

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
MAY 22, 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 6:45 p.m.

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

3. New Business

A. Open 2012 Striping Bid

The following bids were received:

	Lucas Striping	Hagar Enterprise	Highway Safety Systems
4" white & yellow lines per lineal foot	.04	NA	.18
double yellow center line per lineal foot	.08	NA	.08
white edge line per lineal foot	.04	NA	.035
crosswalks per square foot	.65	.45	.45
stop bars per square foot	.65	1.75	.45
parking stalls per each	3.60	3.85	3.50
arrows per each	10.00	15.00	15.00

**Judy Colby moved to authorize the Town Manager to award the 2012 Striping Bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

B. Open 2012 Catch Basin Bid

	Per Basin	Per Hour
Wilson Commercial Sweeping, Inc.	\$29.90	\$119.90
National Watermain Cleaning	\$45.00	\$185.00

**Judy Colby moved to authorize the Town Manager to award the 2012 Catch Basin Bid to the lowest qualified bidder. Vote 5-0-0.**

C. Certification of Ordinances

**Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen certify the official copy of the Ordinances to be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on June 12, 2012. Vote 5-0-0.**

D. Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Warrant

**Judy Colby moved to authorize the annual RSU #12 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant for June 12, 2012. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing

A. Public Hearing on RSU Withdrawal

Judy Colby read Article 4 on the June 12, 2012 warrant. Explanations in response to questions or comments were made as follows:

Constance Schumann, speaking personally, said if the Budget Committee vote were taken today, the vote would probably be 2-6 as she had changed her mind. In response to Susan Van Alsenoy's question as to why the selectmen had made no recommendation, Judy Colby said she did not want to influence voters, Pam Dunning said this was a political, not budgetary item and she wanted the citizens to make up their own minds without authority figures pointing them in a direction, Ed Polewarczyk said he was not in favor and had written a letter to the editor to that effect, but the decision was up to each individual.

#### B. Public Hearing on the Town Warrant and Ballot for the June 12 election

Article 10: In response to Susan Van Alsenoy's question regarding the Budget Committee's vote, Schumann said the consensus of the Budget Committee was that there could be efficiencies in combining Planning and Code Enforcement.

Article 11: In response to Susan Van Alsenoy's question regarding the Budget Committee's vote, Bob Blagden said the figure was too high and it would be better to negotiate without a figure in front of you.

Article 45: Roland Abbott, EMS and Ambulance Director, explained that the EMS-Cardiac Monitors, which were included in the amount in the budget for Capital Improvement, were vital equipment that the Ambulance needed in order to improve the quality of patient care. Constance Schumann, Richard Hanson and Dick Grondin recommended that the items in the Capital Improvement budget be listed individually with an amount so voters could approve individual items without having to approve all. Town Manager Laurie Smith said the definition of capital improvement was an item that costs over \$5,000 and will last three years or more. The selectmen had requested that all items be bundled so that one transfer of funds would be necessary. Bob Blagden said that when the Budget Committee reviewed the items there were no figures attached, and it did not seem right that all items should be included in one article.

Article 52: Laurie Smith summarized the housekeeping items under this article: It sets the interest on overpaid property taxes, authorizes payment of tax abatements, authorizes the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, authorizes the selectmen to sell and dispose of real estate acquired by the town, authorizes the selectmen to expend additional funds through grants, authorizes the town to accept gifts, authorizes the selectmen to sell or dispose of various items except real estate, authorizes the selectmen to transfer snowmobile registration funds to the snowmobile club, authorizes the selectmen to accept grants, authorizes town to transfer unexpended funds and take care of overdrafts, and allows the town to take care of TIF accounts in accordance with TIF agreements and state law.

Article 55: Bill Barnes warned against accepting the Montsweag Brook dam property that is now bringing in tax revenues, but will be tax-exempt if owned by the town.

The public hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

Christine Wolfe, Town Clerk, announced that the RSU 12 budget meeting would be held on June 2, 10 a.m., at the Windsor School. This will be the only opportunity for residents to vote on the individual budget items.

#### 5. Adjournment

**Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.**