



Town of Westport Island
Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
June 27, 2022

Present:

Select Board: George D. Richardson, Jeff Tarbox, and Ross Norton

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk), Gaye Wagner (Deputy Clerk), Dedee Greenleaf-Hodgdon (Municipal Agent), Bailey Bartlett, Donna Curry, Dennis Dunbar, Jimmy Cromwell, Stacey Hutchison (Fire Chief), and Jason Kates

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News)

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Business Conducted:

- 1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Payroll Warrant No. 108 for \$7,035.59; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 2-0 with Ross abstaining; George then motioned to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 109 for \$11,039.95; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Correspondence:**
- 4. Citizen's Issues:** Dennis Dunbar requested that the Select Board sign a letter of support to the Review Committee of the National Coastal Resilience Fund at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust Project: Assessing and Prioritizing Tidal Restriction Restoration Projects in Ten Kennebec Estuary Towns. Dennis explained that this project aligns closely with the Town's priorities as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and in the Hazard Mitigation Plan and would also align with the Climate Resilience Partnership that we have entered with neighboring towns. This study would help with grant applications in the future. George motioned to approve signing the letter of support; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Dennis invited the Board to attend a webinar on Climate Change Impacts on Water Supply & Quality on Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:30 pm on Zoom. See attached for information.

Dennis let everyone know that CAI Technologies has added new layers to the tax maps on the website. We now have Historic layers that include: 1815 Parcel Map by Stephen Parsons; 1772 Historic Homes and Building Sites; 1878 Historic Homes and Building Sites; 1878 Historic Roads. The Shellfish Maps have also been added to the layers as well. Dennis then thanked George for helping to make this happen. George thanked Dennis for driving the work behind this.

5. **Ferry Landing Request:** The Schoodic Institute requested to use the Ferry Landing Boat Launch for a citizen science class on collecting data on rockweed. They would like to hold one of their classes at the Landing one time either the 3rd week of July or the 3rd week of August. Jeff moved to approve the Schoodic Institute be allowed to use the Ferry Landing for a one-day class on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, with the stipulation that they use limited parking spaces and shuttle extra cars from Town Office to the landing; George, 2nd; vote: 3-0. Julie will inform them of the decision.
6. **North End Road Inquiry:** A concerned citizen contacted Jeff about parking along North End Road near Clough Point during the 4th of July holiday and the potential usage of firecrackers. The Select Board agreed that it is a public road and there was not much that could be addressed. There is signage that states the preserve is closed after dusk and no overnight parking allowed. Chief Hutchison reiterated that unless we are under red flag conditions for fire, fireworks are legal. The Chief did say his concern would be that the road be clear enough to get emergency vehicles through. George motioned that if there were any issues or concerns in regard to parking, then the sheriff's office should be called; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
7. **2022-2023 Appointments:** Julie provided the Select Board with the list of appointments for the upcoming fiscal year for approval. Jeff added Kinne Stires to the Road Committee. The Board will approve and sign appointments at the July 5th meeting.
8. **Town Clerk updates:** Julie thanked all the staff and Select Board for a successful Town Meeting. There were 64 registered voters in attendance. George commended the staff on a successful meeting.

Gaye gave an update on the ASK grant. The final report has been submitted to Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission.

Dedee updated the board on the electrician's visit to look at the town office light pole. There is no power at the top of the pole, however there is power coming from the building. The next step is to have someone dig out around the base to expose the wires. They are booking a month out and will let us know when to expect them back. They will also give us a quote to convert the top unit to LED.

9. **Other Legal Business:** George received a Tree Growth Application from Robert Bradford, LLC. For 44.50 acres. He forwarded it on to Jeff.

Jimmy Cromwell, Road Committee Chair, provided an update that he will be inspecting the roads and have bid specs and bids prepped for the July 11th Select Board meeting. Jimmy explained that his goal is to be more proactive than reactive and cut the maintenance budget in half by increasing capitol improvements that would require less in yearly maintenance repairs.

Jeff discussed the latest road work invoice that the Road Commissioner provided. Jeff would like the road work approved before expenditures are submitted. Ross requested that Julie contact Maine Municipal Association (MMA) to find out what authority the select board may require the preapproval of any roadwork and expenditures spent from an approved budget for road maintenance by the town's people at town meeting.

10. **Meeting Adjourned:** George gave an emotional thank you for his last board meeting. He then motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Minutes taken and prepared by Town Clerk Julie Casson.

A True Copy, Attest: _____
Julie Casson, Town Clerk