

TOWN OF WISCASSET

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 at 242 Gardiner Road, the 9th day of June, 2015 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.

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

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$47,400 for the **Police Department School Resource Officer, (SRO)?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:	No recommendation
Budget Committee recommendation:	Budget Committee did not review this request

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

Recreation	\$ 452,000
Excise	\$ 517,000
State Revenues	\$ 281,100
Miscellaneous	\$ 277,500
Emergency Medical Services	\$ 232,000
Transfer Station	\$ 257,000
Charges for Services	\$ 554,000
Senior Center	\$ 22,300
Airport	\$ 260,000
Waterfront	<u>\$ 21,600</u>
Total	\$2,874,500

Board of Selectmen recommendation:	4 -favor;	0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation:	7-favor;	0-oppose

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$342,810 for the **Police Department?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:	4-favor;	0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation:	7-favor;	0-oppose

Article 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$63,346 for **Municipal Planning?**

The Municipal Planning budget is offset by \$9,000 economic development TIF funds.

Board of Selectmen recommendation:	4-favor;	0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation:	5-favor;	2-oppose

Article 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$47,032 for **Code Enforcement?**

Board of Selectmen recommendation:	4 -favor;	0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation:	7-favor;	0 -oppose

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- Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,630 for **Shellfish Conservation?**
The Shellfish Conservation Department generates \$3,045 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4-favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 6 -favor; | 1-oppose |
- Article 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$742,673 for the **Parks & Recreation Department?**
The Parks and Recreation Department generates \$452,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 3-favor; | 1-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 3-favor; | 4-oppose |
- Article 11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$679,997 for the **Municipal Highway Department?**
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4 -favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 6-favor; | 1-oppose |
- Article 12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,777 for the **Senior Center?**
The Senior Center generates \$22,300 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4 -favor; | 0 -oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 6-favor; | 1-oppose |
- Article 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$39,554 for **Waterfront & Harbors?**
Waterfront and Harbors generates \$21,600 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4-favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 7-favor; | 0-oppose |
- Article 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$168,295 for **Town Office Administration/Operations?**
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4-favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 7-favor; | 0-oppose |
- Article 15. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$30,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Wastewater Treatment Pick-up Truck?**
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4-favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 6-favor; | 1-oppose |
- Article 16. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$8,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Airport Obstruction Clearance?**
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 3-favor; | 1-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 7-favor; | 0-oppose |
- Article 17. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$25,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Repairs to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 2003 Ambulance?**
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| Board of Selectmen recommendation: | 4-favor; | 0-oppose |
| Budget Committee recommendation: | 7-favor; | 0-oppose |

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- Article 18. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$150,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Public Works Paving Projects**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 19. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$39,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for a **New Police Cruiser**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-favor; 2-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 3-favor; 4-oppose
- Article 20. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$12,764** from the Capital Reserve Account for the **Cardiac Monitors Lease** (year 4 payment of 5 year lease)?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 21. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$40,463 from the Capital Reserve Account for **Municipal Pier Debt** (year 4 payment of 10)?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,611 for **Municipal Boards and Committees**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$60,155 for **Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 24. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for **Contingency**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$106,660 for **Contractual Services**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 26. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,380 for **Office of Selectmen**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 27. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,490 for **Office of Assessment**?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

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- Article 28. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$200,475 for **Office of Finance/Tax Collector?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 29. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$64,169 for **Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 30. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$15,900 for **Office of Elections?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 31. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,510 for **General Assistance?**
- The General Assistance program is offset by \$7,425 in State Reimbursements.*
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 32. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$17,000 for **Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 33. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$94,625 for **Municipal Insurance?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 34. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$6,313 for **Unemployment?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 35. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,500 for **Celebrations** (July 4th and Winter Celebration)?
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 36. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$109,636 for the **Fire Department?**
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose
- Article 37. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$286,288 for the **Emergency Medical Services?**
- The EMS generates \$232,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.*
- Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

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Article 38. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,390 for **Animal Control**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

Article 39. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$204,600 for the **Public Utilities**?

Street Lights	\$ 42,600
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	<u>\$162,000</u>
Total	\$204,600

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

Article 40. Shall the Town vote to appropriate **\$448,084** for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant** operational budget, the amount to come from departmental revenues, impact fees and surplus?

The Wastewater Treatment Plant generates \$432,385 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

Article 41. Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount, not to exceed \$59,331, from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the care of **Cemeteries**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 6-favor; 1-oppose

Article 42. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$283,175 for the **Airport**?

The Airport generates \$260,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-favor; 1-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 5-favor; 2-oppose

Article 43. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$522,730 for the **Transfer Station**?

The Transfer Station generates \$257,000 in revenue that offsets the above appropriation.

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-favor; 1-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

Article 44. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$68,950 for the **Wiscasset Public Library**?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 3-favor; 1-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 0-favor; 7-oppose

Article 45. Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$26,085 for Fiscal Year 2015 for the payment of retiree health insurance premiums, the funds to come from the Health Insurance reserve account?

Board of Selectmen recommendation: 4-favor; 0-oppose
Budget Committee recommendation: 7-favor; 0-oppose

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- Article 46. To see if the voters will accept the transfer of the Wiscasset Primary School to the Town from the Wiscasset School Board pursuant to 20-A MRSA § 4103 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of said Real Estate on such terms as they may deem advisable and to execute quit claim deeds for such property?
- Article 47. To see if the Town will fix Friday, October 23, 2015 and Friday, April 22, 2016 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 48. 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 49. 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

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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 2015.

J. Shall the Town authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to 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.

Article 50. 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 51. 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 52. Shall an ordinance entitled "Historic Preservation Ordinance" be enacted?

Article 53. Shall an ordinance entitled "Flood Plain Management Ordinance" be repealed and replaced?

ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTIONS (NON-BINDING OPINION POLL)

Article 54. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Wiscasset Police Department and utilize the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department?

Article 55. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Wiscasset Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department and utilize a private company?

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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Given under our hands this 24 day of April, 2015.

s/ _____
Pamela Dunning, Chairman

s/ _____
Benjamin Rines Jr., Vice Chairman

s/ _____
William Barnes , Selectman

s/ _____
Timothy Merry, Selectman

s/ _____
Jefferson Slack, Selectman

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