



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
September 8, 2014

Present:

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

Citizens: Bob Mooney and Ruth Nelson

Guests: Jane Carpenter (Boothbay Register)

Meeting Convened:

1. George called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Business Conducted:

2. **Warrant:** George motioned to approve Warrant No. 10 for a total of \$7,165.02 (Payroll-\$1,819.00; Accounts Payable-\$5,346.02); Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

3. **Board of Selectmen Minutes:** George motioned to accept the minutes of August 18, 2014; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

4. **Citizen's Issues:** Fire Chief Bob Mooney requested the Board of Selectmen Chair sign an application for a Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Safety Enhancement Grant for four (4) more replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units. After discussion, George signed the application as requested.

Ruth Nelson, representing the Community Association, advised the Board of Selectmen that the large oak tree south of the old church (Map 004, Lot 05) needed attention. The Association had contacted tree care specialists "Well Tree" who advised that the tree needed pruning @ \$225.00 and fertilizer treatment @ 150.00 (\$375.00 total). Ruth asked if the Board of Selectmen could provide some funds to defray the cost. The Board of Selectmen advised that they would consider the request.

Ruth Nelson, representing the Planning Board, advised of the Planning Board meeting tomorrow evening (09/09/2014) with the owner of the property located on Map 006, Lot 52.2 (Jeffery Anderson) regarding rescinding the previous decision to allow a larger boat float than existed. George motioned to request that Ruth seek a legal opinion about whether the Board of Selectmen would need to rescind their previous approval; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

5. Ant Infestation Discussions: After research, George motioned that further discussions regarding ant infestation with ORKIN and Modern Pest Services be tabled until next spring and that Ross let the business owners know of the decision; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

6. Abatements: George motioned to authorize the following abatements that were caused by incorrect tree growth data entry:

Map 003, Lot 09, Ken Swanton Trustee, \$352.03 – one year;

Map 003, Lot 21.02, Ken Swanton Trustee, \$496.11 – one year;

Map 003, Lot 21, John Swanton, \$177.09 – one year;

Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

7. Town Hall Painting Contract: George motioned to sign the Town Hall painting contract with Town-n-Country Home Services (owner, Pete Norton); Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

8. Water Test for Town Buildings Pricing: The Board of Selectmen authorized Local Plumbing Inspector (LPI) Jerry Bodmer to discuss the type of tests required for public buildings and the pricing for same with Bob Applebee from Maine Coast Laboratory in Wiscasset.

9. Septic Tank Pumping Bids: George motioned to accept Ed Skillin's Tank Pumping service to do (7) tanks, including the Ferry Landing Privy, for his bid proposal of \$175.00 per tank and \$35.00 per replacement baffle when required; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0. LPI Bodmer was asked to coordinate and firm the date of pumping for 09/26/2014 (a Friday).

10. Town Oil and Propane Contract for the 2014/15 Winter Season: George motioned that the Board of Selectmen authorize him to sign a 2014/15 winter season fuel contract with Downeast Energy for 2,900 gallons #2 heating oil @ \$3.24.9 per gallon and 300 Gallons Propane @ \$2.89.9 per gallon; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

11. 2014 Elections Conference Request Correction: George motioned to send our Town Clerk, Gaye Wagner, and Deputy Clerk, Sandra Crehore, to the Election Law Conference at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor on Wednesday and Thursday, September 24 and 25th vs. the 25th only as originally noted in the May 19th Selectmen's meeting minutes; Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

12. Budget Committee Future: George motioned that due to the lack of community interest in having a Budget Committee the Board of Selectmen should prepare and submit the following referendum question to discontinue the Budget Committee and put it on the November election ballot:

Shall Westport Island repeal the "Town of Westport Island Budget Committee Ordinance" as established pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. Section 3001 by vote on November 6, 2007, and dismiss the Westport Island Budget Committee.

Jerry, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

13. Winter Schedule for Board of Selectmen Meetings: The Board of Selectmen agreed to begin the winter schedule of weekly Selectmen meetings in October, commencing on the 6th.

14. Meeting with Town Assessor: A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday September 16 @ 5 p.m. between Eugene Huskins, the Selectmen and Susan Partelow, Administrative Assistant, to discuss methods and progress with the 2014/2015 town-wide reassessment.

Meeting Adjourned:

15. George motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.; Ross, 2nd; vote: 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. Richardson, Jr.
1st Selectman

Gerald A. Bodmer
2nd Selectman

Ross Norton
3rd Selectman