

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
APRIL 17, 2012

Tape-recorded meeting

Present: Chair Judy Colby, Bill Curtis, Pam Dunning, Vice Chair David Nichols, Ed Polewarczyk and Town Manager Laurie Smith

1. Call to Order

Chair Judy Colby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Approval of Treasurer's Warrant: April 10, 2012 and April 17, 2012

**Pam Dunning moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of April 10, 2012. Vote 5-0-0.  
Pam Dunning moved to approve the Treasurer's warrant of April 17 2012. Vote 4-1-0.**

4. Approval of Minutes: April 3, 2012 and April 10, 2012

**Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2012. Vote 5-0-0. Ed Polewarczyk moved to accept the minutes of April 10, 2012 as amended. Vote 5-0-0.**

5. Special Presentations or Awards - None

6. Appointments

A. Chris Wolfe recommendations for Election Clerks

**Ed Polewarczyk moved that the Selectmen appoint Republican, Democratic and Unenrolled Election Clerks as listed, effective from May 1, 2012 until May 1, 2014. Vote 5-0-0.**

7. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

A member of Citizens United asked that the selectmen place on the warrant an article supporting the organization's efforts to overturn the United States Supreme Court's decision regarding contributions to federal election campaigns. She was advised the town warrant was not the proper vehicle for this matter and it was suggested that she collect signatures on a petition and submit it to her organization.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair Report - None

9. Unfinished Business

A. Judy Colby to present informational sheet for voters regarding RSU 12 withdrawal

Judy Colby circulated a draft of the informational sheet regarding RSU 12 withdrawal that she and Sharon Nichols had revised. There was disagreement among the board members over the wording and between those who had drafted the revision. Nichols repeated her request that the original WERP letter be sent out by the town. **Pam Dunning moved to table further discussion. Vote 3-1-1.**

#### B. Montsweag Dam documents update

Ed Polewarczyk, Laurie Smith and Attorney Dennis Jumper had reviewed the documents and Polewarczyk said that his questions had been resolved; however, he had three concerns: the limitation on objections by the town to what CMP is doing on abutting property, the management plan and the requirement that the town maintain the perimeter of the property. He said the town was still waiting for a report from the dam inspector. He added that he is not in favor of acquiring the property.

#### C. Available funds for Odyssey of the Mind team

Town Manager Laurie Smith informed Greg Wood and Deb Olson from the Wiscasset Middle School that the net income from the Mary E. Bailey fund could be used to help send the Odyssey of the Mind team to Iowa for an international competition. The cost of the trip for five students, coach and two chaperones is \$11,000. Wood said RSU 12 had contributed \$4,500, the students had raised \$500 and three private entities had contributed \$2,000. **Pam Dunning moved to expend \$4,000 in support of the Odyssey of the Mind Team. Vote 4-1-0.**

#### D. Review of Ordinances from Planning Board Public Hearing

Laurie Smith said that the Planning Board had held a public hearing on the proposed ordinances and recommended that they be on the June warrant. A change had been made in the Commercial District to include the property behind George Green's property that has a right of way to Route 1.

### 10. New Business

#### A. William Rines and Shari Fredette to discuss sewer liens and sewer ordinance

The time limit for eight sewer accounts that have had liens placed against them has expired and the foreclosure process should now take place. **Ed Polewarczyk moved to process foreclosure notices on the liened accounts. Vote 5-0-0.**

In order for the lien and foreclosure process to take place, the outstanding sewer account balances must be forwarded to the Treasurer for action. **Judy Colby moved to commit the outstanding sewer balances to the Treasurer. Vote 5-0-0.**

The Sewer Ordinance has been amended to change the late charge for unpaid sewer account balances and the lien process to comply with the State statute. **Judy Colby moved to place the sewer ordinance amendments on the June Warrant. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### B. Todd Souza to discuss per capita WCC price for other communities

