

**Town of West Bath  
Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
May 12, 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

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Monday, May 12th, 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 April 28th 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 Wednesday, May 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
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – David Hennessey asked if the Town had received a report from the Fire Department Association. Chair reported yes and the report looked good with activities well documented and complete.

## VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS

1. Withdrawal Committee – Selectman Oceretko shared that the Committee completed their draft Withdrawal Agreement and sent it to the RSU1 about 1 ½ weeks ago. They await their response. The Committee voted to make good on the assurances to the public and the draft document was made public this date. They met with their new consultant Charles Laughton last week sharing the research and data gathered at this point, and he will assist with outlining the plan for West Bath School, along with the Middle and High school students being tuitioned out to another school district, and how that would all fit together. They will need to have this addressed in the withdrawal agreement when submitted to the Commissioner. They have touched base with Brunswick and have invited them to come to talk to the Committee. They will be talking to Topsham and RSU1 as well.

Peter stated that it looks like we will save \$280,000 per year from our budget in debt service and around \$450,000 per year in cost sharing inequity that we're looking to get out of. We believe a tuition agreement and running West Bath School, a significant amount of savings can be realized by going ahead with this endeavor. However, we have not established anything concrete with any other community so as this unfolds, the Committee will keep the Board and public updated. Peter clarified that the cost sharing inequity is the grind through the subsidy versus the non-subsidy – we have 11% of the students and pay 16% of the total RSU1 Budget because we're the only municipality that doesn't receive state subsidy.

## VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

### **1. Appoint Warden for Primary Election and RSU1 Budget Validation Referendum**

**Motion** made by Selectman Oceretko to appoint Paula Nelson as the Warden for the June 10<sup>th</sup> Primary and Referendum. Seconded by Selectman Bourget. **Approved** by vote by Selectman Oceretko and Selectman Bourget with Chair Nelson abstaining.

### **2. Sign RSU1 Warrant and Notice of Election**

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget to co-sign the RSU1 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

### **3. Appoint Assistant ACO**

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget to appoint Ann-Marie Stead as the town's Deputy Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

#### **4. Abatement**

Personal Property abatement for account number 42 - 18 Fosters Point Road, in the amount of \$9,509.34. The account is unrecoverable due to bankruptcy.

**Motion** by Selectman Bourget to approve, seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

#### **5. Town Administrator's Report** – Available at the Town Office upon request.

#### IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

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

**Motion** made by Selectman Bourget to enter into Executive Session at 6:02 pm. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

Board resumed regular session at 6:27 pm.

#### X. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **5/20/2014 - WEST BATH BUDGET TOWN MEETING - West Bath School**

Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM

*Location: West Bath School, 126 New Meadows Road, West Bath*

XI. ADJOURNMENT - **Motion** made by Selectman Bourget, seconded by Selectman Oceretko to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm by **unanimous acclamation.**

Attested to be a true copy.

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Robert K. Morris, Town Clerk