

WELCOME TO THE

# Selectboard Bulletin



A huge thanks to Parks & Recreation, Public Works, and all of the volunteers who have helped decorate the town for the holidays!

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

## Updated Winter Parking Ban

The blanket parking ban from 12:00am to 6am Nov. 15th-April 14th has been amended to an "as needed" parking ban. The Selectboard has authorized the Public Works Director to declare a parking ban as needed to clear snow from town ways. Declaration of a parking ban will depend on the forecast and severity of the storm. For more information see the Winter Parking Policy under the Resources page on the town's web site.

## Wawenock Block Update

The spokesperson for Wawenock LLC, Sandra Guay, reported to the selectboard in late November that they expected to start before mid-December and end before the end of March. Materials were started to be delivered on December 13 and work was slated to begin in the few days after that. We have not seen any progress and have asked for another update. We expect that the fencing will need to be pushed back from building some to accommodate the work. The selectboard will continue to monitor the progress and continue to ask for updates.

## **From the Vice Chair Regarding Town Manager's Performance Review**

The board, not including Chair Sarah Whitfield, who recused herself, met to discuss the town manager's job performance at the end of November. Vice Chair Bill Maloney said Simmons did not request a raise. "[Dennis] received a substantial increase last year similar to the increase union employees received. However, their increase was spread over a period of a few years. He wished to be treated in a similar way. This demonstrates the thought, care and dedication that Dennis puts into his job. The Town of Wiscasset and the welfare of its citizens are obviously important to him," said Maloney.

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## **TextMyGov: Get Town updates**

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## **Town Manager's Corner: LED Streetlights**

Recently I noticed a post on social media regarding the "pretty LED streetlights" that were paid for with "tax dollars". I wish to clear up a misconception. While most money obtained from any level of government is usually tax dollars of some sort, our "pretty LED lights" did not cost the Wiscasset taxpayers any town funds. With the support of the selectboard, the conversion was completed using the town's ARPA funds. As I reported to the selectboard recently, the conversion has so far cut the cost of our streetlight account by ~30%. Because no town funds were used, this is real savings from day one.

-Dennis Simmons, Town Manager

# Upcoming Meetings

January 01: Town Offices Closed for the New Year's Day Holiday

January 02: Selectboard, 6PM

January 03: Fire Department, 6PM

January 08: Ordinance Review Committee, 5:30PM

January 08: Planning Board Committee, 7PM

All meetings are held at the Wiscasset Town Office unless otherwise noted. All meetings, including committee meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to attend!

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## Helpful Links & Resources

- [Town of Wiscasset website](#)
- Town of Wiscasset [YouTube Channel](#) (livestream of meetings and library of previous meetings)
- [Most recent meeting agendas](#)

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