Souza said a review and analysis of the operation of the community center had been done and changes had been made to reduce cost including surveys, customer service training, additional equipment and outreach. The community center would like to host community nights for neighboring towns, which will include dinner and a tour of the facility. The purpose of these events would be to bring the towns into a community partner program for which the towns would pay a per capita cost and their residents would pay a reduced rate. **Judy Colby moved to authorize the Town Manager and Parks & Recreation Director to offer the "Community Partner Program" to other towns. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### C. Review of Commercial Waste Hauler fees

The current fee is \$300 and is to be reviewed annually. **Pam Dunning moved to maintain the current Commercial Waste Hauler fee structure. Vote 4-1-0.**

D. Discussion of Port Ordinances

The Port and Harbor Ordinance proposed amendment will eliminate the prohibition of pot buoys in the recreational mooring fields. Bryan Buck, Secretary of the Waterfront Committee, said that fishermen want to fish where the lobsters are and that although there is the possibility of lines becoming tangled, in that event the traps would be removed within 48 hours or the lines would be cut by the Harbormaster. Jody Haggett, member of the Waterfront Committee and a lobsterman, said the lobstermen would police themselves, as they would not want to lose the privilege. Minor changes were made to correct the numbering and formatting. **Pam Dunning moved to place the amended Port and Harbor Ordinance as amended on the June Warrant. Vote 4-1-0.**

E. Discussion of Solid Waste Ordinance

Laurie Smith said that when the town approved mandatory recycling with a \$2 per bag penalty for residents, no provision was made for a penalty for commercial haulers. A letter has been drafted to the commercial haulers advising them that the penalty for those who do not meet the 25% recycling requirement will be \$100 and the Solid Waste Ordinance has been amended to reflect this change. Ron Lear said there had been a problem with businesses, which have commercial dumpsters, not recycling; the penalty for the commercial haulers will encourage them to force the businesses to recycle. He asked that the amended Solid Waste Ordinance be put on the warrant. **Judy Colby moved to place the amended Ordinance on the June warrant. Vote 5-0-0.**

F. Selectmen vote on Department budgets and Warrant Articles

A draft warrant in the format requested at the previous meeting (with articles 5, 8 and 12 broken down by line item) was presented to the board. There was a consensus that this form of the warrant be used this year. Although there was a suggestion that a poll of voters taken following the June vote be used to determine what the voters preferred, Laurie Smith recommended a non-binding referendum on the matter.

Article 5: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following Estimated Revenues to reduce the tax commitment? Total \$2,587,052. 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 6: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office Administration/Operations the sum of \$192,464? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Planning the sum of \$76,259? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Boards and Committees the sum of \$1,610? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations the sum of \$75,254? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement the sum of \$54,996? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Contingency the sum of \$60,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Contractual Services the sum of \$68,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Office of Selectmen the sum of \$27,592? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 to increase the Board of Selectmen salaries by \$600 each annually? **Bill Curtis moved to delete this article. Vote 4-1-0.**

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Office of Assessment/Human Resources the sum of \$67,121? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Office of Finance/Tax Collector the sum of \$164,541? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar the sum of \$56,602? 5 favor, 0 oppose

Article 17: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate for Office of Elections the sum of \$19,200? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for General Assistance the sum of \$16,210? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Tax Anticipation Note (interest) the sum of \$20,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Insurance the sum of \$78,200? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Unemployment the sum of \$8,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Celebrations (July 4 and Winter Celebration) the sum of \$11,500? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Police Department the sum of \$334,734? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department the sum of \$103,242? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Emergency Medical Services the sum of \$297,913? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control the sum of \$9, 515? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Shellfish Conservation the sum of \$10,834? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Utilities the sum of \$175,600? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 29: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$415,000 the entire amount to come from department revenues, impact fees and surplus for the total Wastewater Treatment Plant operational budget? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Parks and Recreation Department the sum of \$770,850? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Municipal Highway Department the sum of \$656,994? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$65,492 from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the care of Cemeteries? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$78,000 to fund Road and Sidewalk Repair? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Airport the sum of \$278,451? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$118,000 for expenditures and \$110,000 from fuel sales and miscellaneous revenues to the amended fiscal year 2011-2012 Airport budget? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Transfer Station the sum of \$511,254? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the Senior Center the sum of \$60,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Waterfront & Harbors the sum of \$44,178? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Lincoln County Television the sum of \$7,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,300 for the Wiscasset Public Library? 4 favor, 0 oppose, 1 abstain.

