



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
October 23, 2023

Present:

Select Board: Jeff Farbox, Donna Curry, and Lisa Jonassen

Citizens: Dick Tucker, Pat Smith, Mary Ellen Barnes, John Henderson, Kim Lynch, Dick Barker, Gary Webber, Adam Webber, Bailey Bartlett, Dennis Dunbar, Carole Dunbar, Jack Swanton, Gaye Wagner (via Zoom), April Thibodeau (Town Clerk), Gary Richardson (Code Enforcement Officer)

Guests:

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

Business Conducted:

1. **Spirit of America Award:** Donna presented the Spirit of America award to Dennis Dunbar. Donna commented on Dennis' professionalism, knowledge, and ability to explain complex issues. In the past 2 years alone, Dennis, working with others, has brought in close to \$100,000 to the town in grants. Donna read a resolution honoring Dennis and his many contributions to the town and presented him with a framed certificate and flowers.
2. **Warrants:**
 - Donna motioned to approve Payroll Warrant #41 for \$7,915.37 (includes 13 WVFD stipends); Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0
 - Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #42 for \$16,779.93; Jeff 2nd; Vote: 3-0
3. **Minutes:** Donna motioned to approve the minutes of the 10/16/23 Select Board Meeting; Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0
4. **Citizen's Issues:**
 - a. Gary Webber shared that the sign for Old School House Lane on the KELT property off of East Shore Road was missing. Dennis explained that KELT and the Grants who have a deeded right-of-way down Old School House Lane had chosen to remove the sign to discourage the public from driving down the road. Gary does some caretaking for the Grants and has permission from them

to access that road. Dennis confirmed that any use approved by the Grants was fine.

- b. Gary raised another question regarding whether hunting was allowed on KELT property and whether a permit was required. Dennis confirmed that hunting is allowed on all KELT properties, and no formal permit is required, but KELT does request that hunters intending to hunt on KELT property let them know. Kim Lynch shared that when she notified KELT that she would be hunting on one of their properties, they sent her a permission letter to take with her when hunting.
- c. Donna reminded people that the town no longer handles animal control matters, but instead contracts with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) for those services. Anyone with animal-related concerns or complaints should reach out to the LCSO.

5. Roads:

- a. Kim Lynch asked for an update on work on Bayshore Road. Jeff shared that the town had put out a request for proposals for that work, but the only bid received was too high. Instead, Road Commissioner Jim Cromwell will do the essential work this fall, and the remaining work will be postponed until next year.

6. Correspondence:

7. Administrative Items:

- a. Jeff raised the question of whether the town has a contract for heating oil. Donna will follow up with Treasurer Ashley Wright.
- b. April reported on her progress with research on moving to a new town website. Many local and national web builders have been considered, and the Broadband & Technology Committee will be submitting a summary and recommendation to the Select Board sometime in the next few weeks.
- c. Jeff reported that the Select Board has begun planning for the 2025 reevaluation and hopes to put the work out to bid soon.

8. Other:

- a. Donna reported that she and Jeff made a site visit to a possible junk yard. They will be doing more work on that with Code Enforcement Officer Gary Richardson.
- b. Donna reported that the Longobardis have not yet signed the Consent Agreement. April has sent a scanned copy to their attorney, Peter Drum, and has the original in her office in case the Longobardis can stop by to sign in person. Donna will follow up with Attorney Drum.

- 9. Adjournment:** Donna motioned to adjourn; Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by April Thibodeau, Town Clerk

A True Copy, Attest: _____