



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

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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**  
**August 17, 2020**  
**Via Uber Telephone Conference**

**Present:**

**Selectmen:** George D. Richardson, Jr. and Jerry Bodmer

**Citizens:** Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner (Deputy EMA Director), Jason Kates, Jeff Tarbox, and Lisa Gross

**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. 14 & 15 for a total of \$83,073.89 (Payroll No. 14 - \$1,204.20; Accounts Payable No. 15 - \$81,869.69); Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.
- 3. Correspondence:** George received an inquiry from a Morgan Shaw of ConstructConnect about the North End Road bid. Jim Cromwell held the informational meeting about the North End Road bid on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 4:30 pm. Only Crooker Construction was in attendance.
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** None
- 5. Internet Upgrade at Town Office:** George had Jason Kates review the costs of upgrading the Town Office Internet. Jason explained the costs of the lowest cost Spectrum for Business at a cost of \$49.99 per month with one free month of service and free installation. Jason also suggested moving the current free service to the Town Hall to be available for the security system to run on based on recommendations from Cunningham Security. George motioned that a decision be tabled until Ross can be in attendance. Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.

George suggested that Jason come in to meet with the Selectmen to explain the options. A meeting was set with George, Jerry, and Jason for Wednesday, August 19 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Jeff Tarbox said that the History Committee and the Friends of Westport Island History (FOWIH) could potentially get internet installed at the Wright House as a private residence for \$29.99 per month for the next 2 years. The committees need the internet due to the collections being digitized. He explained that the cost would be shared by the History Committee and FOWIH. George motioned to table until next

meeting. Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.

6. **Appreciation to Gary Richardson:** The Selectmen expressed thanks on behalf of Town Office to Gary Richardson, who volunteered his time installing the awning that was purchased under the “Keeping Maine Healthy” grant above Dedee’s window to help create an outdoor walk-up service area.
7. **Appreciation to Ken Shepherd and Cheryl Anderson:** The Selectmen expressed thanks to Ken Shepherd and Cheryl Anderson for their donation of time and materials to build a larger memo board for legal notices to be posted at Town Office. The new larger memo box will allow for more official notices to be posted, while the older box has been moved to allow for transactional business during the pandemic. A card and framed picture of their home in 1899 was presented to Ken and Cheryl as a thank you.
8. **Approval of Town Meeting Minutes:** George motioned to approve the Town Meeting minutes as typed up by Deputy Town Clerk Gaye Wagner. Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.
9. **Other Business:** Lisa Gross spoke to the board about the violent dog attack that happened to her this past Thursday while walking on North End Road resulting in a bite and fractured vertebrae. Lisa went to the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department and was informed that the only way it could be escalated to the county level was through a request from the town. She spoke with Gary Webber, Deputy ACO, and he was fine with her asking as this situation needs someone to handle citing and the next level with courts that our ACO’s have not been trained in at this time. Lisa is concerned that these dogs are violent, and several other neighbors are reporting incidents including one with a young child, along with past incidents of bite reports that this will be a continued problem and is requesting that this be escalated to the County Animal Control Officer through the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office. Julie Casson, Town Clerk, has spoken in the past with Lt. Michael Murphy who supervises the program. Jerry made a motion that Julie contact Lt. Murphy to investigate and to keep the Selectmen informed, George, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.
10. **Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Selectman

Gerald Bodmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman

Ross Norton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman