

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
March 19, 2013

Preliminary Minutes

Tape recorded meeting

Present: Bill Curtis, Chair Pam Dunning, Vice Chair Ed Polewarczyk, Jeff Slack and Town Manager Laurie Smith

Absent: Judy Colby

1. Call to Order

Chair Pam Dunning called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

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

3. Approval of Treasurer's Warrant: March 12, 2013 and March 19, 2013

Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of March 12, 2013. Vote 4-0-0. Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of March 19, 2013. Vote 4-0-0.

4. Approval of Minutes: March 5, 2013

Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2013. Vote 4-0-0. A name that had been misspelled was corrected.

5. Special Presentations or Awards

A. FY 2014 Budget Presentation: Town Manager Laurie Smith said the selectmen's goal was to increase the contribution to fund balance to 16.6%, equal to two months' revenue. In working toward the goal of increasing the fund balance by \$1 million, decreases in expenditures and increases in revenues will be necessary. The FY 2014 budget is \$355,000 less than FY2013 due to a \$300,000 decrease in the operational budget and \$55,000 in RSU funds which are not included.

Smith said the budget included decreases in hours for all departments equivalent to three full time employees while maintaining services. Service changes include a decrease in Administration support; reduction in hours in Municipal Building Maintenance, Code Enforcement and Police; a decrease in police coverage of about 19 hours a week; a pay as you go system instituted at the Transfer Station; a decrease in the Recreation Department staff and hours; and reduction of one position at the Transfer Station. There is no fund balance contribution in the proposed budget and the budget does not address the Governor's proposal for cuts in funding.

Revenue changes include a reduction in capital reserves, a decrease in Maine Yankee impact revenue, an increase in airport excise and fuel costs and an increase in Transfer Station, Ambulance Service and Recreation Department fees.

Smith said the decrease in hours and services for all departments would result in \$300,000 in savings. The municipal appropriation is approximately \$200,000 less than the previous year and the revenues are

\$100,000 more than the FY 2013. In order to not increase in the mil rate, assuming a flat valuation, a fund balance increase of \$120,000, or an increase in revenue or decrease in expenditures (or a combination of two or more) totaling \$120,000 would be needed.

A public meeting on Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be held to discuss the budget in detail.

B. Leslie Livingston with Healthy Kids regarding pinwheel display: Healthy Kids have asked permission to place a 4' x 4' sandwich board on the grassy area in front of the town building announcing, "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month" with pinwheels affixed. Ed Polewarczyk moved to authorize Healthy Kids to display pinwheels as proposed on the lawn during the month of April. **Vote 4-0-0.**

6. Appointments

A. Executive Session regarding personnel. Ed Polewarczyk moved that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) to discuss personnel. **Vote 4-0-0.** The board went into executive session at 4:45 p.m. and exited at 4:48 p.m. Bill Curtis moved to come out of executive session. **Vote 4-0-0.**

B. Appointment of Carolann Rines as an Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee member: Ed Polewarczyk moved to appoint Carolann Rines as an Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee member. **Vote 4-0-0.**

7. Public Comment

Norman Guidiboni commented on the number of people involved with renewing a permit for the race track when a renewal should have been automatic. He also recommended that Route 1 be zoned the same from the railroad tracks to the Woolwich line.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair Report – None

9. Unfinished Business

A. Montsweag Brook Final Disposition with Town Attorney Dennis Jumper and the Conservation Commission – Postponed to April 2

10. New Business

A. Waterfront Committee and Harbormaster Dan Bradford:

i. Regarding Article IV, Port and Harbor Ordinance changes and discussion regarding changing fees and penalties: Bradford explained the proposed amendments to Article IV Port and Harbor that included authorizing the selectmen to make rules and regulations, moving the due date for mooring permit applications, removing the sentence that leaves filing a civil complaint the only recourse if someone uses a mooring without permission, removing the requirement for address and telephone number from the public register listing the moorings, allowing the selectmen to set fees and allowing of lobster traps and pot buoys if not interfering with moored vessels. Ed Polewarczyk moved to place the amendments to the Port and Harbor Ordinance on the June ballot. **Vote 4-0-0.**

ii. Waterfront Committee regarding harbor grants: Susan Robson recommended that the Town apply for a Shore and Harbor Technical Assistance Planning Grant, when it is available, to study the feasibility of a boardwalk connecting the Main Street and Recreation piers. This is a \$20,000 grant with a 25% match by the Town. An additional Pump -out grant program would provide a pump-out station for mariners, providing an important amenity for the harbor. She encouraged the Town to apply for this grant because the town already has some equipment and infrastructure for pump-outs. The grant requires a 10% match from the Town. Ed Polewarczyk moved to authorize the Waterfront Committee to apply for grants related to the boardwalk project and the waterfront pump-out station. Vote 4-0-0

