



TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND
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Office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Town of Westport Island
Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
May 11, 2020
Via Uber Telephone Conference

Present:

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

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner (Deputy EMA Director), Richard DeVries, Mary Coventry, Joanna Jacobs, Mary Ellen Barnes, Ralph Jacobs, Jason Kate, Jeff Tarbox

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News), Susan Johns (Wiscasset Newspaper)

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board of Selectman Business Conducted:

- 1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 91 & 92 for a total of \$5,406.65 (Payroll No. 91 - \$1,466.56, Accounts Payable No. 92 - \$3,940.09); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of May 4, 2020; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Citizen's Issues:** Jason Kates, Chair of the Broadband and Cable Committee, requested that \$20,000 be put on as a warrant article for town meeting for consultant fees for assistance with potential United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant for town wide fiber broadband. George asked that the committee put together a warrant proposal to present to the Selectmen for approval.
- 4. Correspondence:** George has been sharing notices from Maine Municipal Association (MMA) with staff and Selectmen as they are updated with changes from the state.
- 5. Wright Landing House:** Richard Devries, Chair of the Wright House Committee, requested \$550 for handicap upgrades to the Wright House's bathroom to make accessible. George motioned to approve the \$550; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Richard Devries also requested \$425.00 for supplies to complete the painting of the deck, railings and trim of the house. Mary Coventry already has volunteers lined up to do the work. George motioned to approve the \$425.00 for painting; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

George motioned to pay Dyer Electric \$8,450.00 for the Wright House Heat Pump on next week's warrant using funds from the Doggett Trust and Davies Allan's donation; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. **Phase 1 Road Work Update:** George updated the Selectmen that he spoke with Jimmy Cromwell, Chair of the Road Committee, and both Lord Road and North End Road have been paved. Jimmy has not yet received an answer from Crooker on the status of Doggett Road's paving, and George said that would be weather dependent. Scott Griffin will complete shoulder work when all roads have been paved.
7. **North End Road/Chairman Road Committee Report:** George received his copy of the report from the Chair of the Road Committee and will share with the Selectman. A copy needs to go to James Katsiaficas, town attorney, for warrant article wording for town meeting.
8. **Other Business: George received the quote for Cunningham Security for the Wright House. Mary Coventry will contact them to review questions.**

Jason Kates confirmed that the quote from M.W. Sewall for \$1398.93 for the Town's Generator project will be honored through town meeting.

Richard DeVries thanked the Board for their assistance in turning the Wright House into a History Center for the town.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman