

WISCASSET TOWN WARRANT

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 layoffs, severance payout and loss of services. (Potential of \$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	<u>\$ 18,250</u>
Total	\$3,125,960

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**?

The Municipal Planning budget is offset by \$12,000 economic development TIF funds.

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**

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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**

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 **\$167,384**?

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**

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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**

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 **\$325,427**?

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 authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement to provide for Emergency Medical Services to the Town of Woolwich and appropriate \$18,000 in expenditures for service to Woolwich residents which will be paid through revenues generated by Woolwich EMS calls?

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

Article 26. 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 27. 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**

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Budget Committee recommendation: **-Favor; -Oppose**

Article 28. 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**

Article 29. 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 30. 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 31. 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 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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 35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Senior Center** the sum of **\$51,528?**

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

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

Article 36. 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 37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Lincoln County Television** the sum of **\$5,000**?

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Shall the Town vote to appropriate(or transfer) an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from Cable Franchise Fee revenue for local television programming through **Lincoln County Television**?

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

Article 38. 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 39. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$366,147** from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in **Capital Improvements**?

Article 40. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ from the Capital Reserve Account for **Road and Sidewalk Repair**?

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

Article 41. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in **Fire Truck Repairs**?

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

Article 42. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in the purchase of a **Police Cruiser**?

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

Article 43. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in a **Parks and Recreation Driveway Paving Project**?

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

Article 44. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ _____ from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in **Wastewater Pump Repairs**?

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

Article 45. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$ from the Capital Reserve Account to invest in **Municipal Building Roof Repair**?

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

Article 46. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$12,800** from the Capital Reserve Account for the **Cardiac Monitors Lease** (year 2 payment of 5 year lease)?

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

Article 47. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$40,463** from the Capital Reserve Account for **Municipal Pier Debt** (year 2 payment of 10)?

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

Article 48. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$15,000** from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the purchase of cemetery mowers?

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

Article 49. Shall the Town vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed **\$16,173** for Fiscal Year 2014 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 50. 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 51. 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 52. 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 53. 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 54. 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 55. 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 56. Shall an Ordinance entitled Article IV, 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 57. Shall an Ordinance entitled Article V, Solid Waste be amended?

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

Article 58. Shall an Ordinance entitled Article X Miscellaneous Ordinances, Section 6. Shellfish Conservation be amended?

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

Article 59. Shall an Ordinance entitled Article VI, Zoning, Definitions of Districts and Zoning Map be amended?

An attested copy of this ordinance and map 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

True Attest Copy:_____

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