



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 23, 2018

Present:

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

Citizens: Nancy Shaul, Davies Allen, Jeff Tarbox, Robert Mooney and Gaye Wagner

Guests: Jane Carpenter (Boothbay Register), Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News) and Robert Fairfield

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 07:13 p.m.

Business Conducted:

1. Warrant: George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 89 & 90 for a total of \$16,173.36 (Payroll No. 89 - \$843.16; Accounts Payable No. 90 - \$15,330.20); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

2. Board of Selectmen Minutes: George motioned to accept and sign the minutes of April 9, 2018; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. Citizens Issues:

- Bob Mooney advised that as the Chairman of the Comprehensive Planning Committee he will bring a warrant article before the Board of Selectmen requesting \$5,000.00 to use for expenses in creating a new Comprehensive Plan for Westport Island. Bob also advised that the Comprehensive Planning Committee had motioned to accept Ron Stoodley as a new member to the Committee.
- Davies Allen questioned the Board of Selectmen on their feelings regarding the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust's possible one time voluntary monetary contribution to the Town as a way to financially defray the tax exemption for the Segerstrom Preserve property now in conservation. Davies and his wife Nancy Shaul then offered a personal check to the Town in the sum of \$2,000.00 to help the town with that tax loss.
- Jeff Tarbox, Chairman of the Westport Island History Committee, asked the Board of Selectmen for advice about the wording for a warrant article to create a new 501c3 non-profit historical society called "Friends of Westport Island History."
- Town Clerk Gaye Wagner advised the Board of Selectmen that nomination papers had been returned and validated for Gerald Bodmer for the 2nd Selectman position and for Richard Devries for the School Board position. Their names will be on the Municipal Ballot.
- Gaye further advised the Board of Selectmen that she had received two bid proposals for 350 copies of the Town Report needed for this year's Town meeting. One from Lincoln

County Publishing for \$1,445.00 and one from Express Copy for \$989.73. The Board of Selectmen agreed to accept the low bid from Express Copy.

- Gaye offered a copy of the amended Shellfish Conservation Ordinance that the Shellfish Committee was going to present in a warrant article at this year's Town meeting.
- And finally, Gaye advised the Board of Selectmen of recent legislation that raised the minimum hourly wage from \$9.00 to \$10.00 per hour. George motioned to raise the Election and Ballot Clerks wage this year to comply with state law; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

4. Appointment: George motioned to appoint Arthur M. Webber to the Town Hall Committee; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

5. Tree Growth Renewal Applications: George motioned to renew Tree Growth applications for David & Betsy Forrest on Map 004, Lot 03 (29 acres total) and Scott Bowman on Map 003, Lots 52.01 & 52.02 and Map 002, Lot 82, all approved 10 years ago; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. Memorial Day (May 28th) Board of Selectmen Meeting: After discussion, George motioned that the Board of Selectmen need not meet on Memorial Day (May 28th); Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

7. Letter of Resignation: George read William Cooney's letter of resignation from the Town Hall Committee. The Board of Selectmen accepted it with regret after discussing the years of excellent effort that Bill provided to the Committee.

8. Enter into Executive Session: George motioned the Board of Selectmen enter into Executive Session per 36 MRSa 841(2) pertaining to Poverty Case #1 at 09:10 pm; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

9. Leave Executive Session: George motioned to leave the Executive Session at 09:43 p.m.

10. Executive Session Action: George motioned to table Poverty Case #1 pending additional information required; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 09:45 p.m.; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman