



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 28, 2024

Present:

Select Board:

Citizens:


Jeff Tarbox, Donna Curry, and Lisa Jonassen
Jim Cromwell (Road Commissioner), April Thibodeau
(Town Clerk), Stacey Hutchison (Fire Chief), Mary Ellen
Barnes

Meeting Convened: Donna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Business Conducted:

1. Warrants:

- Donna motioned to approve Payroll Warrant #106 for \$\$106.98; Lisa 2nd;
Vote: 3-0
- Donna motioned to approve the Accounts Payable Warrant #107 for \$\$94,180.75;
Lisa 2nd; Vote: 3-0

2. Citizen's Issues:

- a. Fire Chief Stacey Hutchison explained his \$99,000 budget request for the Town Meeting warrant, which is a \$30,000 increase over last year. About half of the increase is to increase compensation for firefighters, and the rest is for operational expenses and equipment upgrades.
- b. Mary Ellen Barnes asked if the History Committee and Helping Hands could be looped in on plans to cut trees at the Wright Landing since they both have a presence there. The Select Board agreed it made sense to loop in other stakeholders using the area.
- c. Mary Ellen Barnes asked about the publicization of the recent ordinance hearings. The Select Board and Clerk explained that they had been advertised on the website, on Facebook, in the monthly newsletter, and in the newspaper.

- 3. Roads: Road Commissioner Jim Cromwell reported that the** grading of gravel roads is complete. Work on Sortwell Road will begin early next month and will include ledge blasting.

4. **Correspondence:** Donna reported that she received a letter and next year's contract from auditor William Brewer. The Select Board tabled the matter until they are able to review and discuss the contract.
5. **Ordinance revision discussion:** Lisa reported that the Select Board received some useful feedback from the ordinance hearings last week. Donna also reported on some feedback from social media.
 - a. **Nuisance Ordinance:** Lisa motioned to remove limb piles from the list of possible hazardous materials in the Nuisance Ordinance; Donna 2nd; Vote 3-0. Donna motioned to increase the number of days a violation of the Nuisance Ordinance must exist before action can be taken from 15 days to 90 days; Jeff 2nd; Vote 3-0. Donna motioned to remove snakes from the list of pests in the Nuisance Ordinance; Jeff 2nd; Vote 3-0.
 - b. **Driveway Amendment to Building Code Ordinance:** Jim Cromwell shared that he was uncomfortable with the site distance regulations in the current proposed amendment. He would prefer not to put the amendment on the warrant, and instead take more time to discuss it. Donna motioned not to put the driveway amendment to the Building Code Ordinance on the warrant; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0.
6. **Administrative Items:**
 - a. RSU #12 Budget Referendum Warrant: Select Board signed
 - b. Donna motioned to approve Carol Norris as the Election Warden for the 6/11/24 State Primary; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0
 - c. April read a list of potential Ballot Clerks for the 6/11/24 RSU #12 Budget Referendum & Municipal Election: Donna motioned to appoint the list; Lisa 2nd; Vote 3-0
 - d. Donna motioned to start the Town Meeting at 10 a.m.; Lisa 2nd; Vote 2-0 (Jeff abstaining)
7. Baker Rd. matter: Jeff reported that there are more obstructions in the road. He has been looking into jersey barriers as possible ways to prevent encroachment.
8. Greenleaf Rd. matter: Jeff reported that some items have been removed but most of it is still there. Donna reported that next week cars will begin being removed.
9. Adjournment: Donna motioned to adjourn; Jeff 2nd; Vote: 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by April Thibodeau, Town Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

