



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

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**Office of the Select Board, Board of Assessors, & Overseers of the Poor**

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**Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers Meeting**  
**Convened at Town Office, 6 Fowles Point Road, Westport Island, ME 04578**  
**July 10, 2023**

**Present:**

**Select Board:** Jeff Tarbox, Donna Curry, Lisa Jonassen

**Citizens:** Julie Casson, Bailey Bartlett, John Henderson, Janet Thompson, Richard Tucker, Rich Lorensen, Jeff Exter, Ralph Jacobs, Adam Webber, Gary Webber, Jim Cromwell (Road Commissioner), April Thibodeau (Town Clerk), Mario DePietro (via Zoom)

**Guests:** Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News via Zoom), Susan Johns (Wiscasset News via Zoom)

**Meeting Convened:** Donna called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Business Conducted:**

**1. Warrant:**

- Donna motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant #1 for \$1,902.59; Lisa, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote: 3-0
- Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant No. 2 for \$86,043.28 (RSU \$79,000, Fire Dept. Insurance \$35,00); Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote: 3-0
- Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #3 \$7,015.91 (June leftovers); Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote: 3-0

**2. Minutes:**

- Donna motioned to approve the minutes of the 7/3/23 Select Board Meeting; Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0

**3. Warrant Record:** Donna motioned to approve the Minutes for the 6/24/23 Town Meeting; Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 2-1 (Lisa abstaining since she was not part of Select Board at the time of the Town Meeting)

**4. Citizen's Issues:**

- Dick Tucker gave an update on the well survey. Concerns have been expressed about old vehicles stored outside and possible effects on the groundwater. The Select Board encouraged citizens to come to them with those concerns. Water testing will be made available to residents soon as part of the groundwater study.

This will occur in 3 stages, breaking the island into south, middle, and north sections, to pace our submissions to the lab. The water tests will be distributed by Conservation Commission volunteers at the Town Office where residents can pick them up. The public results of the water tests will be aggregated and not specific to any properties.

5. **Ordinance Review Committee:** Jeff spoke about the need to review our ordinances and the plan to create an Ordinance Review Committee. The Planning Board will need to review and revise the Land Use ordinances, per LD 2003 passed in 2022. Dick Tucker just provided another instance, storage of junk and vehicles which could impact our ground water resource, where our ordinances don't provide a mechanism for addressing the concern. In some cases our ordinances may be overly complicated and could be simplified, and the survey of residents for the comprehensive plan found that many appreciate the limited amount of regulation on the Island. Residents who are interested in serving on that Committee should contact the Select Board. Or they can nominate others who they think would be a good member of the committee.
6. **Roads:** Jim Cromwell reported that Greenleaf Road is ground and graded, East Shore Road will be ground and graded tomorrow, and Post Office Road was paved last week. A draft Request for Proposals will be submitted to the Select Board for the ditching and culvert work needed on Fowles Point, Post Office, and Sortwell Roads. The Select Board will review that and have it ready to approve at their next meeting. Jim is working on finalizing the scope of work for Bayshore Road.
7. **Correspondence:** Donna reported on correspondence received from Fessenden Geotechnical regarding a water test for PFAS done on the Town Hall water supply. The result was good, with no recommended treatment. Fessenden has been testing the water supplies in the vicinity of where sludge was spread many years ago. The Board is not aware of any tests that came back with concerns.
8. **Executive Session: Per 1 M.R.S.A § 405(6) (A) for consultation with attorney re: Baker Rd. matter:**
  - Donna motioned to adjourn the regular session at 7:29, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 3-0;
  - Donna motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:29, Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3-0;
  - Donna motioned to exit the Executive Session at 7:50; Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 3-0
9. **Administrative Items:**
  - Appointment of Broadband & Technology Committee: Donna motioned to approve appointment of Jason Kates, Jeff Tarbox, Gaye Wagner, and Ralph Jacobs; Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 3-0
  - Set August meeting schedule: The Select Board will continue to meet every Monday at 7:00 with workshops Mondays 6:00 – 7:00 & Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00.
  - Alcohol License for Friends of Westport Island History 7/16 East Shore Lawn Party: This is required by the State because alcohol will be served, and the Friends are charging admission. Donna motioned to approve the application; Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>; Vote 2-0 (Jeff abstaining as the one submitting the for the FOWIH).
  - Permission for History Committee to borrow the Town's event tent: Gaye had reached out to April about borrowing the large white event tent for the FOWIH event. It was agreed that the Town may want to come up with a system for renting out the tent in the future. Donna motioned to loan out the tent to FOWIH for their

event free of charge; Lisa 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote 2-1 (Jeff abstaining as member of FOWIH)

- Status of Assessing: Town Assessor Evan Goodkowsky is making steady progress on assessing new and in-progress construction. The Select Board will meet with Evan to review the assessments and finalize in advance of the tax commitment in August. The Select Board will send notices to residents with revised assessments in advance.

**10. Other Legal Business:** Jeff reported on the Baker Road matter. A mediation agreement was tentatively reached a few weeks ago. Opposing counsel has requested several changes. The Town's attorney recommends not accepting two of the proposed changes. Jeff motioned to not accept the two changes; Donna 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vote 3-0

**11. Adjournment:** Donna motioned to adjourn; Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Town Clerk April Thibodeau.

A True Copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_