



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

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

Town of Westport Island
Selectboard, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
Convened at Town Office, 6 Fowles Point Road, Westport Island, ME 04578
May 6, 2024

Present:

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

Citizens:

Jim Cromwell (Road Commissioner), April Thibodeau
(Town Clerk), Adam Webber, Gary Webber, Mario
DePietro, John Henderson, Gaye Wagner

Guests:

Charlotte Boynton, Lincoln County News (via Zoom)

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

Business Conducted:

1. Warrants:

- Donna motioned to approve Payroll Warrant #100 for \$1,885.96; Lisa 2nd;
Vote: 3-0
- Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #101 for \$17,674.17;
Jeff 2nd; Vote: 3-0

2. Minutes:

- Donna motioned to approve the minutes of the 4/29/24 Select Board Meeting;
Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0

3. Opening of bids for assessing RFP: Donna opened and read a bid from Evan Goodkowsky for a 6-month contract for \$22,900.00. Jeff moved to table the decision; Donna 2nd; Vote 3-0

4. Citizen's Issues: Update on Wormwood matter: Donna has been in touch with Chris Wormwood. He has received permits for some temporary sheds and begun to remove materials from the site.

5. Roads: Jim Cromwell reported that he met with Karl Olson, surveyor, about setting concrete monuments on the Baker Rd. Boundaries. Randy Russel has cleaned up most of the brush piles along the road from the last storm. Dirt roads will be graded next week. Several road signs have gone missing. Jim shared next year's road plan, including work on Sortwell and Bayshore roads to improve drainage, patching the culvert on Post Office Rd., ditching on North End Rd., and more grading of dirt roads.

6. **Greenleaf matter update:** Jeff reported that the Select Board had an Executive Session with the town attorney last week to discuss what to do about continued encroachment on Baker Rd. The recommendation was to put in place physical monuments to mark road boundaries.
7. **Administrative Items:**
- a. **Committee vacancies:** April listed the Committees with vacancies. Jeff mentioned that some committees with indeterminate members also need members. April will publicize vacancies in the next newsletter.
 - b. **Disbanding of Broadband & Technology Committee:** April shared that Committee Chair Jason Kates feel the Committee has finished its mission and can be disbanded. Donna motioned to disband the Broadband & Technology Committee; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0
 - c. **June meeting schedule:** The Select Board will meet every Monday in June at 7:00 PM and continue to hold workshops every Thursday from 2:00 – 4:00 and Monday from 6:00 – 7:00.
 - d. **Moving to new phone company:** April explained that our current phone system does not provide reliable voicemail and one of the two lines has developed a loud buzz. Treasurer Ashley Murray provided quotes for Spectrum and Consolidated. Jeff wants more information before making a decision.
 - e. **ARPA funds:** The remaining American Rescue Plan funds need to be committed to a project by the end of this year. The two major projects that have been proposed are an electric sign and Town Hall upgrades. The Select Board would like to solicit feedback from the town before committing the funds, either through one of the upcoming Warrant Workshops or an advisory article on the Warrant.
 - f. **Surplus List:** The list of people eligible to purchase items at the state surplus outlet has been updated to include the Select Board, staff members, Fire Chief, and EMA Director. Donna motioned to approve list; Lisa 2nd; 2-1 (Jeff opposed)
 - g. **Perry hearing minutes:** Donna motioned to approve the minutes of the 4/23/24 Select Board hearing regarding Thomas Perry's pier/ramp/float application; Jeff 2nd; Vote 3-0
 - h. **Ordinance update:** Lisa shared that she sent the draft ordinances prepared by the Ordinance Review Committee to the town attorney and received some feedback. John Henderson reviewed the feedback, and feels the ordinances are fine as written. The Select Board agreed to hold two public Warrant Workshops on 5/21/24 and 5/23/24 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall to solicit feedback on the draft ordinances and other draft Warrant articles.
8. **Adjournment:** Donna motioned to adjourn; Jeff 2nd; Vote: 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by April Thibodeau, Town Clerk

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