

Town of West Bath
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 30, 2018

Town of West Bath Peter Oceretko, Chair - **Present**
Board of Selectmen: Madelyn Hennessey - **Present**
Kathleen Lavallee - **Present**

Town Staff Present: Adam Garland, Town Administrator
Karly Perry, Town Clerk

Budget Committee: David Hennessey

A special meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held **Monday, April 30th, 2018 at 5:30 pm** in the meeting room of the West Bath Town Hall, 219 Fosters Point Road, West Bath.

- I. Call to Order at **5:30 pm**
- II. Attendance and Establishment of Quorum **Yes**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Selectman Hennessey moved to approve consent agenda, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved
 1. Approval of Minutes: NONE
 2. Approval of Warrant(s): NONE
 3. Upcoming Meeting(s):
The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the West Bath Town Office.
- V. **SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
Selectman Oceretko noted that Town Meeting is Tuesday, May 29th at 6pm at the West Bath School (and May 30th if needed).

A Public Information Session will be held Tuesday, May 15th at 5:30pm at the West Bath Fire Hall to review the Warrant for Town Meeting and answer any questions the public may have.
- VI. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE**
- VII. **COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS:**
David Hennessey asked if any more volunteers have come forward for the Energy Committee (none have) and asked that the Selectmen draft a mission for the committee following Town Meeting.
- VIII. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **FY2018-2019 Town Meeting Warrant**

Administrator Garland reviewed two separate drafts of the Town Meeting Warrant for the Selectmen, with one containing proposed changes to Article 19 regarding a Public Hearing requirement for public works projects. Administrator Garland briefly reviewed the articles, including standard articles as well as Fire Department and Capital Improvement lines that had been removed

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from last year's warrant and have been added back to this year's warrants. Administrator Garland noted that some articles (Fire Department, Marine Resource, Long-Term Improvements) have been combined for simplicity, further noting that the Town Attorney has read an approved both drafts of the Warrant.

Selectman Oceretko asked about Article 34, Long-Term Capital Improvements, clarifying that the article must be voted on annually, which Administrator Garland confirmed it does.

The Selectmen went on to discuss Article 19 and whether or not the Selectmen should require a public hearing to receive public comment prior to authorizing funds on Public Works projects. Discussion included adding a cost threshold to the requirement and the pros and cons of public hearings. Administrator Garland suggested leaving the language as is and revisiting the article next year as Town Meeting is next month. The Selectmen agreed unanimously to postpone any possible changes until next year.

Selectman Lavallee stated her concern regarding the Patten Free Library funding, noting that she would like to see statistical evidence to support the request. Discussion followed as to the frequency with which membership is reviewed, as well as policies and procedures followed by the library. The Selectmen agreed to revisit the topic at the beginning of the fiscal year and asked Administrator Garland to note the discussion for an agenda item in July.

Selectman Hennessey moved to accept the first option for the Town Meeting Warrant, which includes language for a Public Hearing under Article 19, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

2. Other

Selectman Oceretko noted a request by the Chair of the Board of Assessment Review requesting that the Selectmen formally vote to assign the Town Attorney to represent the BAR at an upcoming appeal. Selectman Oceretko indicated that he felt satisfied with the Selectmen's discussion at the last regular meeting and did not feel it would be necessary to delay the appeal in order to put the item on the next agenda. The Selectmen agreed and restated their unanimous decision to assign the Town Attorney to represent the Board of Assessment Review in the pending appeal of Cornelia Viek.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Selectman Hennessey to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm by unanimous acclamation.

A true attested copy,

Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk