

Town of Westport Island
Board of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers Meeting
August 26, 2013

Present:

Selectmen: George D. Richardson, Jr., Gerald A. Bodmer and Ross Norton

Citizens: Art Ballard

Guests: Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News)

Meeting Commenced: George called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Business Conducted:

1. Warrant: George motioned to approve Warrant No. 9 for a total of \$110,818.40. (Payroll-\$835.00; Accounts Payable \$109,983.40); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

2. Board of Selectmen Minutes: George motioned to accept the minutes of August 12, 2013; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. Citizen's Issues: Art Ballard, Chair of the Wright House/Landing Committee, presented the Board of Selectmen with the following:

- a. An explanation of the final construction details of the crib #6 wave fence.
- b. Advice that railing at the house has been replaced and is now up to the Maine Municipal Association insurance standard.
- c. Art cautioned that river bank erosion is taking place on the Ferry Landing house land (Map 6-Lot 77.01) in several places and will become a future problem. Art consulted a professional and was told that the cost to prevent further erosion would be several thousand dollars. George advised that the expense to repair would need to come before the Town for approval.
- d. Art asked if he should continue with the permit for approval of installing rip-rap around crib #6, and the Board of Selectmen agreed to move ahead with the process.
- e. Art advised that the house well delivers very little water before running dry. He said there was a \$1,200 estimate received to try fracturing (fracking) the well. The Board of Selectmen did not agree with Art's suggestion.

4. Building Permit Violations: George provided copies of two violation letters currently in process by the Code Enforcement Officer:

- a. Map 002, Lot 29 (J. Blaisdell) regarding an after-the-fact building permit application.
- b. Map 004, Lot 32 (R. Scott/W. Foster) regarding the failure to obtain a building permit prior to the construction activity on the property.

5. Commercial Oil Supply Contract for 09/01/2013 to 08/31/2014: George motioned to approve the Downeast Energy Oil & Propane contract for the upcoming season at a firm fixed price of \$3.4190 for oil and \$2.8590 for propane; Jerry, 2nd; vote 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned:

6. George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald A. Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman