

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
MARCH 29, 2011

(tape recorded meeting)

Present: Bob Blagden, Vice Chairman Judy Colby, Pam Dunning, Chairman David Nichols, Ed Polewarczyk and Town Manager Laurie Smith

SPECIAL SELECTMEN'S MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Nichols called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment

4. Unfinished Business: Budgets

Town Manager Laurie Smith explained the deductions and additions, adjustments for fuel and revenue adjustments that had been made in the previous budget. The changes resulted in a reduction in the budget of \$52,392.

A. Administration: A contractual increase for the Town Manager was added to the draft budget.

David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$390,064 on the Town Warrant for the Administration budget. Vote 5-0-0.

B. Airport: A reduction of \$1800 and a fuel adjustment had been made to the previous budget.

Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$40,328 on the Town Warrant for the Airport Budget. Vote 5-0-0.

C. Animal Control: **David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$9,294 on the Town Warrant for the Animal Control budget. Vote 4-0-1.**

D. Assessing: **Ed Polewarczyk moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$77,516 on the Town Warrant for the Assessing budget. Vote 5-0-0.**

E. Boards and Committees: **Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$1,607 on the Town Warrant for the Boards and Committees budget. Vote 5-0-0**

F. Capital Improvement: Pam Dunning urged the board to act on the engineering study and completely replace the pier even if it meant ignoring all other items on the capital improvement list. Judy Colby suggested obtaining a bond for the work, using interest from the reserve account. The pier could then be paid for without impacting taxes.

Items on the Capital Improvements list were discussed and the following items were approved: \$150,000 for Road and Sidewalks, \$15,000 for Roof Repairs, \$7,000 for WCC pump replacement, \$120,000 for Transfer Station Truck, \$15,000 for WWTP stair repair, \$50,000 for WWTP generators, \$65,000 for Public Works Bobcat, \$5,000 for Commercial Pier Project and \$3,000 for an ice rink liner. Inasmuch as sufficient information was not available regarding the cost of a used rather than new transfer station truck or trade-in value on the current truck, it was the consensus to retain the \$120,000 figure.

Items not retained in the Capital Improvement budget were the Boiler Project, Public Works truck, Wastewater pickup and Sweepster Broom, some of which may be funded from departmental budgets. Police Lt. John Allen had requested a new cruiser, but the board declined to add that to the Capital Improvement budget.

Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$430,000 on the Town Warrant for the Capital Improvement budget. Vote 4-1-0.

David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen place a warrant article on the ballot to borrow \$350,000 for the pier project. Vote 4-1-0.

G. Celebrations: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$11,500 on the Town Warrant for the Celebrations budget. Vote 5-0-0.

H. Cemeteries: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$52,699 on the Town Warrant for the Cemeteries budget. Vote 5-0-0.

I. Clerk: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$57,113 on the Town Warrant for the Clerk budget. Vote 5-0-0.

J. Code Enforcement: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$55,993 on the Town Warrant for the Code Enforcement budget. Vote 5-0-0.

K. Community Organizations: It was the consensus of the board to list selected organizations separately on the ballot, allowing voters to choose which charities they wish to support. Several charities where need was not established were removed from the list. **Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$1,350 on the Town Warrant for the Senior Spectrum. Vote 3-2-0. Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$1,215 on the warrant for Midcoast Maine Community Action. Vote 3-2-0. Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$5,000 on the warrant for LCTV. Vote 5-0-0. Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen place the amount of \$300 on the warrant for the Tedford Shelter. Vote 3-2-0. Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$324 on the warrant for Healthy Kids. Vote 3-2-0. Ed Polewarczyk moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$85,000 on the warrant for the Wiscasset Public Library. Vote 3-0-2. Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$100 on the warrant for Elder Care. Vote 3-2-0. David Nichols moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$2,000 on the warrant for the Jessie Albert Clinic. Vote 3-2-0. Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$1,350 on the warrant for Coastal Transportation. Vote 3-2-0.**

L. Contingency: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$35,000 on the Town Warrant for the Contingency budget. Vote 4-1-0.

M. Contractual: Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$73,000 on the Town Warrant for the Contractual budget. Vote 5-0-0.

N. Elections: Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$18,250 on the Town Warrant for the Election budget. Vote 5-0-0.

O. EMA/EMS: Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$278,844 on the Town Warrant for the EMA/EMS budget. Vote 5-0-0.

P. Finance: Judy Colby moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$162,043 on the Town Warrant for the Finance budget. Vote 5-0-0.

Q. Fire Department: **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$83,692 on the Town Warrant for the Fire Department budget. Vote 5-0-0.

R. General Assistance: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$19,200 on the Town Warrant for the General Assistance budget. Vote 5-0-0.

S. Municipal Building: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$72,868 on the Town Warrant for the Municipal Building budget. Vote 5-0-0.

T. Municipal Insurance: **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$69,030 on the Town Warrant for the Municipal Insurance budget. Vote 5-0-0.

U. Parks and Recreation: **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$771,607 on the Town Warrant for the Parks and Recreation budget. Vote 4-1-0.

V. Planning: A motion to fund a 35-hour per week planning position failed. **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$58,369 on the Town Warrant for the Planning Budget (30-hours per week). Vote 5-0-0.

W. Police: A motion to place \$321,710 on the warrant, which would fund three full-time officers, did not pass. Lt. Allen presented a budget, which would provide four full-time officers and 24-hour coverage for approximately the same amount as was budgeted this year. **Ed Polewarczyk** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$341,595 on the Town Warrant for the Police budget. Vote 3-2-0.

X. Public Works: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$671,167 on the Town Warrant for the Public Works budget. Vote 5-0-0.

Y. Selectmen: **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$30,418 on the Town Warrant for the Selectmen budget. Vote 4-1-0.

Z. Senior Center: **David Nichols** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$55,187 on the Town Warrant for the Senior Center budget. Vote 5-0-0.

AA. Shellfish: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$9,807 on the Town Warrant for the Shellfish budget. Vote 5-0-0.

BB. Transfer Station: **Judy Colby** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$510,371 on the Town Warrant for the Transfer Station budget. Vote 5-0-0.

CC. Wastewater Treatment: The proposed budget would require an increase of 7.85¢ per cubic foot in the sewer rates. **Ed Polewarczyk** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$398,351 on the Town Warrant for the Wastewater Treatment budget. Vote 5-0-0.

David Nichols moved to extend the meeting beyond 10 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

DD. Waterfront and Harbors: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$45,783 on the Town Warrant for the Waterfront and Harbors budget. Vote 5-0-0.

EE. Undesignated Fund Balance: **Pam Dunning** moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$500,000 on the Town Warrant from the Undesignated Fund Balance. Vote 5-0-0.

FF. Reserve Fund: **Pam Dunning moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the amount of \$355,736 on the Town Warrant from the Reserve Fund. Vote 4-1-0.**

Steve Mehrl announced Budget Committee meetings at 6:30 p.m. the next two nights. The Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee will tentatively meet on the budget on April 5 or April 12.

14. Adjournment

At 10:05 p.m., **Judy Colby moved to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0-0.**