

TOWN OF WISCASSET

To 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 12th day of June, 2018, 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 - 3 (2 year terms)

Wiscasset School Board – 2 (3 year terms)

Budget Committee – 3 (3 year terms)

Budget Committee – 2 (2 year terms)

Budget Committee – 1 (1 year terms)

Wiscasset Water District –1 (3 year term)

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

Recreation	\$ 450,000
Excise	\$ 600,000
State Revenues	\$ 300,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 250,000
State Reimbursements	\$ 100,000
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 375,000
Transfer Station	\$ 256,800
Charges for Services	\$ 519,200
Senior Center	\$ 5,000
Airport	\$ 53,474
Waterfront	\$ 20,800
Total	\$2,930,274

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$197,868 for **Town Office Administration/Operations**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7 -Favor 0-Opposed

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$84,447 for the **Airport**?

The Airport anticipates \$53,474 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,487 for **Animal Control**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

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- Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,654 for **Office of Assessment**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,843 for **Municipal Boards and Committees**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for **Celebrations** (July 4th)?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 11. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount, not to exceed \$97,923 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: 7 -Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$88,215 for **Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$49,507 for **Code Enforcement**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
The Code Enforcement Department anticipates \$16,800 in revenue to partially offset the above appropriation.
- Article 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for **Contingency**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$160,300 for **Contractual Services**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$18,046 for **Office of Elections**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

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- Article 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$553,227 for the **Emergency Medical Services**?
The EMS Department anticipates \$375,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-Favor 2-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$218,590 for **Office of Finance/Tax Collector**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$148,242 for the **Fire Department**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,071 for **General Assistance**?
The General Assistance program is currently offset by State Reimbursements of 70% of General Assistance expenditures.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$72,342 for **Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and or appropriate the following sums for **Municipal Insurances**:
Municipal Property/Casualty \$33,229
Unemployment Insurance \$13,100
Retire Health Insurance \$44,613
Note: The Retiree Health Insurance premiums come from the Health Insurance Reserve Account
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 23. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$815,669 (\$450,000 to come from departmental revenues) for the total operational budget and raise a portion of the total, namely the sum of \$ 365,669, from taxation for the **Parks & Recreation Department**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$423,858 for the **Police Department**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4- Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 4-Favor 3-Opposed

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- Article 25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,341 for the **Police Department School Resource Officer, (SRO)**.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 6-Favor 1-Opposed
- Article 26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$277,475 for the **Public Utilities**?
Street Lights \$ 42,600
Fire Protection (Hydrants paid to Water District) \$234,875
Total \$277,475
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 \$ 665,546 for the **Public Works Department**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 28. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,247 for **Office of Selectmen**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$11,482 for the **Senior Center**?
The Senior Center anticipates \$5,000 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
- Article 30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,075 for **Shellfish Conservation**?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed
The Shellfish Conservation anticipates \$2,700 in revenue to partially offset the above appropriation.
- Article 31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$590,697 for the **Transfer Station**?
The Transfer Station anticipates \$256,800 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed 0-Abstain
Budget Committee recommendation: 6-Favor 0-Opposed 1-Abstain
- Article 32. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$546,298 (the entire amount to come from departmental revenues and surplus) for the total **Enterprise Fund-Wastewater Treatment Plant** operational budget?
Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Oppose

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Article 33. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$44,777 for **Waterfront & Harbors?**

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

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Article 34. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$57,250 for the **Wiscasset Public Library?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for **Healthy Kids?**

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

Article 36. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,515 for **New Hope for Women?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to support the **Help Yourself Food Pantry and the Church of the Nazarene Outreach Food Pantry?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT QUESTIONS

Article 38. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the **Pool Chemical System** for the **Wiscasset Community Center?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 39. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$42,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase a **Pick-Up Truck w/Plow** for the **Parks and Recreation Department?** (This will replace a 2008 pickup truck).

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 40. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$175,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of **New Plow Truck** for the **Public Works Department?** (This will replace a 1995 truck)

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed

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Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 41.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$9,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of **Video Recording Equipment (officers and vehicles) and Updated Firearms** for the **Wiscasset Police Department**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 42.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$395,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Public Works Paving Projects**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-Favor 1-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 43.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the balance of the \$1,000,000 Capital Improvement withdrawal (taken from the Capital Reserve Account) to reduce the tax commitment. (Estimated to be \$201,846)

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

DEBT SERVICE

Article 44.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 for the **Tax Anticipation Note Interest**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

Article 45.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum \$40,463 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of paying the seventh **annual payment of a ten-year General Obligation Bond for the Municipal Pier Debt**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Oppose

Article 46.

Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of paying the third annual lease-purchase of a five-year **Lease-Purchase of a Backhoe** for the Public Works Department?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Oppose

Article 47.

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$228,234 for the purpose of making the annual debt service payment on the **\$2,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Bond**. (This payment represents the third year of a ten-year bond to finance the RSU #12 withdrawal cost).

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 5-Favor 0-Opposed
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-Favor 0-Opposed

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Article 48.

To see if the Town will fix Friday, October 26, 2018 and Friday, April 26, 2019 as the dates when semi-annual tax payments are due and payable and instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of **8% per annum** on all taxes unpaid after said dates?

Article 49.

Shall the Town vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into 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 50.

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;
- 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;

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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.

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 51.

Shall the Town 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?

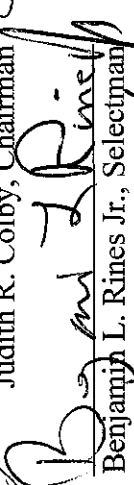
Board of Selectmen recommendation 5-Favor 0-Opposed

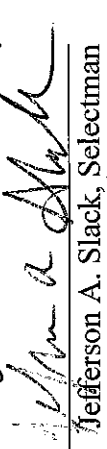
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting a copy thereof, attested by you, in a public and conspicuous place in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

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.

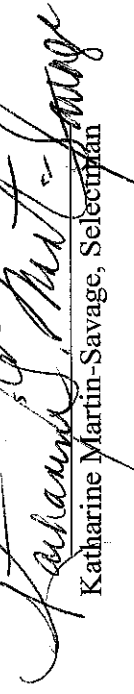
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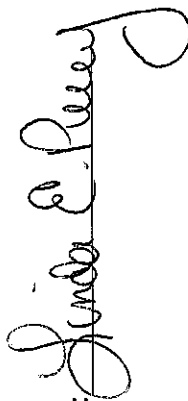

Judith R. Colby, Chairman


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Posted on: April 11, 2018