



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

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

Town of Westport Island
Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
Convened at Town Office, 6 Fowles Point Road, Westport Island, ME 04578
August 14, 2023

Present:

Select Board: Jeff Tarbox, Donna Curry (via Zoom), and Lisa Jonassen

Citizens: Jim Cromwell (Road Commissioner)

Guests: Adam Webber, Gary Webber

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

Business Conducted:

1. Warrant:

- Jeff motioned to approve Payroll Warrant #18 for \$7,342.29; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0
- Jeff motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #19 for \$2,303.73; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0

2. Minutes:

- Jeff motioned to approve the minutes of the 8/7/23 Select Board Meeting; Donna 2nd ; Vote: 3-0

3. Decision on Winter Sand and Culvert/Ditch Work Bids:

- Jeff made a motion to accept the bid for Winter Sand from Country Fare Inc. for \$17.95 per yard delivered (includes mixing); Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0
- Jeff made a motion to accept the bid for Culvert Replacement and Ditching for Sortwell, Post Office and Sortwell Roads from S.R.Griffin Construction, at \$28,500 total; Donna 2nd ; Vote: 3-0

4. Ordinance Review Committee Update:

- The need to set up a committee was discussed. The need to review building ordinances has been prompted by the LD2003 legislation. The planning board has already begun work on this. There may be a need for new ordinances and or review of older ordinances as well. A committee comprised of members representing different perspectives is ideal. This would be an ad-hoc committee

with its work finalizing with the annual Town Meeting. Any interested person, please email selectboard@westportisland.us.

5. Roads:

- Nothing new from last week. The Bayshore Road package should be ready to review next week.

6. Board of Assessor's Meeting:

- Jeff made a motion to adjourn the Select Board Meeting at 7:26 pm to begin Board of Assessor's Meeting; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0
- Jeff explained the status of the Senior Tax Stabilization Program. Westport had 107 applicants. He went on to explain that the program has been repealed by the State and we will send out a letter to all applicants explaining this. Jeff made a motion to approve the sending out of that letter. Donna 2nd ; Vote: 3-0
- Jeff made a motion for our assessing agent, Evan Goodkowsky, to increase overall real property valuations by at least 10% in order to get us closer to the assessed valuation required by the state. Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0. Our tax base has increased by over \$2,000,000 from last year based on the assessments this year.
- Jeff made a motion to adjourn Board of Assessor's Meeting at 7:39 in order to continue Select Board Meeting; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0

7. Correspondence:

- An email was sent to the board stating concerns regarding the Town Hall leaks in a bathroom toilet. The committee is currently working to make necessary repairs and yearly upkeep.
- A bill was received from the town lawyers, comprised of remaining Baker Rd charges and also charges for the Longobardi case.

8. Administrative Items:

- Jeff made a motion to appoint Sandy Besecker to the Planning Board as Associate member; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0
- Jeff made a motion to appoint Stacey Hutchison and Nathan Bonyun to the Cemetery Committee, whose terms are indeterminate; Lisa 2nd ; Vote: 3-0

- 8. Adjournment:** Jeff motioned to adjourn; Donna 2nd ; Vote: 3-0; Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Lisa Jonassen,

A True Copy, Attest: _____