



Town of Westport Island
Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
May 16, 2022

Present:

Selectmen: George D. Richardson, Jeff Tarbox, and Ross Norton

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner (Deputy Town Clerk), Gary Richardson, Jimmy Cromwell, and Jason Kates

Guests:

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Business Conducted:

1. **Warrant:** George motioned to approve Payroll Warrant No. 95 for \$1,225.68; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0; George then motioned to approve a 15% overdraft (\$18,000.00) on the Road Commissioner's Annual Budget of \$120,000.00 until Town Meeting on June 25, 2022, to maintain safe town roads; Jeff, 2nd; vote 3-0 (see attached); and then made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 96 for \$6,443.76; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

2. **Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of May 9, 2022; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. **Correspondence:** None.

4. **Citizen's Issues:** Jimmy Cromwell, Road Committee Chair, spoke about the upcoming phase 2 road work, with expected work on Greenleaf Road and on parts of East Shore Road. What can be done will depend on what is approved at Town Meeting and what Jimmy is able to get for bids at the time of the work. At this time, Jimmy is unable to bid out as bids are only being held for two days for costs. An informational public hearing has been proposed to be held on June 1. Julie Casson, Town Clerk will put together and send out notice.

Jimmy and Jeff also discussed the road budget. Jimmy would like to use the paving budget for part of East Shore Road. Jeff also provided the Board with a spreadsheet comparing the Road Maintenance and Emergency accounts with budgeted vs spent and remaining funds left in accounts. Jeff proposed transferring the \$11,479,80 spent from the emergency fund back to the road maintenance account using the approved 15% overdraft funds to allow there to still be funds in the emergency account; George did not agree, and Ross requested to table for further thought.

5. **Conflict of Interest Policy/Code of Ethics Policy:** Jeff recommended that of the two policies that Maine Municipal Association provided that the Select Board sign the Code of Ethics policy that could be used for all grants. George motioned to approve the Town of Westport Island Code of Ethics; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. **Bakers Road:** Jeff updated the Board that MDOT continuing to do further investigation. It was also discussed that the road sign is missing which caused the Wiscasset Ambulance to miss the road on a recent call.
7. **Land Use Issue:** Gary Richardson, CEO, came in to get direction from the Select Board on his approach in notifying the property owner of the violations and how his property falls into the state statute for junkyard. Jeff suggested tabling until the Board can provide Gary with a clear statement of what the property owner needs to do to remove the violation.
8. **Waterways and Harbor Ordinance:** George motioned to approve the proposed updated Waterways and Harbor Ordinance; Jeff; 2nd; vote: 3-0. Julie will prepare the public hearing for June 1, 2022.
9. **Town Clerk updates:** Julie requested the Board sign the Warrant and Notice of Election for the RSU #12 School Budget Validation Referendum. Julie also informed the Board that Absentee voting would begin on Tuesday, May 17th.
10. **Other Legal Business:** Ross informed the other Board members that he spoke with Garry Cromwell about needing an itemized list for the road budget. Ross also spoke with him about not spending any more on the roads without consulting the Select Board.
11. **Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Jeffery H. Tarbox
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman