



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
March 26, 2018

Present:

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

Citizens: Mary Ellen Barnes, Richard DeVries and Dennis Dunbar

Guests: Jane Carpenter (Boothbay Register) and Carrie Kinne, Kennebec Estuary Land Trust (KELT)

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 07:04 p.m.

1. KELT Abatement Request on Map 004, Lots 55 & 61 (granted 95% 07-27-2017); Map 001, Lots 75 (granted 95% 08-08-2016) & 77.2: Dennis Dunbar and Carrie Kinne, Executive Director, KELT, discussed the previous abatements given in 2016 and 2017. The new request is for exemptions on the following three lots: Map 004, Lots 55 & 61 and Map 001, Lot 75. George pointed out that the adjudicated case law didn't apply to the Westport Island property. The abatement KELT is asking for is taxes already paid on these lots equaling \$384.96.

George requested that in lieu of paying taxes on the lots in open space, that KELT do something in-kind for the town service entities including the Westport Volunteer Fire Department, Helping Hands, the Westport Community Association and/or the History Committee. Carrie Kinne said that she would take that up with the Board of Directors and would send the town a letter stating the same.

George motioned to grant the exemption on Map 004, Lots 55 & 61 and Map 001, Lot 75; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

The request for abatement on Map 001, Lot 77.2 was tabled at this time.

2. Letter of Support for ConnectME Grant: Mary Ellen Barnes drafted a letter of support for Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission's ConnectME planning grant application that is being submitted on behalf of the county and its municipalities. She requested the Select Board's support, and presented the letter for their consideration and signatures.

3. Warrant: George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 81 & 82 for a total of \$24,821.78 (Payroll No. 81 - \$843.16; Accounts Payable No. 82 - \$23,978.62); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

4. Wright Landing Maintenance: George motioned to grant Richard DeVries permission to go ahead with obtaining estimate specifications for painting the Wright Landing's out buildings and trim on the house; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

5. Minutes: George motioned to accept the minutes of March 19, 2018; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. No Patriot's Day Selectmen's Meeting: Jerry motioned to not meet on Patriot's Day, Monday, April 16; George, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

7. Tree Growth Renewal Request: McKinne and Susan Stires are asking to renew their Tree Growth plan.

Meeting Adjourned: George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman