

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

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

Town Administrator Adam Garland  
Town Clerk Brandi Lohr

Attending: Chief Payson, David Hennessey, Niles Krech and Roger Therriault

A regular meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held on **Monday, November 10, 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 5:31 pm
- II. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. Approval of Minutes for October 27, 2014 and November 7, 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, November 24, 2014 at the West Bath Town Hall.

**Motion** made by Selectman Oceretko to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments to the time for the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Selectman Bourget. **Unanimously Approved.**

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS

1. **RSU Withdrawal Committee Update (Peter Oceretko)** – School choice was approved. The withdrawal agreement is complete, just waiting on signatures at this time. There were slight adjustments that needed to be made, but this was able to be done. If the Referendum passes the town will need to set up a transitional committee that will primarily need to put a budget together and then from there address forming a school board. A Public Hearing is on December 18, 2014. On January 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, at least 559 voters have to vote. There are other plans if this does not pass.

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**2. Fire Department Update (Chief Payson)** – Propane tanks were removed. The boat will be out within the next 2 days. It will be around \$200 to have the boat winterized and it will be sent to the Fire Station for storage. Chief is looking into specs for a truck on what they need to look for down the road because he wanted to have information for the committees for the cost for a new truck. Currently the town does not need one, but he wanted to be proactive to prepare the Town. Fire Chief Payson has given his resignation to the Town of West Bath he will be going to North Yarmouth. He has offered to the Town Administrator to sit down with his replacement to help with the transition. His official last day is December 6, 2014.

VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS

**1. Town Employee Recognition**

Formal thank you to Brandi Lohr for her work with the Election.

**2. Property Abatements (Assessor Beal)**

The abatements were not ready yet.

**3. Budget Committee Candidate consideration**

Mr. Nile Krech has offered to join the Budget Committee. A motion was made by Selectman Nelson and it was seconded by Selectman Bourget and it was unanimously approved. Appointment and Oath papers will be made for him to be sworn in.

**4. Mud Cove Property Lot**

Resident wants to sell his property, but he is not going to use it. Resident has attached information for the sale. Town Administrator has spoken with Assessor Beal in reference to this property. This is the first time that someone has approached the board with this information. The board is looking at the location and whether or not the Town has the money to purchase something like this. The Board has established that they do not have the authority to do anything with this property. At this time we are thanking the resident for his offer but we are unable to do anything at this time.

**5. Roofing Bids**

Only four bids were submitted, out of six places that inquired.

1) First Bid from Rich Exterior Solutions was opened in the amount of \$11,400

2) Second Bid from Hahnel Brothers Company was opened in the amount \$21,650

3) Third Bid was from P&P Construction was in the amount of \$7,375

4) Fourth Bid was from Carpenter Contractor Inc. in the amount of \$9300

Each bid was reviewed by the Selectman. A motion was made by Selectman Bourget to accept the bid from Elliot Meade from Carpenter Contractor and it was seconded by Selectman Oceretko and it was unanimously accepted. A call will be made to Elliot Meade from Carpenter & Calculator to get specifics on color and type of shingles.

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**6. Tree Cutting Bid update**

Hoping to get good bids so that the roads can be well taken care of in preparation for the winter weather.

**7. Office equipment –**

The copier in the town was new 13 years ago and the Town Administrator gave a report on its constant issues. He has reached out to Transco and Ricoh to get different prices for either a leased machine new vs. used or to buy a new copier. The information was presented in a pamphlet format and at this time the Selectman have decided to wait until the next budget to order a new one.

**8. Other**

Modern Pest Services was called to look at the rodent problem. An estimate was given on what could be done to solve the issue. The Town Administrator will be looking into further information with the company. A motion was made by Selectman Bourget to take the money from the Selectman Contingency Fund and it was seconded by Selectman Oceretko and it was **unanimously accepted**.

The town voluntarily asked for an inspection from MMA to make sure that the town was in compliance with the Sate. Adjustments were made from the recommendations from MMA representative. Code Officer Ellis Reed was able to fix the wiring problems that MMA asked for the Town and the Town Administrator corrected the other issues.

The Town of Phippsburg formally thanked the Town of West Bath for the usage of the camera equipment.

**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
2. 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 Nelson to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 pm. Seconded by Selectman Oceretko. **Unanimously Approved.**

Board resumed regular session at 8:10 pm.

**X. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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XI. ADJOURNMENT - **Motion** made by Selectman Nelson, seconded by Selectman Bourget to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm by **unanimous acclamation**.

Attested to be a true copy.

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Brandi D. Lohr, Town Clerk