iii. Discussion of Pier Policies: Susan Robson said the committee had revised the Pier Policies and asked for direction from the selectmen. There was discussion on the duplication of products being sold on the pier and ways to avoid that. Robson said she would like the policies to apply to both piers and suggested that a marine-related business such as kayak renting could be a possibility on the recreational pier. She suggested a reduced fee or no fee to see if that would attract people to the pier. **Bill Curtis moved to allow a vendor to do a marine-related business on the recreational pier at no fee. Vote 4-0-0.**

B. Approval of Frank Sprague and Sprague's Lobster as a vendor for the 2013 season on the Main Street Pier: **Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve Frank Sprague and Sprague's Lobster as a vendor for the 2013 season on the Main Street Pier. Vote 4-0-0.**

C. Approval of Rick Scanlan and Mainely Crepes as a vendor on the Main Street Pier. **Ed Polewarczyk moved to approve Rick Scanlan and Mainely Crepes as a vendor for the 2013 season on the Main Street Pier upon proof of insurance. Vote 4-0-0.** Norman Guidiboni suggested that the parking spaces at the pier be repainted.

11. Town Manager's Report

Laurie Smith thanked Alex Diamond who has retired from his volunteer work recording the Board of Selectmen meetings. Chris Dougherty filled in for this meeting, but a volunteer is still needed to tape the meetings.

A closing on the Montsweag Brook property has taken place and the Town has received a check for \$100,000 from CMP for dam maintenance. **Ed Polewarczyk moved that the money be placed with H. M. Payson as a separate endowment account and invested in a manner similar to the other endowment funds. Vote 4-0-0**

According to Joe Calhoun, a piece of the clock face has fallen from the town clock. Smith has contacted the firm that does maintenance on the clock and asked them to inspect the dial, face, and numerals when it does the annual summer maintenance and advise the Town what needs to be done.

Smith asked the selectmen if they were interested in signing a resolution opposing the governor's budget cuts (similar to a sample resolution received from local legislators). The board will consider alternate wording and the matter will be on the next agenda. Bob Blagden encouraged the board to not get involved.

Smith said the 7 p.m. April 2 public informational meeting on the budget has been advertised. The board will vote on the articles on April 9 and the warrant will be signed on April 16. Three high school students will make a presentation on tax deferral on April 2.

12. Other Business – none

13. Adjournment

Jeff Slack moved to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Vote 4-0-0.

11a.

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March 12, 2013

Laurie Smith
Wiscasset Town Manager
51 Bath Road
Wiscasset, ME 04578

Re: Montsweag Dam property

Dear Laurie:

You asked that I compose a summary of the Town's rights and obligations pertaining to the Montsweag Dam property. These are mostly set out in the deed from CMP to the Town and in the Declaration referenced in the deed; this Declaration is recorded in the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds in Book 4559 at Page 95, and in the Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds in Book 3414 at Page 1.

DEED:

1. CMP reserves the right to enter the premises for the purpose of cutting trees which in falling might endanger transmission lines on CMP's adjacent, retained lands.
2. The Town has the right to access the westerly side of the property over rights of way created in a 1960 deed. However, the location of the rights of way are not at all clear and, in fact, they may never have been laid out. Therefore, if access to the westerly side of the property becomes an issue, CMP will work with the Town to give a temporary access way over other lands owned by CMP. Access to the easterly side of the property is clear and is depicted on the Plan of the property which is recorded in both the Lincoln County and the Sagadahoc County Registries of Deeds. It extends from the end of Freedom Song Lane to the property.
3. The Town has the right to overflow and flood all of the lands currently flooded by means of the current dam or its replacement. The maximum permissible height of the pond behind the dam, and consequently the amount of overflowing and flooding that CMP granted to the Town, is set out in the deed.

4. If the Town removes the dam and does not replace it, or if the dam is breached by natural causes and is not repaired or replaced for 5 years, then the Town will release to CMP the flowage easement rights that encumber CMP's then owned land or easements.
5. Upon reasonable notice from CMP, the Town will allow CMP to temporarily lower the water level of the pond so that CMP may construct or maintain transmission lines on its land.
6. The Town cannot use its ownership of the property as the basis for objecting to future proposals by CMP to use its other lands for the construction and operation of transmission lines and appurtenant facilities.

