



TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND
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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 31, 2020

Present:

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

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner, Jimmy Cromwell, Jeff Tarbox, and Jason Kates

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News), and Robert Fairfield

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Board of Selectman Business Conducted:

- 1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 18 & 19 for a total of \$13,664.71 (Payroll No. 18 - \$1,885.71; Accounts Payable No. 19 - \$11,779.00); Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Correspondence:** George shared that we received a request for rental of the Town Hall on July 17, 2021 for Brian Fife's daughter's wedding reception to John who is active duty military. We had already responded that we approved the rental and that there would be no charge. WE didn't hear back until last week and he apologized. Julie has sent the necessary paperwork.
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** Gaye Wagner, Deputy EMA Director, shared the draft of the educational poster to be displayed at Clough Point Preserve. It will be an 11 x 17 laminated poster and Richard Tucker, Chair of the Conservation Committee has already given his approval. This poster is part of the Keeping Maine Healthy Grant we were awarded in the first round. In the second round, we were awarded \$1,211.00 bring our total to \$5,881.00. Second round funding is being used for an exhibit at the Wright Landing History Center on Pandemics on Westport Island, Past and Present. Gaye asked everyone attending the meeting to participate in donating to the exhibit as the exhibit would like to capture a slice of life on the island during the pandemic.
- 5. North End Road Bids:** Two (2) bids were received for the upgrade to North End Road.

Ross read aloud the first bid from Dan Delano, D&S Excavation: Quote included ditching, cleaning, culverts, crushed gravel, grading, and ledgework for a total of \$34,850.00.

Jerry read aloud the second bid from Scott Griffin, SR Griffin Construction, Inc.: Scope 1 (Section 1 to Clough Point Parking Lot) includes ditching, cleaning, hay and seed, grading, geotextile fabric, crushed gravel for a total of \$15,700.00. Scope 2 (Section 2 from parking lot to cul de sac) includes ditching,

cleaning, hay and seeding, and grading for a total of \$6,700.00. Additional fees not included are Ledge Removal: \$2,500.00/daily and Rock/debris removal: \$2,100.00/daily.

George motioned to table until next week, Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. **Snowplow Bid Contract:** George motioned to approve G&D Cromwell's snowplow contract of \$345,000.00 for 3 years and Selectmen will sign the contract when G&D Cromwell provides a signed security agreement with the town and records the same in the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
7. **Other Business:** George shared the obituary for Christopher Fabian, who served as Deputy Chief of the Westport Volunteer Fire Department from 2009 – 2011. He asked that the obituary be passed on to the WVFD.

Jeff Tarbox and Jason Kates shared that the Broadband and Cable Committee is working on different options to bring broadband to the island. They are hoping to show public support and feel the best way is to conduct a survey. Public support would assist in justifying a grant as we cannot move forward with Spectrum or other providers unless we can get commitments. They requested to use \$250.00 of the allocated \$20,000.00 given to the committee for fees associated with costs of the survey. George motioned to approve \$250.00 out of the \$20,000.00 for the survey, Jerry, 2nd; vote:3-0.

8. **Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman