



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

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**Office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

**Town of Westport Island**  
**Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting**  
**February 22, 2021**  
**Via Uber Telephone Conference**

**Present:**

**Selectmen:** George D. Richardson, Jerry Bodmer, and Ross Norton

**Citizens:** Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner (Deputy Town Clerk), Jason Kates, Ralph Jacobs, Al Doman, Jeff Tarbox, and Dennis Dunbar

**Guests:** Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News)

**Meeting Convened:** George called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Board of Selectman Business Conducted:**

- 1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 72 & 73 for a total of \$73,269.36 (Payroll No. 72 - \$1,882.52; Accounts Payable No. 73 - \$71,368.84); Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0, Ross absent for vote.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of February 8, 2021; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 2-0, Ross absent for vote.
- 3. Correspondence:** None.
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** None.
- 5. Broadband and Cable Committee Update:** Ralph Jacobs gave an update on the Broadband and Cable Committee's progress in applying for ConnectME grant. ConnectME has not announced the open date for applying for the grant yet, but they expect it to be open within the next month. Ralph informed the Board that the Committee is in discussions with Spectrum to wire the rest of the island (every road). The Committee plans to update the Selectmen within the next month as soon as there is more information on the opening of the grant application, Spectrum, and what the town's contribution may be. At this time, the Committee is still asking for residents to continue sending in letters of support which will help with the grant a\process and letting ConnectME understand Westport Island's needs. Information on what is needed in the letters can be found on the Committee's page on the Town's website.
- 6. State of Maine Salt Bid 2021/2022:** George motioned to enter into the State of Maine bid for salt for the 2021/2022 year. Last year we saved \$32.00/ton; Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**7. Pier Permits:** George motioned to approve the following pier permits:

1. James Corey, Map 003, Lot 17.01A, 141 Log Cabin Road, 16 Feet
2. George Johnson, Map 003, Lot 18, 4 Old Pier lane, 50 Feet

There is no need for public hearings as the dimensions are the same as the original permits and both are replacements with new materials and have met with the planning board; Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

**8. Nomination Papers:** Julie Casson, Town Clerk, informed the Selectmen that nomination papers for Town Offices to be voted on in the June 8, 2021 election would be made available March 1, 2021 and would be due back on April 9, 2021. Positions up for election are: 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman (3 year term), RSU # 12 School Board Member (3 year term), and RSU #12 School Board Member (2 year term).

**9. Other Business:** Dennis Dunbar, representing the History Committee, informed the Selectmen that he is working with CAI Technologies to have 3 additional historic maps of the island added as historic reference layers to the digital maps. This would help with historical research and reference for the Island. Dennis said that CAI said that there would be no additional cost to the Town as long as we piggyback it with the tax map updates. George motioned to approve the addition of the historic maps to the mapping system as long as there is no cost to the Town; Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

Jerry asked that Jason Kates create a proposal on the cost of what UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply) would cost for each of the computers in case of loss of CMP power and we switch to generator. This would prevent the loss of power to the computers during the lag of the switch from CMP to the generator.

**10. Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm; Ross, 2<sup>nd</sup>; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.  
1<sup>st</sup> Selectman

Gerald Bodmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman

Ross Norton  
3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman