

**Town of West Bath  
Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 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, Steve Winter,  
Donna Merry, Justin Hennessey

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Monday, March 24th, 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 March 10th 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, April 14th, 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 – Steve Winter asked if there had been any thought given to leasing out any mud for shellfish control production with nets. Selectman Bourget responded that our Marine Resources Committee is considering doing that this year as their conservation project. There’s no seed so we can’t do a reseeding and they’ve put into their budget to buy some seed, spread it in a certain area and cover it with nets or fir brush.

## VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS

### 1. Withdrawal Committee -

Selectman Oceretko stated they meet again tomorrow night. They are lining up the steps as to how they're going to start the withdrawal negotiations, and they want to learn the status of the West Bath School first is important because it will determine which topic they begin on. With the attorney they will approach reaching out to other school districts, of which RSU1 and will certainly be included, and put together several scenarios based on the data gathered. Three possible scenarios at this time are:

- a. We retain West Bath School and tuition out other grades;
- b. Partner with another RSU;
- c. Merger with another RSU.

The consultant has not been chosen yet. The attorney services will likely be obtained from Mark Bower of Jensen-Baird of Portland, and they are waiting on his proposal for services. Mr. Bower is looking into the title issue with the West Bath School at this time.

Steve Winter asked if the town continued on with RSU1, is there any feeling from the committee whether RSU1 would close the West Bath School. Selectman Oceretko stated that RSU1 has maintained that they aren't going to for the foreseeable future. Mr. Winter asked if the Withdrawal Committee is considering giving up the West Bath School. Selectman Oceretko said no, that's not on the table. We are mandated by the language of the Warrant and the three goals, which is to retain West Bath School, Pursue school choice and to pursue representation with the school governance. Our task is to negotiate a withdrawal, and we're bound by the voters and must complete this negotiation to its conclusion, submitting it to the Dept of Education Commissioner for their decision and then it goes back to the voters. The only way this process can stop is by another petition and another referendum to rescind the results of the January 21<sup>st</sup> referendum where the West Bath voters approved this process to begin.

## VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

### 1. Appointment of Election Clerks

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget to approve the appointment of Elections Clerks as submitted by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

2. Budget Review – David Hennessey and the Budget Advisory Committee members present offered comments, questions and recommendations regarding the proposed budget.

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

4. Other. The Board discussed the topic of mileage reimbursement for the Road Commissioner being included in the upcoming budget. It is understood that as an employee of the town that position is entitled to mileage reimbursement if and when claimed by submitting a mileage form for approval. The Board agreed that discussion will take place regarding any changes to the Road Commissioner's job description prior to July 1, 2014.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) - None.

X. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT - **Motion** made by Selectman Bourget, seconded by Selectman Oceretko to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm by **unanimous acclamation**.

Attested to be a true copy.

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Robert K. Morris, Town Clerk