



**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**

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**Town of Westport Island**  
**Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting**  
**September 10, 2018**

**Present:**

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

**Citizens:** Gary Richardson and Richard DeVries

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Convened:** George called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

**Business Conducted:**

**1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant Nos.21 & 22 for a total of \$78,353.41, (Payroll No.21 - \$1,441.04; Accounts Payable No.22 - \$76,912.37); Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**2. Minutes:** George motioned to accept the minutes of August 27, 2018; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**3. Citizens Issues:** Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Gary Richardson, discussed a Real Estate Appraisal prepared by The Paton Agency for the property owned by James Wiles, III at 1860 Main Road (Map 001, Lot 68). Gary felt that the Board of Selectmen should consider if the appraisal meets the 50% marked value as indicated by a Maine Certified Appraiser. The letter from Mr. Wiles was received by Gary on August 30, 2018 and the Board of Selectmen agreed that they would reach a decision on the appraisal within 35 days (October 15, 2018).

CEO Gary Richardson provided a letter to the Board of Selectmen that he was going to send to Joe and Cary Huggins regarding clarification concerning the commercial use of their property on Map 005, Lot 46.03A. Gary requested a response to his request within 2 weeks of receipt of the letter which should fall on or about the 25th of September. The Board of Selectmen advised Gary to proceed with his investigation and keep the Board of Selectmen apprised of his findings so that they could decide on what action they might need to take.

Richard DeVries requested to bring 8 boxes of old video tapes, taken from the Ferry Landing House, to the Town Office for potential giveaway. Further, he requested permission to dump the remaining trash from the house into the Town Office dumpster, and was granted permission for both by the Board of Selectmen.

**4. Abatement Request:** George advised that he had received an abatement request from William Miller on his property on Map 004, Lot 57 and a decision would be reached after additional research within 60 days (November 9, 2018).

**5. Ramp and Float Permit:** William Miller requested a Ramp and Float Permit on his property on Map 004, Lot 57 and the Board of Selectmen agreed that they would hold the hearing, accessing by boat at 9:00 am, Saturday, October 6, 2018.

**6. Potential Meeting with Certified Assessor Eugene Huskins:** George advised that he would try to arrange a meeting with our Certified Assessor Eugene Huskins on Friday September 14, 2018 at 5:00 pm to discuss Eugene's last bill.

**7. Holding Sewage Tank for James Gratton for use on his cottage on Map 003, Lot 27:** Jerry explained the need for a sewage holding tank on Mr. Gratton's property and the State's approval based on a Site Evaluator's findings and the Selectmen's support based on the Local Plumbing Inspector's findings. The Town officials agreed to sign the State's form (HHE 233) giving their consent.

**8. Public Hearing on General Assistance Ordinances Appendices A-D:** George motioned that the Board of Selectmen would hold a public hearing on General Assistance Ordinances Appendices A-D on September 17, 2018 at the Board of Selectmen meeting; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

**9. Maine Municipal Association Convention and Voting Delegate:** Ross motioned to appoint George D. Richardson, Jr. to attend this year's convention and be our voting delegate; Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 2-0, George abstained.

**10. Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement:** George motioned for the Town to place a non-binding advisory question on the November 6 ballot to determine whether voters accept the Vision Statement proposed by the Comprehensive Planning Committee as a framework for updating the Town's Comprehensive Plan; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0. Selectmen also signed the Notice of Public Hearing announcing a hearing for public comment on the Draft of the Vision Statement at the Town Hall, 1217 Main Road, on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7 pm. The Vision Statement, with any revisions made at the public hearing, will be placed on the November 6 ballot for ratification.

**11. Broken Power Supply in Town Office Boiler Room:** George motioned to replace one of the broken power supply units in the Town Office, which was reported by Jason Kates, with a CyberPower 1500VA UPS which sells for \$199.95 with free shipping from Amazon; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**12. Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm; Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.  
1st Selectman

Gerald A. Bodmer  
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton  
3rd Selectman