

Town of West Bath
Selectmen Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2016

Town of West Bath Peter Oceretko, Chair - **Present**
Board of Selectmen: Paula Nelson - **Present**
Madelyn Hennessey - **Present**

Town Staff Present: Town Administrator: Adam Garland, Town Clerk: Karly Perry
Public Attending: Tim Davis, Amy Wesson, Sally Groves, David Hennessey
Merrilee Wilson, Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Paul Coombs, Steve Kalisz

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held **Monday, November 28th, 2016 at 5:30 pm** in the meeting room of the West Bath Town Hall, 219 Fosters Point Road, West Bath.

- I. Call to Order at **5:30pm**
- II. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum **Yes**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Approval of Minutes for November 14th, 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 2. Approval of Warrant(s):
 3. Upcoming Meeting(s):

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30pm in the West Bath Town Office.

Motion was made by Selectman Hennessey to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Selectman Nelson. Selectmen unanimously approved.
- V. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Selectman Oceretko announced that the town would be holding the annual rabies clinic on Saturday, December 3rd at the West Bath Fire Department from 9am-11am.
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
- VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS:

Tim Davis, a member of the Marine Resources Committee, brought forth concerns regarding enforcement of the Ordinance Resources Conservation Ordinance, including night digging and unlicensed digging, offering to help assist the Warden in patrolling the area. Discussion followed as to incidents several citizens have had along with the lack of documented incidents. Selectmen Nelson advised Mr. Davis that the committee would need to voice their concerns collectively.
- VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS
 1. Elect Board of Selectmen Chair
Selectman Nelson moved to appoint Selectmen Peter Oceretko as Chair of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Hennessey seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

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2. West Bath Historical Society

Amy Wesson spoke on behalf of the West Bath Historical Society, first reporting that the Littlefield School enjoyed a successful summer with over 400 visitors thanks in part to Maine made consignments available for sale at the school. Ms. Wesson went on to discuss the two lease agreements currently held between the society and the town, specifically wording within the lease designating maintenance responsibility. Currently the town is responsible for mowing and snow removal, but the society is requesting the addition of tree trimming. Ms. Wesson went on to detail an issue that presented itself this summer in which a large branch needed to be removed and the potential liability that this may have caused. Discussion followed as to the property being town-owned, and the general consensus of the town to not financially support the buildings. Further conversation followed as to town funding of maintenance. Ms. Wesson reaffirmed that the society is dedicated to the maintenance and upkeep of the building in its entirety.

Selectman Nelson moved to strike the words “and grounds” from the lease between the Town of West Bath and the West Bath Historical Society. Selectman Hennessey seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Other

Patten Free Library Board of Trustees

Juanita Wilson-Hennessey spoke on behalf of the Patten Free Library, inviting the selectmen to designate a municipal officer to sit on the Board of Trustees for the library. Meetings of the board are held one Tuesday a month at 4:30 p.m. September through June and the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Request to enter into an executive session pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405, 6., A. of the M.R.S.A. for the purpose of discussing the disposition of property.

Motion made by Selectman Nelson to enter into Executive Session at 6:21pm, seconded by Selectman Hennessey. Unanimously approved.

Board Resumed regular session at 6:53 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Selectman Nelson to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Hennessey. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm by unanimous acclamation.

A true attested copy,

Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk