

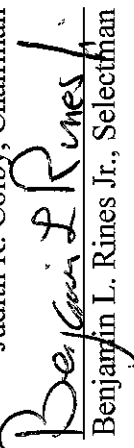
TOWN OF WISCASSET

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 4 day of April, 2017.


Judith R. Colby, Chairman


Benjamin L. Rines Jr., Selectman


Jefferson A. Slack, Selectman


William David Cherry, Selectman


Lawrence Gordon Jr., Selectman

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0To Jeffery Lange, Chief 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 at 242 Gardiner Road, the 13th day of June, 2017, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm then and there to act upon the following articles:

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

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

Board of Selectmen - 2 (2 year terms)

Wiscasset School Board – 1 (3 year terms)

Budget Committee – 3 (3 year terms)

Budget Committee – 3 (2 year terms)

Budget Committee – 2 (1 year terms)

Wiscasset Water District – 2 (3 year terms)

Article 3. Do you favor approving the Wiscasset School Department budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest Town school meeting?

Article 4. Do you wish to continue the school budget validation referendum process in Town of Wiscasset for an additional three years?

Article 4 Informational note:

A “YES” vote will require Town of Wiscasset to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years.

A “NO” vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters of Town of Wiscasset.

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the following **Estimated Revenues** to reduce the tax commitment?

Recreation	\$ 521,000
Excise	\$ 570,000
State Revenues	\$ 298,564
Miscellaneous	\$ 250,000
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 315,000
Transfer Station	\$ 256,800
Charges for Services	\$ 530,000
Senior Center	\$ 5,000
Airport	\$ 223,725
Waterfront	<u>\$ 20,800</u>
Total	\$2,990,889

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5- Favor 0- Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8- Favor; 0- Opposed

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Article 6.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,954 for the **Police Department School Resource Officer, (SRO)**. (Represents 35 weeks with School Department and 17 weeks as a patrol officer for the Town)

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4- Favor 1- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 6- Favor 0- Opposed 1- Abstain

Article 7.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$406,038 for the **Police Department?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3- Favor 2- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7- Favor 1- Opposed

Article 8.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$66,764 for **Municipal Planning?**

Funding:	Taxation	\$57,764
	Rynel TIF	<u>\$9,000</u>
	Total	\$66,764

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3- Favor 2- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 2- Favor 6- Opposed

Article 9.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,485 for **Code Enforcement?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5- Favor 0- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8- Favor 0- Opposed

The Code Enforcement generates \$16,800 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Article 10.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,605 for **Shellfish Conservation?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5- Favor 0- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7- Favor 1- Opposed

The Shellfish Conservation generates \$2,700 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Article 11.

Shall the Town vote to raise and or appropriate the sum of \$823,529 for the **Parks & Recreation Department?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5- Favor 0- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 6- Favor 2- Opposed

Informational Note Funding:

Taxation	\$302,529
Anticipated Special Revolving Revenue -	\$245,000
Anticipated General Revenue -	<u>\$276,000</u>
Total	\$823,529

Article 12.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$ 665,997 for the **Municipal Highway Department?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5- Favor 0- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7- Favor 1- Opposed

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Article 13.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,482 for the **Senior Center?**

The Senior Center generates \$5,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 14.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$39,555 for **Waterfront & Harbors?**

Waterfront and Harbors generates \$20,800 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 15.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$193,564 for **Town Office Administration/Operations?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 16.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the **electrical upgrades at the Municipal Building?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 17.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$16,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of **exhaust vents for Emergency Medical Services?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain

Article 18.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$35,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of **exhaust vents for Fire Department**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0- Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain

Article 19.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$12, 000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of **new carpeting at the Wiscasset Community Center?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 1-Opposed

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- Article 20. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$267,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Public Works Paving Projects?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 21. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for a **generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,361 for **Municipal Boards and Committees?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$61,452 for **Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for **repairs to Scout Hall/Old Firehouse?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 for **repairs to the Town Clock?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 1-Opposed
- Article 26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for **repairs to the Maine Art Gallery/Red Brick School House?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 27. Shall the Town Vote to raise and appropriate \$200 for **repairs to the Powder House?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 28. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for **Contingency?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-Favor 2-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$116,000 for **Contractual Services?**
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

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Article 30.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,247 for **Office of Selectmen?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 31.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,097 for **Office of Assessment?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 32.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$226,198 for **Office of Finance/Tax Collector?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 33.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$83,902 for **Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 34.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$21,226 for **Office of Elections?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 35.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,076 for **General Assistance?**

The General Assistance program is partially offset by \$8,000 in State Reimbursements.

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 36.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for **Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 37.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,944 for **Municipal Insurance?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 38.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,437 for **Unemployment?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:
Budget Committee recommendation:

5-Favor 0-Opposed
8-Favor 0-Opposed

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- Article 39. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for **Celebrations** (July 4th)?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 1-Opposed
- Article 40. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$137,616 for the **Fire Department**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed 1 -Abstain
- Article 41. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$544,250 for the **Emergency Medical Services**?
The EMS generates \$315,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 4-Favor 3-Opposed 1 -Abstain
- Article 42. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,487 for **Animal Control**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 43. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$220,800 for the **Public Utilities**?
Street Lights \$ 42,600
Fire Protection (Hydrants paid to Water District) \$178,200
Total \$220,800
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 44. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$451,831 for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant** operational budget, the amount to come from departmental revenues, impact fees and surplus?
The Wastewater Treatment Plant generates \$430,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 45. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount, not to exceed \$58,663 from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the care of **Cemeteries**? (The actual withdrawal from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund will be less any unexpended funds .)
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 46. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$254,697 for the **Airport**?
The Airport generates \$223,725 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

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Article 47. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$555,873 for the **Transfer Station?**

The Transfer Station generates \$256,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3-Opposed

Article 48. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$62,500 for the **Wiscasset Public Library?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 6-Favor 2-Opposed

Article 49. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for **Spectrum Generations?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 4-Favor 4-Opposed

Article 50. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for **Healthy Kids?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3- Opposed

Article 51. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for **New Hope for Women?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3-Opposed

Article 52. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for **Eldercare Network of Lincoln County?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3- Opposed

Article 53. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for **Midcoast Community Action?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1 -Abstained
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3-Opposed

Article 54. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$300 to assist the **American Legion with American Flag replacement?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-Favor 3-Opposed

Article 55. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to support the **Help Yourself Food Pantry and the Church of the Nazarene Food Pantry?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

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Article 56.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$34,559 for Fiscal Year 2018 for the payment of retiree health insurance premiums, the funds to come from the **Health Insurance Reserve Account**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

Budget Committee recommendation: 8-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 57.

To see if the Town will fix Friday, October 27, 2017 and Friday, April 27, 2018 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 58.

Shall the Town 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
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 59.

Shall the Town vote to approve the following:

- A.** To pay interest at **1.50% 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;

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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 2017.

J. 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.

Article 60.

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.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: Recommend

Article 61.

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 62.

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?

Article 63.

Shall an ordinance entitled "Disorderly House Ordinance" be enacted?

A copy of the proposed Disorderly House Ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 64.

Shall the following amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance be enacted.

A copy of the proposed amendment to "Impoundment Fees" is on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 65.

Shall the following amendments to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance be enacted?

A copy of the proposed amendment to the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk.

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Article 66. Shall the following amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance be enacted?

A copy of the proposed amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 67: Shall an Ordinance entitled “Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs” be enacted?

A copy of the proposed Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs is on file with the Town Clerk.

Article 68: Does the Town of Wiscasset authorize, on the terms and conditions set forth in a certain Option To Purchase Land executed by the town on August 26, 2016, on file with the Town Clerk, the sale of an approximately 29.45 acre portion of the town-owned property on the north side of the Old Ferry Road, partially encumbered by and abutting CMP Transmission Line Segment 377, as depicted on a Boundary Survey by Sackett & Brake Survey, Inc. Prepared for the Acquisition of Land by Central Maine Power Company from the Inhabitants of the Town of Wiscasset dated March 30, 2017 (the “Survey”), on file with the Town Clerk, and the grant of a 30’ easement for the installation of underground utilities within the approximately 1.07 acre area shown on the Survey to service such land, in exchange for its appraised fair market value of \$30,000.00, and for the Town Manager to execute any and all documentation related thereto?

Article 69: Shall the Town:

- (1) Authorize the School Department to undertake an energy conservation and related air quality improvements project at existing Wiscasset school facilities, including Wiscasset Elementary School, Wiscasset Middle High School, the central office, and the transportation facilities building (the “Project”) at a cost of up to \$1,750,000,
- (2) Authorize an appropriation of up to \$1,750,000 for the Project, and
- (3) In order to fund such appropriation, authorize financing the Project for a term not to exceed sixteen (16) years through, at the discretion of the School Committee, either (a) a tax-exempt lease purchase agreement to be executed by the School Department or (b) a general obligation bond for which the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen are delegated the authority and discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), denomination(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, refunding(s), form and other details of said securities, execute and sign such securities, provide for the sale of the securities, and execute certificates and other documents reasonably related thereto.

Board of Selectmen Recommends: No Recommendation

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

School Board Recommends: YES

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Treasurer's Financial Statement for Town of Wiscasset

(30-A M.R.S. § 5772 (2-A))

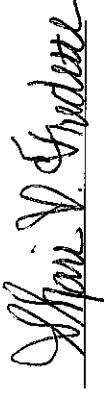
1. Total Town Indebtedness as of March 7, 2017:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ <u>3,907,001</u>
B. Bonds authorized/not yet issued:	\$ <u>0</u>
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved and financing is through a general obligation bond:	\$ <u>1,750,000</u>
Total Indebtedness:	\$ <u>5,657,001</u>

2. Estimated Costs: At an estimated interest rate of 3.35% for a term of sixteen (16) years, the estimated costs of the Project financing will be:

Principal:	\$ 1,750,000
Interest:	\$ 521,611
Total Debt Service:	\$ 2,271,611

3. **Validity:** The validity of the Project financing and the voters' ratification of the financing may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the financing varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the financing is not affected by reason of the variance.



Shari Fredette

Treasurer

Town of Wiscasset