DECLARATION:

The Declaration was originally composed when the Chewonki Foundation was the likely entity to acquire the property. Therefore the Declaration contemplated the removal of the dam and the return of the property to its natural state which would last in perpetuity. For example, the property could not be subdivided, the topography could not be altered, vegetative cutting was limited to maintaining a trail and to removing dead wood, no motorized vehicles and mechanical equipment were allowed except for emergency vehicles, etc. The Town wanted to obtain the property for a source of water for fire protection. So when the Town became the entity to which CMP would convey the property the Declaration needed to be amended to allow the dam and its flooding rights to remain as they currently are. The amended Declaration maintained all of the original restrictions, but exceptions were inserted so that the Town could maintain the dam and its flooding rights. Both the original and the amended Declaration needed to, and did, obtain DEP approval.

The things the Town may or must do with regard to the property are as follows:

1. The Town must give advance notice to DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers before taking action to modify the Declaration or to transfer the title to, or give any rights in, the property. Any amendments to the Declaration must be approved by DEP.
2. De minimis flower picking, clearing for the maintenance of a path or trail, and the removal of dead wood are allowed.
3. Invasive species may be eradicated.
4. Minor structures such as signage, information kiosk, and pedestrian bridges/boardwalks are allowed.
5. Existing roads and parking areas necessary to access the property for monitoring and public access may be maintained.

6. A Management Plan for the property will need to be prepared for DEP outlining roads, parking areas and minor structures. Currently the person at DEP to whom the Plan should be sent is Dawn Hallowell and her telephone number is 557-2624. Ms. Hallowell suggested that after the closing with CMP the Town send to her an outline of the work it intends to do in the area. There is a provision that any future alterations of the property must receive prior written approval from DEP and any other applicable agency.

7. Importantly: The Town may maintain, replace or remove the existing dam and maintain the water level above the dam at the level set out in the deed or at any lower level. In this regard all necessary and applicable machinery and motorized vehicles are allowed on the property. Of course, and work to, or removal of, the dam may require permits from local, state or federal agencies.

8. Importantly: The Town may install utilities as are necessary for the operation or removal of the dam.

9. The perimeter of the property "shall at all times be plainly marked and maintained" by the Town.

OTHER:

CMP will give the Town \$100,000.00 (Stewardship Funds) "to be used for fulfilling stewardship and monitoring obligations." This would include maintenance costs of the dam, the roadway to the property, and the parking area.

The Town should add this property to the list of its insured properties. If the Town's insurer insists on certain safety features, such as a fence to keep people from walking on the dam, then the Stewardship Funds could be used to install and maintain the features. Such features should be included in the Town's Management Plan.

Please let me know if you feel I have overlooked some aspect or if you want me to address any other issues.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Jumper



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Wiscasset, Maine 04578
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Email: wiscassetfire@wiscasset.net

10 a.

Rob Bickford
Fire Chief

To: Wiscasset Board of Selectmen
From: Rob Bickford, Fire Chief
Date: March 26, 2013

Re: ISO application and review plan

On December 5, 2012, I made a PowerPoint presentation to the board reviewing what the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) does and what the process is for a fire department to apply for a review of services. I detailed the challenges faced by the fire department (economic climate, less full-time personnel, lack of an emergency generator, space issues of the current station, age of apparatus, etc) and how these challenges may impact our ISO rating.

As of the December 5 meeting, the fire department's plan moving forward with the ISO review is to continue working with the committee established to coordinate the review and collecting additional data needed for the application process (this includes practical evolutions as well as gathering statistical data). We are also developing a capital plan and researching grants to assist with purchases and upgrades.

As warmer weather approaches, the department will be able to get out and conduct the exercises needed to calculate water flow and pumping capacities needed for the application. The committee will continue to meet and complete the application. Our goal is to have the application completed and sent to ISO during the summer of 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Bickford, Fire Chief

Proposed Wiscasset Resolution

WHEREAS, previous Governors and Legislatures have placed the State of Maine in a precarious financial position; and

WHEREAS, we oppose the Governor's proposal to lay the burden of increased State spending on the backs of the property owner; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the current State Legislature in seeking to increase the minimum wage will either significantly reduce business profits, drive businesses into bankruptcy or drive them out of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, we oppose any Legislature attempt to increase the burden of State spending on the backs of the Wage Earner and Producer under the guise of raising revenue in an equitable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to adopt and or expand programs either without adequate means to fund them or fund them with additional taxes on the Productive; and

WHEREAS, we also oppose any other tax increases including income, sales, inheritance and other fees and charges; and

RESOLVED, the Town of Wiscasset calls upon the Governor and Maine Legislature to exercise fiscal responsibility, reject any proposals to increase taxes and provide a balanced budget by cutting State spending.

