



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
August 24, 2020

Present:

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

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Mark Cromwell, Jeff Tarbox, and Jason Kates

Guests: Sarah Whitfield (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. 16 & 17 for a total of \$43,665.89 (Payroll No. 16 - \$1,204.20; Accounts Payable No. 17 - \$31,461.69); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Correspondence:** George reported that he received correspondence stating that the Auditors would be in the office this Wednesday, August, 26, 2020 at 11:00 am.
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** Jason Kates spoke on behalf of the Westport Volunteer Fire Department asking for permission to put fine gravel down and a Conex box atop it in the back lot behind the fire station for additional storage. Ross stated the need for the box to be 20' from the boundary line and that they would need approval from Gary Richardson, Code Enforcement Officer. He stated that there would be no fee for the permit. George made a motion to allow the Fire Department to proceed with the Conex box; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0
- 5. Snowplow Bids:** Only one (1) bid was received. Mark Cromwell delivered bid from G&D Cromwell. Ross read the bid aloud. G&D Cromwell bid for the 1st year: \$4,576.20/mile for 25.13 miles for a total of \$115,000.00 for the year. Year 2 and Year 3 were the same. Total for 3 years was \$345,000.000. Signed by Dennis Cromwell. They also provided a certificate of Liability Insurance. No other bids were received. The Selectmen stated that no decision was to be made tonight.
- 6. Internet Upgrade at Town Office:** George followed up on the meeting the Selectmen had on August 19th with Jason Kates to discuss upgrading the Town Office Internet by increasing the current 4x1 box to 210 mbps at \$50.00/month the first year (second month free) for \$550.00/year with an increase to \$70.00 per month the 2nd year. George motioned to approve the increase for the 1st year for \$550.00, Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

7. **Moving Town Office 4x1 Box to Town Hall:** Jason Kates offered to donate the router, firewall, and other parts needed to get the Internet running at the Town Hall after the 4x1 box from the Town Office is installed at Town Hall. The box will be installed for free from the upgrade from the Town Office upgrade. George motioned to approve the free installation with the donated parts from Jason, Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
8. **Other Business:** Jeff Tarbox followed up on the Internet for the Wright Landing House for the History Center. They can get residential service for 2 years at \$29.99/ month. The Friends of Westport Island History (FOWIH) will be paying for it. Jeff requested permission from the Selectmen since it is in a town building. George motioned to allow Internet installation at \$29.99/month at the Wright House paid for by the FOWIH, Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Julie Casson, Town Clerk, updated the Selectmen on the bite incident from August 13. She is working with the Lincoln County Sheriff's ACO and they are being cited. A court date has not been set, but Julie is working on getting additional incident reports to assist the ACO. She will keep the Selectboard informed.

9. **Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman