

**Town of West Bath  
Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 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

Attending: David Hennessey; Jordan Kramer

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Monday, April 14th, 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 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, April 28th, 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 – Jordan Kramer was present to address the Board regarding his aquaculture license (Back Cove), and wished to talk about his ability, as a local business but a non-resident, to obtain a West Bath Mooring permit accessible from a public landing; Sabino or Bull Rock. The Board reviewed the Harbor & Waterways Ordinance, discussed and will have the Harbor Master attend the next Board meeting to obtain his input.

## VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS

1. Withdrawal Committee – Selectman Oceretko passed that he attended the RSU1 Special Board Meeting this date to consider the 5.2 million dollar Bond, which they accepted. However the scope of the Bond has changed now that they have obtained notice from the State that a rebuild of Morse High School (future date to be determined) is “at the top of the list”. The Bond is set up as a draw account and working through a citizen panel is to address the new school, and Harriman & Associates is engineering and consulting on the new remodel. They also need to determine whether the project is to remodel or build new, and submit a recommendation to the State. Our exposure to the 5.2 million dollar Bond now is about \$600,000. The Withdrawal Committee’s concern will be how to approach this obligation in that we don’t want to be put in the position that we need to buy out all of our responsibility of an up to a 5.2 million dollar Bond if it’s on a draw account, and if the withdraw from the RSU1 happens, they will have not draw the full amount at that time.

The Withdrawal Committee now has an agreement with a consultant Planning Decision Inc., provided the Board and Clerk with a copy, and recommends the Board approve the Agreement. They’re about half way through a draft withdrawal agreement at this time.

They have asked their attorney to draft a request to the DOE for an extension to the 90 day deadline to have an agreement submitted. The 90 day period expires next month. The Withdrawal Committee’s next meeting is Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget to contract with PDI at an hourly rate of \$150.00 per hour per the agreement. Seconded by Chair Nelson. **Approved** by vote of Selectman Bourget and Chair Nelson approving, Selectman Oceretko abstaining.

## VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

### **1. Review Budget Town Meeting Warrant**

The Town Administrator provided the Board with draft warrant to review pre-meeting. The Town Administrator and Board reviewed the articles that contained monetary amounts. It was agreed to keep Article 5 regarding the West Bath Alewives Reserve Fund in the Warrant this year though the fund currently contains no funds.

Due to a change in schedule of a West Bath School concert from May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> (5:30 to 6:15 pm) at the Bath Middle School, the Board agreed to change the time of the Budget Town Meeting to begin at 7:00 pm verses 6:00 pm. The Board approved and signed the original Warrant for the Budget Town Meeting.

## **2. Fair Point Communication Permit**

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget grant Fair Point Communications authority to allow them to place their pole per their request. (Sabino Rd, 210 feet east of Drift Inn Road). Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

## **3. Spirit of America Award**

The Board will consider recommendations and discuss at the next Board meeting.

## **4. Town Administrator's Report** – Available at the Town Hall upon request.

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 6:33 pm by **unanimous acclamation.**

Attested to be a true copy.

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Robert K. Morris, Town Clerk