Sample Local Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Governor's unprecedented biennial budget proposal places towns in an untenable and uncertain fiscal position during their budget planning; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes the elimination of \$283 million in municipal revenue sharing; falls \$200 million short of funding local schools at the 55% level passed in referendum; would cut the state's reimbursement for General Assistance by an estimated \$6.7 million; would eliminate the Homestead Exemption for anyone under the age of 65; would eliminate the "circuit breaker" property tax and rent relief program for anyone under the age of 65; would take \$8 million in truck excise tax revenue from towns; and would create a corporate tax exemption for large amounts of currently taxable property, resulting in significant losses of local tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposal also contains cuts to health and human services such as prescription drugs for the elderly and disabled; to all funding for clean elections; to the wages and benefits of public workers; while also rejecting federal funds to make health care affordable for over 44,000 Mainers; and

WHEREAS, all of the above shifts costs to towns, whose only major means of raising revenue is property taxes; be it

RESOLVED, [TOWN X] calls upon the Maine Legislature to reject these proposals, identify less harmful cost savings, and raise revenue in an equitable fashion to avoid this regressive tax shift.



Office of Assessors' Agent

12 b.

March 27, 2013

To: Board of Assessors

From: Sue Varney
Assessors' Agent

Attached is a supplemental tax certificate and warrant that the Board of Assessors needs to sign at their April 2, 2013 meeting.

The reason a supplemental tax bill is being sent to the landowner is because a building (barn) was constructed in a Farmland Classification area. The portion of land that the building sits on must be removed from the Farmland classification and a penalty must be assessed. I have spoken to the landowner and have explained the matter to her and she is aware that she will be receiving a supplemental tax bill for tax year 2012. The values have been adjusted going forth effective with the April 1, 2013 tax year.

For further clarification, any and all tree growth or farmland penalties are assessed as a supplemental tax and a warrant is created because our 2012-2013 tax commitment has already been completed.

Thank you.

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX CERTIFICATE AND WARRANT

Warrant Number 01

Year 2012

We the undersigned Assessors of Wiscasset, County of Lincoln and State of Maine, hereby do commit to Shari I. Fredette, current tax collector, the following list of supplemental taxes in the amount of \$512.09 which were omitted from assessment, or were invalid or void by reason of illegality, error or irregularity in assessment from the April 1, 2012 valuation records. The powers of the original warrant dated, September 18, 2012 for fiscal year 2012-2013 are extended by virtue of Title 36 MRSA Section 713 as amended.

Payment is due: June 1, 2013

Interest begins to accrue: June 2, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>TAX</u>
Michelle J. Peele	U03-020	\$30,100	\$512.09
Total Supplemental Taxes			\$512.09

REASON

Penalty for construction of building in Farmland classified area of land.

Given under our hands April 2, 2013

Today's Date

Assessors of Wiscasset

COPY



Town of Wiscasset
 51 Bath Road
 Wiscasset, ME 04578

Phone (207) 882-8200

OFFICE HOURS
 Monday: 8AM - 6PM
 Tuesday: 8AM - 4PM, Wednesday: 11:30AM-4PM
 Thursday: 8AM - 5PM, Friday: 8AM - 4PM

PEELE, MICHELLE J.
 28 SHERMAN LANE
 WISCASSET ME 04578

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**THIS IS THE ONLY BILL
 YOU WILL RECEIVE**

2012 REAL ESTATE TAX BILL

CURRENT BILLING INFORMATION

LAND VALUE	30,100
BUILDING VALUE	
TOTAL: LAND & BLDG	30,100.
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	\$0.00
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	\$0.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$0.00
TOTAL PER. PROP.	\$0.00
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	
OTHER EXEMPTION	\$0.00
NET ASSESSMENT	30,100
TOTAL TAX	\$512.09
LESS PAID TO DATE	\$0.00
TOTAL DUE ➔	\$512.09

MAP/LOT: U03-020
 LOCATION: 28 SHERMAN LANE
 ACREAGE: 13.20
 ACCOUNT: 001422 RE

MIL RATE: 15.9
 BOOK/PAGE: B4298P45 07/20/2010



TAXPAYER'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that your property tax for fiscal year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 is payable in (2) equal installments on 10/26/2012 and 04/26/2013. Interest will be charged on the first installment at an annual rate of 7% from 10/27/2012. Interest will be charged on the second installment at an annual rate of 7% from 04/27/2013. **As per State statute**, ownership and taxable valuation of all real and personal property subject to taxation shall be fixed as of April 1st of each year. After eight months and no later than one year from the date of commitment, which is September 18, 2012, a lien will be placed on all real estate for which taxes remain unpaid.