Article 41: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Healthy Kids the sum of \$350? 3 favor, 2 oppose.

Article 42: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Eldercare/Trans-Linc the sum of \$100? 3 favor, 2 oppose.

Article 43: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Jessie Albert Dental Clinic the sum of \$2,000? 4 favor, 1 oppose.

Article 44: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Coastal Transportation the sum of \$1,500? 2 favor, 3 oppose.

Article 45: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$359,000 from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in Capital Improvements and carry forward an additional \$40,000 from the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget totaling \$399,000? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 46. Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$8,705 for Fiscal Year 2012 and \$9,300 for Fiscal Year 2013 for the payment of retiree health insurance premiums, the funds to come from the Health Insurance reserve account? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 47: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$13,000 as its share towards a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, the funds to come from the Airport Capital Fund? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

Article 48: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$33,333 as its share towards a State Recreational Pier Grant, the funds to come from the Waterfront Fund? 5 favor, 0 oppose.

**Pam Dunning moved to approve a non-binding referendum asking if the voters wish to shorten the ballot by combining department budgets in the warrant article. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 11. Town Manager's Report

Smith reported that the Walch Printing Company had been awarded the bid for the Town Report. Ed Goud's bid for removal of the cupola had been accepted.

Information on Little League Opening Day was distributed.

A painting of the two Wiscasset schooners was donated to the town by Lawrence and Anne Douglas and now hangs in the meeting room.

On May 3, Wiscasset will host a storm surge workshop focusing on the rise in sea level and impacts to coastal towns. The workshop will begin at 5:30 with a light supper. Judy and David will attend.

A four-mile yard sale will be held on June 2 sponsored by the Community Center. It will run from the top of the hill on Route 27 to the town hall. Residents who do not live on Route 27 may rent space at the Community Center. If the Town has surplus property, it can be bid on at the Community Center.

The board will review an adult entertainment ordinance before sending it to the Ordinance Review Committee.

#### 12. Other Business

Ed Polewarczyk will give a presentation on the Wiscasset school system on May 1 and asked that it be put on the agenda.

#### 13. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m., **Bill Curtis moved to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.**



# Town of Wiscasset

Pursuant to: Title 21-A section 503

April 17, 2012

The undersigned municipal officers of the Town of Wiscasset do hereby vote to appoint and confirm the following list of Election Clerks, such appointment to be effective from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 until May 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

**Republican:**

Joan Barnes  
Donald Jones  
Katharine Martin-Savage  
Belinda Haggett  
Maureen Smith  
Joan Grondin  
Lynn Lincoln  
Judith Colby  
Cindy Collamore  
Constance Schumann  
Dudley Leavitt  
H. Karl Olson  
Zoe Bigley  
Robert Bickford Sr.  
Kerry Leeman  
Linda Winterberg

**Democratic:**

Sara George  
Patricia Bridgham  
Susan Hammond  
Judy Flanagan  
Donald Blagden  
Susan Blagden  
Peter Rines  
Natalie Demeny  
Lorie Merry  
Chris Almasi  
Natalie Allen  
Diane Baldwin  
Paul Cronin  
James George  
Susan Varney

**Unenrolled:**

Anna Ranta  
Susan Van Alsenoy  
Susan Rattigan  
Warren Harbison  
Christopher Dilts

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Judith Colby, Board of Selectman, Chair

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David Nichols, Board of Selectman, Vice Chair

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William Curtis, Board of Selectman

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Edward Polewarczyk, Board of Selectman

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Pamela Dunning, Board of Selectman

Given under our hands on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012.

