WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

JANUARY 26, 2016

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Benjamin Rines, Jr., Vice Chairman Judy Flanagan, Jefferson Slack, David Cherry, Judith Colby, Town Manager Marian Anderson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benjamin Rines, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT POLICE CRUSIER

Wiscasset Police Chief Troy Cline told the Board of Selectmen the Town’s 2008 Ford Crown Victoria police cruiser had spun a bearing and was out of commission, leaving the Department with one cruiser. Wiscasset Ford estimated that it would cost $6,000 to replace the engine in the vehicle. Chief Cline expressed to the board the vehicle wasn’t worth investing that much money into. Cline said he sought estimates for a utility all-wheel drive vehicle. He said it’s the type of vehicle most departments are using now for space and safety reasons. Cline told the selectmen the vehicle has a 75 M.P.H. crash survival rating, which is important for the safety the officers. Cline presented a quote from Wiscasset Ford for a new 2015 Ford Interceptor Utility AWD at a cost of $27, 590.44; and a quote for the same vehicle from Brunswick Ford was $29, 295. Cline recommended Wiscasset Ford as the price was the lowest and it was a local business. He said the quote from Wiscasset Ford included an $800 trade-in allowance on the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, removal of all the electronics, and picking the vehicle up in Massachusetts. According to Cline, it’s estimated to cost an additional $7,800 to equipped the new cruiser with all the electronics and graphics to get the vehicle ready for patrol.

Chairman Rines asked Cline if it was possible to get a loaner cruiser from another department. Cline said it wasn’t a usual practice.

Judy Flanagan made a motion to take up to $36,000 from contingency to purchase the 2015 Ford Interceptor from Wiscasset Ford. Motion was seconded by Judy Colby. Motion carried**, VOTE, 4-1** with Jeff Slack opposing, citing the town voted against the purchase of the new cruiser last June.

Chairman Rines stated for the record that he supported the motion, but was leery to do so because the town voted against the purchase of a new cruiser in June.

Judy Flanagan commented that it was always better to put these purchases before the Town, but this was an emergency situation, she said.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 p.m. Judy Colby moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by David Cherry. Motion carried, **VOTE 5-0.**