As of September 18, 2012 the Town of Wiscasset has outstanding bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$1,146,118.00.

Without State Aid for Education, Homestead Exemption Reimbursement and State Revenue Sharing, your tax bill would have been 15% higher.

To pay by credit card, call 1-888-2PAYTAX (jurisdiction code #2902) or visit WWW.OFFICIALPAYMENTS.COM

CURRENT BILLING DISTRIBUTION

SCHOOL	\$368.70	72.000%
TOWN	\$107.54	21.000%
LINCOLN COUNTY	\$35.85	7.000%
TOTAL	\$512.09	100.000%

REMITTANCE INSTRUCTIONS

If a bank or mortgage company pays your taxes, please review this bill and forward a copy to them. To avoid standing in line, taxes may be paid by mail. Please make check or money order payable to the **TOWN OF WISCASSET** and mail to:

**TAX COLLECTOR
 TOWN OF WISCASSET
 51 BATH ROAD
 WISCASSET, ME 04578**

Taxes paid by mail are considered received as of the postmark of the U.S. Postal Service. If a receipt is desired, please submit a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.



ACCOUNT: 001422 RE
 NAME: PEELE, MICHELLE J.
 MAP/LOT: U03-020
 LOCATION: 28 SHERMAN LANE
 ACREAGE: 13.20

INTEREST BEGINS ON 6/2/2013

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID
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6/1/2013 \$512.09

To Charles DiPerri, Constable, of the Town of Wiscasset in the County of Lincoln.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wiscasset, in said County and State, qualified by law, to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Wiscasset Community Center on Tuesday, the 11th day of June AD, 2013 from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

And to vote by secret ballot on the following articles:

Article 2. To vote by secret ballot for elected positions.

Article 3. Should any cost center (departmental budget) question fail to pass, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an amount for the Selectmen to expend not to exceed 3/12 of the previous year's cost center appropriation?

Financial note: Should the Town not pass this article it could result in over \$265,000 in financial impacts.

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the tax commitment?

Recreation	\$ 490,000
Excise	\$ 460,000
State Revenues	\$ 418,900
Miscellaneous	\$ 268,600
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 249,000
Transfer Station	\$ 361,400
Charges for Services	\$ 504,370
Senior Center	\$ 39,650
Airport	\$ 315,790
Waterfront	\$ 18,250
Total	<u>\$3,125,960</u>

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
 Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for Town Office **Administration/Operations** the sum of **\$180,090**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
 Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Planning** the sum of **\$75,968**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
 Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Boards and Committees** the sum of **\$1,610**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
 Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations** the sum of **\$64,270**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
 Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

WISCASSET TOWN WARRANT

- Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Code Enforcement** the sum of **\$43,126**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Contingency** the sum of **\$50,000**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Contractual Services** the sum of **\$84,000**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Office of Selectmen** the sum of **\$27,380**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Office of Assessment/Human Resources** the sum of **\$74,719**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Office of Finance/Tax Collector** the sum of **\$166,938**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar** the sum of **\$58,621**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Office of Elections** the sum of **\$17,100**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance** the sum of **\$20,510**?
The General Assistance program is offset by \$9,500 in State Reimbursements.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)** the sum of **\$20,000**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

WISCASSET TOWN WARRANT

- Article 19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Insurance** the sum of **\$75,400**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Unemployment** the sum of **\$5,000**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Celebrations** (July 4th and Winter Celebration) the sum of **\$12,000**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Police Department** the sum of **\$323,927**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department** the sum of **\$103,246**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Emergency Medical Services** the sum of **\$296,455**?
The EMS generates \$249,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control** the sum of **\$9,471**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Shellfish Conservation** the sum of **\$9,384**?
The Shellfish Conservation Department generates \$2,700 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
- Article 27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Utilities** the sum of **\$178,000**?

Street Lights	\$ 41,000
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	<u>\$137,000</u>
Total	\$178,000

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

WISCASSET TOWN WARRANT

Article .

Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$402,296** the entire amount to come from departmental revenues, impact fees and surplus, for the total **Wastewater Treatment Plant** operational budget?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article .

