Selectmen.

e. Roger Higgins, Fire Department Board President, requested that the grant request for a structural engineering survey at the Fire Station be increased due to recent advice from the county planner. George motioned that the grant request be increased from \$1,300 to \$2,000; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. **Gould Pier, Ramp and Float Hearing Minutes:** George signed the minutes from the April 20, 2015 Gould Pier, Ramp and Float Hearing.

7. Fuller abatement based on an acreage error: George motioned to approve a three year abatement of \$343.24 to Andy and Cathy Fuller for their property shown on Map 007 Lot 67; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

8. April Thibodeau Request for Borrowing Furniture from the Town Hall and Parking there as well: George motioned to reply to April Thibodeau allowing her to borrow chairs and tables from the Town Hall to use for their upcoming wedding at the Squire Tarbox Inn; and he advised that any donations for their use would be accepted; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

9. Mowing Town Hall and Town Office Grounds: Randy Russell has offered to mow the Town Hall for \$35.00 each time and the Town Office for \$25.00 each time which was the same price as last year. George motioned to provide Randy Russell with Maine Municipal Association (MMA) insurance as well as accept his offer which will begin in May this year and finish in June 2016; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned:

10. George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman