



TOWN OF WESTPORT ISLAND
6 Fowles Point Road
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
September 19, 2016

Present:

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

Citizens: Robert Mooney and Mary Ellen Barnes

Guests: Jane Carpenter (Boothbay Register), Charlotte Boynton (Lincoln County News) and Robert Fairfield

Meeting Convened:

1. George called the meeting to order at 07:15 p.m.

Business Conducted:

2. Warrant: George motioned to approve Warrant Nos. 24 and 25 for a total of \$66,905.08 (Payroll No. 24 - \$1,162.31; Accounts Payable No. 25 - \$65,742.77); Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. Board of Selectmen Minutes: George motioned to accept the minutes of September 12, 2016; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

4. Westport Fire Department Grant: The Fire Department was approved for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Program Grant for a 50KW generator. The grant pays \$33,310, and the town pays \$11,103 of the cost for purchasing and installing a new generator and 1000 gallon propane tank to supply it. George motioned to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and the Scope of Work for the grant; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

5. Citizen Concerns:

Mary Ellen Barnes: Mary Ellen is concerned about objects on the sides of the roads that have been left in the ditches after this summer's tree cutting.

Jeff Tarbox: Jeff is concerned about his land value on Map 002, Lot 46.

Michael Hughes: Mike is concerned about his property valuation (Map 004, Lot 14.06). George provided Mr. Hughes an application for abatement of property taxes

6. Animal Shelters: By law, the town needs to enter into a contract with an animal shelter to accept stray animals. Costs and contractual obligations have significantly increased since Coastal Humane has taken over the Lincoln County Animal Shelter. The Selectmen are researching this issue.

7. Ferry Landing House: The Orkin contract for the Ferry Landing House is coming up for renewal; and we will have to decide if we should continue the service.

8. Segerstrom Property: The taxes have been paid on the Segerstrom property Map 4, Lots 55 and 61.

9. Spirit of America Award: George motioned to have Gaye send a letter to Deborah Tibbetts, Lincoln County, nominating the Wright Landing Committee and the Horticulture Committee for the Spirit of America Award; Ross, 2nd; vote 3-0.

10. Lilly, et al v. Westport Island: George motioned to reject the offer from David Wollins and Leslie Lilly to settle out of court; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

11. Columbus Day Holiday: George motioned not to have a Selectmen's Meeting on October 10, 2016, Columbus Day; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned:

12. George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 08:30 p.m.; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman