



TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND
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Westport Island, ME 04578

Office of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

Town of Westport Island
Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
June 14, 2021

Present:

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

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Jeff Tarbox (2nd Selectmen – Elect), Joanna Jacobs, Jason Kates, Richard DeVries, Bailey Bartlett, and Tom Cromwell

Guests:

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. 105 & 106 for a total of \$8,931.91 (Payroll No. 105 - \$1,204.75; Accounts Payable No. 106 - \$7,727.19); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of June 7, 2021; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Correspondence:** George shared a letter from the Planning Board to Representative Holly Stover asking that she vote to remove Bill LD 1312 from the consent agenda to allow discussion of the bills impact on communities. Bill LD 1312 would adversely affect Westport Island's natural resources put a strain on the Island's aquifer and septic systems leading to side effects to marine aquatics surrounding the island. This bill would contradict local ordinances and undermine any rules set forth by the Planning Board and voted upon by island residents. The MMA (Maine Municipal Association) has also taken a stance against Bill LD 1312.
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** None.
- 5. Municipal Officer's Training:** George made a motion to allow Jeff Tarbox to register for Municipal Officer's Webinar Training provided by MMA on June 24, 2021 in preparation for his assuming the office of 2nd Selectman on July 1, 2021; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. **Town Office Copier/ Printer:** George informed the Board that Martha Hayward, Treasurer/Tax Collector, had researched having a new copier/printer for the town office. The current one in the office is on its last leg and has printed over 262,300 copies and is starting to leave yellow and red toner marks on the paper. Martha has had the printer services twice in the past few months. The printer that Pat Costigan of Costco Technologies, our service provider, recommends is Brother Color Laser Printer, Multifunction Printer, All-in-One Printer, MFC-L8610CDW, Wireless Networking, Automatic Duplex Printing, Mobile Printing and Scanning. The cost on Amazon is about \$700.00. Martha recommends we purchase after July 1 and keep on standby until we use all of the toner from the old one or until it stops working, whichever comes first. George recommended we table this until we have done further research on the printer and costs.
7. **Road Striping MDOT:** George let the Board know that he received notice from MDOT (Maine Department of Transportation) that road striping is a low priority in some areas as the paint used in striping is in short supply due to a resin shortage from the plants in Texas. We can expect that roads here on the Island are low priority.
8. **Selectmen's Meeting on July 5, 2021:** The Selectmen decided not to meet on Monday, July 5th to celebrate the 4th of July Holiday.
9. **Town Clerk Updates:** Martha Hayward, Tax Collector, mailed 32 certified 30-day lien notices on June 9, 2021. On July 9, 2021, she will put liens on any unpaid taxes by filing tax lien certificates.

Julie Casson, Town Clerk, will be attending part 2 of Shellfish Warden Training in Belfast on June 23rd and 24th. Adam Webber and Lincoln Richardson have been deferred until next year.

Annual Reports are available along with copies of the warrant to be picked up.

Julie also discussed the setting up of the Town Meeting on Saturday, June 19, 2021 and whether to hold inside or out. It was determined to wait on weather report closer to Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

10. **MEMA Maine Emergency Management Agency:** Gaye Wagner, Deputy EMA Director, had let the Board know that there are additional funds available to provide communities reimbursement for increased operating costs incurred to make COVID-19 adaptations. Gaye and Martha were able to compile the invoices and came up with a documentable \$542.95 that we could submit for this grant reimbursement. George motioned to allow Gaye to apply for the grant; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
11. **RSU # 12 Update:** Richard DeVries updated the Board on the happenings with parental complaints regarding students at the high school level attending Lincoln Academy and the school being open to students' vs remote learning. The RSU Board is going to create an Ad Hoc committee to provide more contact at the trustee level and create space for more parents to come forth and have a voice. At the current time, Westport Island has 8 students at Lincoln Academy.
12. **Other Legal Business:** None.
13. **Selectmen's Meeting Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the meeting and enter into Executive Session at 7:30 pm; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
14. **Executive Session Adjourned:** George motioned to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:43 pm; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0

15. Selectmen's Meeting Resumed: George motioned to resume the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:45 pm; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

16. Selectmen's Meeting Adjourned: George motioned to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at 7:49 pm; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman