

**Town of West Bath  
Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 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; Codes Enforcement Officer Ellis Reed; Fire Chief Greg Payson

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Wednesday, May 28th, 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 May 12th 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, June 9th, 2014 at the West Bath Town Hall.

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

- V. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.
- VI. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – David Hennessey asked about the outside cleanup of the Town Hall that was previously discussed, and if the County Jail still had a program that might provide workers. The Town Administrator said he would check on that possibility and that Abbe Yacoben still wanted to assist and organize a cleanup crew in the near future.
- VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS
  1. Withdrawal Committee - Selectman Oceretko passed that they have mostly determined a stand-alone number for operating West Bath School and need more information now from other parties such as the RSU1 and where the negotiation is going to lead us. They have contacted the Town of Brunswick’s school department to set a date and place for an initial meeting.

The calculations for the school and tuitioning out Middle and High School students to Brunswick was a model and using the same data three different parties came within 10% of each other for a cost estimate. However we still need more withdrawal agreement data from Brunswick and/or RSU1.

2. Fire Department – Chief Payson stated that he’s been spending a lot of time with the aftermath of the fire at the New Meadows Cottages.

The Chief is moving forward with his Lieutenant selection, has four applicants and will schedule a day for exams and interviews. He invited one of the Selectmen to sit on that interview board. It was agreed that Selectman Bourget will fill that position.

He has two new hires he’d like to bring into the Fire Department. The Board agreed that the Chief had full discretion to hire as he sees fit.

## VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

### **1. Fair Point Power Pole Permit** – one poll on Houghton Pond Road.

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

### **2. Review Natural Gas Installation Bids**

The Town Administrator brief the Board on the bids received. Maine Natural Gas will be coming to plan out their route of gas line to the Fire Department building. Two bids were received. One of the bids was missing part of the costs but provided additional information after bids were due. Chair Nelson noted that the bid was incomplete, and the Board members agreed.

**Motion** by Selectman Bourget to accept bid from Ellis Reed, seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

### **3. Town Administrator’s Report** – Available at the Town Hall upon request.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S) - None

X. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS -

#### 1) **5/29/2014 - RSU1 WITHDRAWAL COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 6:00 PM

#### 2) **6/10/2014 - PRIMARY ELECTION - West Bath Fire Hall**

*Primary Election West Bath Fire Hall, 192 State Rd, West Bath. Polls open 8:00 am to 8:00 pm*

XI. ADJOURNMENT - **Motion** made by Selectman Bourget, seconded by Selectman Oceretko to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm by **unanimous acclamation.**

Attested to be a true copy.

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Robert K. Morris, Town Clerk