



TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND
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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
August 30, 2021

Present:

Selectmen: George Richardson, Ross Norton and Jeff Tarbox

Citizens: Julie Casson (Town Clerk) and Jason Kates

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News)

Meeting Convened: George called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Board of Selectman Business Conducted:

- 1. Warrant:** George motioned to approve Payroll Warrant No. 17 for \$1,597.07; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0; and then made a motion to approve Accounts Payable Warrant No. 18 for \$6,395.62; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 2. Minutes:** George motioned to approve the minutes of August 23, 2021; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 3. Lincoln County Commissioner's Tax Commitment:** George motioned to approve the signing of the Lincoln County Tax Commitment Assessor's Certificate of Commitment; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 4. Correspondence:** George read a letter from Theodore Frois to Walter Armstrong, Consulting Forester, authorizing commercial harvesting of hardwoods on the Frois' property at 91 West Shore Road of which the Selectmen were copied on.
- 5. Abatement:** As a result of a land split, George motioned to issue an abatement to William and Susan Christman, Map 4, Lot 14.19a at a value of \$75,000 for \$592.50; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.
- 6. 46 Greenleaf Road:** Jeff followed up with the property owner of 46 Greenleaf Road and he has agreed to clean up the property. Jeff did not get a timetable for the property cleanup and offered help which was refused. The complaining party also questioned whether this falls within violation of building code ordinances for Home Occupation and for Water Quality. Jeff is following up since the owner is now deciding on whether to seek to have a home occupation or not and will direct in that direction with permits. Jeff is also going to firm up a timetable for completion and/or get the CEO to follow up with a visit.

7. **Town Clerk Updates:** Julie Casson publicly commended Martha Hayward, Tax Collector/Treasurer on the work that she has done in getting the tax bills out and announced that today alone, Martha collected over \$60,000 in taxes. Julie also informed the Selectmen that Martha has been working with Trio to get the credit card system activated within the program and was waiting for them to return her calls.

Julie presented the parking policy on town property set forth at last weeks meeting for the Selectmen to review and sign. George motioned to approve and sign the parking policy on town property; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Julie discussed the parking rentals and let the Board know that the Squire Tarbox Inn agreed to the rate of \$100 per day and to be the contact for the rentals and not the guests. However, Julie pointed out that their building permit has the stipulation that they would build additional parking on their property and that they are requesting multiple weekends in a row. She expressed concern that with reservations made so far in advance, residents would no longer be able to use the facilities available to residents. Jeff remembered that stipulation from his time on the Planning Board and agreed to investigate it.

Julie informed the Selectmen that Gaye Wagner had Scott Daniels look at the wall between the vestibule and Dedee's office and it was determined that it was not a supporting wall and that a window could easily be put in. Scott is not available to do the work, but Julie is in touch with another person who she is hoping will contact Ross.

Julie requested on behalf of Martha a cap amount of \$1,000.00 to start searching for a new copy machine with toner and drum. While the Selectmen last approved around \$700.00, prices have been fluctuating and Martha would like to shop for the best deal and know up to how much she can spend. George motioned to spend up to \$1,000.00 on copier and toner/drum; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

8. **Citizen's Issues:** George reported on a resident's email to Dedee about having problems with Consolidated and the technician reported it had to do with power lines being too low causing interference. George explained that this is not a Town issue and that the resident needed to look at the number on the pole and report to CMP (Central Maine Power) themselves.
9. **Other Legal Business:** Jason Kates reported that Ralph Jacobs sent Charter's Legal the contract with our updates and is waiting for comments on his edits. After which we will need reviewed by our legal team. We will also have to discuss with MMA to determine how to handle the funds which were previously committed to the ConnectMaine grant.

Ross reported that Jimmy Cromwell is getting a meeting set up with the Road Committee in the next 2-3 weeks.

Ross also reported that Don Pelletier does not have any paperwork but would testify on any boundary issues on Bakers Road.

10. **Westport Island Roads:** Scott Griffin, SR Griffin Construction, Inc., responded to the Road Commissioner's request for a quote to repair a portion of Upper West Shore Road and Main Road. The quote for ledge removal came to \$7,100.00 and if flaggers are needed it would be an additional \$800.00 per day. Ross suggested having the WVFD do the flagging and asked Jason Kates to bring it up at their next meeting. George tabled the discussion until the next meeting, vote: 3-0.
- Ross discussed putting in a window from the vestibule into Dedee's office. This would allow for people to not have to wait outside in the rain and cold weather. The other Selectmen approved this addition if it did not affect the structure of the building.

11. Meeting Adjourned: George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm; Jeff, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Jeffery H. Tarbox
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman