

**Town of West Bath
Selectmen Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen
Mrs. Paula Nelson, Chair
Mr. David Bourget
Mr. Peter Oceretko

Town Administrator Jonathan Davis
Town Clerk Robert Morris

Budget Advisory Committee Members: David Hennessey, Justin Hennessey,
Steve Winter, Donna Merry, Darlene Estabrook

Attending: Fire Chief Greg Payson, Deputy Chief Jon Beane, Perry Estabrook

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Monday, March 10th, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.** in the meeting room of the West Bath Town Hall, 219 Fosters Point Road, West Bath, ME.

- I. Called to Order by Chair Nelson at 5:30 pm
- II. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. Approval of Minutes for February 24th 2014
 2. Approval of Warrant
 3. Upcoming Meeting(s):
 - a.) The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 24th, 2014 at the West Bath Town Hall.

Motion made by Selectman Bourget to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.
- VI. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – David Hennessey asked if the town had considered communication with the other RSU1 towns about our RSU1 withdrawal process. Discussion ensued and Selectman Oceretko said that along with RSU1 Withdrawal Committee meetings being public, they will likely hold public information meeting(s).

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS -

1. Withdrawal Committee – Selectman Oceretko advised that they met with a lawyer from Jensen-Baird of Portland and the Committee hired Mark Bower. The attorney strongly recommended the Committee hire a consultant to be the independent third party that oversees the financials and also to render an independent assessment. Their next meeting is this Thursday, March 13th at 6:00 pm and Attorney Bower will attend. The Committee intends to come up with a preliminary skeleton agreement document soon, and is still in the information gathering phase.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Appointment Letters

Motion made by Selectman Oceretko to appoint Chester Garrison (regular members), Lisa Atkins (alternate member) and Abigail Yacoben (alternate member) as members of the Board of Assessment Review. Seconded by Selectman Bourget. **Approved** by vote of Selectman Oceretko and Chair Nelson in the affirmative and Selectman Bourget voting against.

2. Winnegance Alewives Letter of Appreciation

The Town Administrator provided a letter for the Board to sign to Steve Wilson who has departed the Winnegance Alewives Committee.

3. Special Town Meeting Information Session

The Town will hold a Special Town Meeting Wednesday, March 12th at 6:00 pm, West Bath Fire Hall. Warrants have been posted and advertising completed. The Town Administrator briefed the Board and audience on the legal fees figures and facts that will be addressed at the open town meeting.

4. Town Administrator's Report – Available at the Town Office upon request.

5. Budget Review

The Board and members of the Budget Advisory Committee met to review the budget draft. County and RSU1 figures have not been provided yet.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

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 personnel issues.

Motion made by Selectman Bourget to enter into Executive Session at 7:52 pm. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

Board resumed regular session at 8:50 pm.

X. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

3/12/2014 - SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - West Bath Fire Hall

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 6:00 PM

- XI. ADJOURNMENT - **Motion** made by Selectman Bourget, seconded by Selectman Oceretko to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm by **unanimous acclamation**.

Attested to be a true copy.

Robert K. Morris, Town Clerk