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Parks & Recreation Department** the sum of **\$730,837**?

The Parks and Recreation Department generates 490,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article .

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Municipal Highway Department** the sum of **\$591,444**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$60,435** from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the care of **Cemeteries**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$???** to fund **Road and Sidewalk Repair**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article .

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Airport** the sum of **\$298,596**?

The Airport generates 315,790 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article .

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station** the sum of **\$542,124**?

The Transfer Station generates 361,400 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article .

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Senior Center** the sum of **\$51,528**?

The Senior Center generates \$39,650 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

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Article . Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Waterfront & Harbors** the sum of **\$43,083**?

Waterfront and Harbors generates 18,250 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article . Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Lincoln County Television** the sum of **\$5,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article . Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$68,100** for the **Wiscasset Public Library**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose; 1-Abstain**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose;**

Article . Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$366,147** from the **Capital Reserve Account** to invest in **Capital Improvements**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article . Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$ becky for Fiscal Year 2013 for the payment of retiree health insurance premiums, the funds to come from the **Health Insurance reserve account**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article . Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$11,000** as its share towards a Federal Aviation Administration Grant, the funds to come from the **Airport Capital Fund**?

Financial Note: The Federal Grant match would be approximately \$71,250.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**
Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article . Shall the Town fix Friday, October 25, 2013 and Friday, April 25, 2014 as the dates when semi-annual tax payments are due and payable and instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of **7% per annum** on all taxes unpaid after said dates?

Article . To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

1. The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
2. The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
3. The Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
4. The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club program; and

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5. Taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Article 52.

Shall the Town vote to approve the following:

- A. To pay interest at **3.00% per annum** on any amount overpaid on property taxes as noted in M.R.S.A. Title 36, Section 506-A, and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from undesignated fund balance;
- B. To authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest approved by the Selectmen/Board of Assessors from the property tax overlay;
- C. To authorize the Tax Collector to accept pre-payment of property taxes, with no interest to be paid on the same;
- D. To authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms, as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for such property. Property that, in the opinion of the Selectmen, best serves the interest of the Town by remaining Town-owned property need not be sold;
- E. To authorize the Selectmen to expend additional funds received from federal, state and other sources during the year for Town purposes provided such additional funds do not require the expenditure of local funds not previously appropriated;
- F. To authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the town, to accept gifts, real estate and other funds including trust funds that may be given or left to the Town and to apply these funds to the accounts the Selectmen deem appropriate;
- G. To authorize the Selectmen to sell or dispose of various items, except real estate, that serve little or no purpose in the operation of the Town, and to apply the proceeds from these sales to the accounts the Selectmen deem appropriate;
- H. To authorize the Selectmen to disburse money received from registration fees of snowmobiles for the purpose of maintaining snowmobile trails in Wiscasset;
- I. To authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept State and Federal grants-including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications and grants from non-profit organizations, donations or revenues, on the Town's behalf for municipal purposes, including, when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents or other paperwork and to accept the conditions that accompany grant funds and to appropriate and expend grant funds and/or funds for authorized purposes as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town during the fiscal year 2013.
- J. Shall the Town authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the budget to be taken from fund balance, and to authorize the Selectmen to carry any unexpended balance as they deem advisable and to authorize the Selectmen to set at a later date the amount of undesignated fund balance, if any, to be used to reduce property tax assessment.
- K. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer and expend the appropriate funds from taxes and personal property revenue in accordance with the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement for repayment of taxes and for economic development purposes from the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District Account, consistent with 30-A M.R.S.A. §5251-5261.

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Article . Shall the Town vote to accept monies received from the sale of cemetery lots to be used for perpetual care and maintenance of all cemeteries within the Town of Wiscasset?

Article . Shall the Town vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing or opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A. Section 2953?

Ordinances

Article. Shall an Ordinance entitled Port and Harbor be amended?

An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to the warrant and is available in the Clerk's Office.

Article Shall an Ordinance entitled Solid Waste be amended?

An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to the warrant and is available in the Clerk's Office.

Article. Shall an Ordinance entitled Shoreland Zoning be amended?

An attested copy of this ordinance is attached to the warrant and is available in the Clerk's Office.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a copy thereof, attested by you, in a public and conspicuous place in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and due return make of this warrant to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this day of April, 2013.

Pamela Dunning, Chairman

Edward Polewarczyk, Vice Chairman

Judith Colby, Selectman

William Curtis, Selectman

Jefferson Slack, Selectman

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