



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 2, 2023

Present:

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

Citizens: Jim Cromwell (Road Commissioner), April Thibodeau
(Town Clerk, via Zoom), Mario DePietro (via Zoom)

Guests:

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

Business Conducted:

1. Warrants:

- Donna motioned to approve Payroll Warrant #34 for \$1,886.51; Jeff 2nd;
Vote: 3-0
- Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #35 for \$447,205.58;
Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0. Donna explained that this amount includes \$359,672 in annual
Lincoln County taxes; \$27,165 in transfer station fees; \$25,000 in WVFD
funding; and \$31,994 for roads.

2. Minutes:

- Donna motioned to approve the minutes of the 09/25/23 Select Board Meeting;
Jeff 2nd; Vote: 3-0

3. Citizen's Issues: Donna mentioned that a citizen had brought up the town of
Wiscasset's text alert tool which allows citizens to sign up for the types of alerts they
would like to receive. The Select Board will look into this.

4. Roads:

- Road Commissioner Jim Cromwell reported that the first delivery of winter salt
will be here Friday.
- Jeff shared that he had attended a Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission
informational session where towns throughout Lincoln County can share
challenges and best practices regarding roads. Jeff raised the issue of speeding
and learned that Whitefield has tried to address this with a DOT donated speed
checker. Speeds initially went down, then returned to their usual rate. The data on

speeding is saved and can be shared with the Sheriff's Department to identify where and when the most speeding is occurring to inform enforcement. Speed checkers are not currently available from the DOT but we are on the list for when they are offered again. Jeff also raised the issue of trees encroaching on roadways and got the name of the new DOT District Supervisor. He also shared that the DOT has a point person for biking matters with whom we may be interested in discussing safety concerns. Finally, Jeff learned there may be interns available from the Margaret Chase Smith Center to do research on things such as titles and rights-of-way for town roads.

5. Correspondence: Donna received a letter and form from the DOT regarding future Route 144 bridge work. They were reaching out to the town as an abutter to the bridge area. April will fill this out and see if she can find out more about the potential project.

6. Administrative Items:

- a. Donna shared an issue brought up by Dedee regarding a caulked over vent in the lady's room that appears to have mold growing behind it. Donna motioned to ask the staff to get estimates for investigating this issue; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0
- b. April shared another issue brought up by Dedee regarding the need for the "boilers" to get cleaned. Jeff reported that all 3 building furnaces were cleaned in February and April of this year.
- c. Donna motioned to appoint Joelle Webber to the Cemetery Committee; Jeff 2nd; Vote 3-0
- d. Donna motioned to appoint Park Pino to the Cemetery Committee; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0
- e. Donna received a notification that one of the town's CDs is maturing. Jeff noted that the town will have the option to either renew the CD or put the money in another place. Jeff will find out from the bank what the options are.

7. Other:

- a. Donna noted that there will be no Select Board workshop next Wednesday 10/4/23 or Select Board meeting next Monday 10/9/23.
- b. Donna announced there will be a woodworking day on Saturday 10/14/23 at 9am to help meet the need for firewood for needy residents. There is also a need for someone to help transport wood. April will announce the event on the website and Facebook.
- c. April shared a reminder that the Town Office has new hours of Tuesday 10am-6pm, Wednesday 10am – 2pm, and Thursday 10am – 2pm.

8. Legal Business: Jeff noted that the Select Board needs to accept the Community Resilience Partnership Grant that has been granted to help the town determine the impacts of climate change. Jeff motioned to accept the grant; Donna 2nd; Vote 3-0.

9. Adjournment: Donna motioned to adjourn; Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by April Thibodeau, Town Clerk

A True Copy, Attest: _____

