

Town of West Bath
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 9, 2018

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

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

Residents: David Hennessey, Kathi Coombs, Francis Soverel, Robert Pellegrini

A meeting of the West Bath Board of Selectmen was held **Monday, July 9th, 2018 at 5:30 pm** in the Selectmen's 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 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a.) June 25, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting2. Approval of Warrant(s):
 - a.) Municipal
 - b.) School Department3. Upcoming Meeting(s):
 - a.) July 23, 2018 at 5:30pm in the West Bath Town Office

Selectman Oceretko moved to approve consent agenda and minutes, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved
- V. SELECTMEN COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Selectman Hennessey announced that staff from Susan Collins' office will be holding office hours at the West Bath Town Hall on Monday, July 23rd from 3:00-4:00pm. More information can be found on the Town website or Facebook page.
- VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE
- VII. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT/WORK GROUP REPORTS: NONE
- VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS
 1. **Investment Committee Recommendation**

Steve Kalisz reviewed the current investment schedule and made the following recommendations to the Board of Selectmen:

1st Choice:	6-month CD	\$100,000	Bangor Savings Bank (2.05%)
2nd Choice:	6-month CD	\$100,000	Hingham Institution Savings (2.05%)

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Selectman Oceretko asked if the Town had used Bangor Savings Bank for previous investments, to which Mr. Kalisz confirmed they have not, but further noted that the investment committee prefers to use local banks whenever possible.

Paul Coombs advised Administrator Garland (if Selectmen are agreeable to the investment recommendations) to review the restrictions with the bank.

Selectman Oceretko moved to support the Investment Committee recommendations and further allow Administrator Garland to carry out the transaction, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

2. Marijuana Moratorium

Selectman Hennessey turned the floor over to Administrator Garland, who announced that the Town's marijuana moratorium has expired and that state laws are now in place. State law requires that towns "opt in" by ordinance to allow retail sales. With no ordinance in place, persons over 21 years of age may use recreational marijuana in accordance with state law; but are not permitted to sell marijuana in West Bath.

Selectman Hennessey voiced her approval that the state has adopted laws outlining recreational marijuana.

Administrator Garland referred to LD 1719 adopted on May 2, 2018 and State Statute Title 28 B Section 402.3 for more information.

3. Town Committees Discussion

Selectman Hennessey reviewed the mission of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, which will present a draft plan for Town Meeting at an April Selectmen's meeting. Appointees to the committee are: David Hennessey, Nelson Marass, Ashleigh Randall, and Mary Gaul Wallace, who will serve a one-year term. Selectman Hennessey further noted there is still one opening available.

David Hennessey suggested reaching out to Ron Beal or Richard Totten, both of whom have served on the committee previously.

Selectman Hennessey continued on to review the Library Committee mission (which will be presented to the Budget Advisory Committee in November) and the following one-year appointments: Catherine Jacobs, Cynthia Morris, Joanne Powers, Margaret Totten, and Merrilee Wilson. Selectman Hennessey noted that while the committee has a complete set of active members, there is space for up to two alternate members.

4. Appointments

Selectman Oceretko moved to appoint the committee members as presented, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

Selectman Oceretko moved to appoint Merrilee Wilson to a 3-year term on the Budget Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

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5. Tax Foreclosed Properties

Selectman Hennessey reviewed discussion from the Selectmen's workshop prior to the regular meeting and listed the following properties to be addressed:

- 14 Engerski Moore Road (Map R03 Lot 42) Acct 503
- 92 Rockweed Road (Map U20 Lot 3) Acct 966
- Kings Point Road (Map U13 Lot 36) Acct 1461

Selectman Oceretko suggested that the Rockweed Road property be put up for auction, as well as the other two properties.

Robert Pellegrini addressed safety concerns at the Rockweed Road property, also noting his interest in the property. Mr. Pellegrini asked when the properties would go to auction, to which the selectmen noted they hoped to arrange for late summer.

Selectman Oceretko noted that an abutter has also show interest in purchasing the Kings Point Road property, but in the spirit of fairness suggested that the property be put up for auction. Administrator Garland referred to a letter written by Kathi Coombs regarding the property.

Discussion followed regarding auction procedure and property values.

Selectman Oceretko moved to allow the Town Administrator to submit the properties referenced to the Town Attorney for review in order to submit for auction to Kennan Auction Company, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

9. Other

Selectman Hennessey reviewed a recent hearing of the Board of Assessment Review that she attended and expressed her desire as a member of the West Bath Board of Assessors to attend training for assessors. The Selectmen agreed that money could be expended for training, with any overage to be taken from the Selectmen's contingency account.

Selectman Oceretko moved to send Selectman Hennessey to training as representative of the Board of Assessors, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen approved with 2 in favor and one abstention.

Selectman Hennessey reviewed parliamentary procedure in respect to how the West Bath Board of Selectmen conducts meetings.

6. Kathi Coombs (Ref Map U12 Lot 36)

Selectman Oceretko confirmed that the Board had answered her questions, to which she confirmed they had.

7. Utility Easement (Ref Birch Point Road, Utility Pole)

Administrator Garland reviewed a request by Consolidated Communications for an easement to place a utility pole on Birch Point Road (28' from Mallard Drive and 458' from Birch

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Wood Lane), further noting that these are the only easements that the Selectmen have the authority to approve without Town Meeting review.

Selectman Oceretko moved to approve signing the Utility Easement for Consolidated Communications, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Selectmen unanimously approved.

8. Quit Claim Deed (P.A.K., Inc., Map U09 Lot 12, Acct. 61)

Administrator Garland asked that this item be tabled as the property is still in the process of transferring ownership. Selectmen agreed to table.

9. Other

Administrator Garland presented the formal resignation of Robert Morris from the Board of Assessment Review. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Morris for his service to the Town.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Selectman Oceretko to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Lavallee. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm by unanimous acclamation.

A true attested copy,

Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk