WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

APRIL 28, 2016

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ben Rines called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Budget Workshop

The Wiscasset Board of Selectmen reviewed the warrant for the 2016 Annual Town Meeting and made the following corrections and changes:

It was suggested by David Cherry the word “partially” be inserted on the articles which have the note regarding revenue. He said the wording “which offsets the above appropriation,” is misleading and said by adding the word “partially” makes the statement more accurate. The Board agreed to this change.

**Article 5**

Corrected to reflect the correct vote on the School Resource Officer which was 3-favor; 2- opposed, not the 4- favor; 1-opposed as listed.

**Article 21**

Corrected to reflect the correct vote on the new police cruiser, which was 4-favor; 1-opposed, not the 5-favor, 0-opposed as listed.

**Article 27**

Benjamin Rines, Jr. said he wanted to change his vote on Article 27 asking the town to raise and appropriate $35,000 for the Contingency budget. He said by the Board voting to allow overdrafts in the Town operations budget be taken from the fund balance, he didn’t think a contingency account was necessary.

Rines made a motion, seconded by David Cherry to reconsider the board’s earlier vote Article 27, motion passed 5-0

Jeff Slack made a motion, seconded by Benjamin Rines to reduce Article 27 to $0. Motion failed, 2 yes, 3 no.

**Article 41**

The Board discussed its decision to place the two amounts for the Emergency Medical Services budget on the ballot. Selectmen Jeff Slack expressed concerned by asking the voters to choose between $415,840 and $478,250 the voters not have the opportunity to reject both.

EMS Director Toby Martin said he had concerns of putting both numbers on the ballot because he said voters would likely choose the lower amount given the choice of the two.

A motion was made by Jeff Slack, seconded by David Cherry to place the amount of $478,250 on the Town Warrant for the Emergency Medical Services budget. Board recommendation- 5 yes, 0 no

**Article 50**

Judy Colby made a motion, seconded by Judy Flanagan to take the money for LCTV from cable franchise fees if Article 50 should pass. Motion failed, 2 yes, 3 no.

**Article 61**

Benjamin Rines made a motion to remove section J, which pertains to unexpended balances and overdrafts, from Article 61 and make it a separate article. The motion was seconded by David Cherry, motion passed 5-0.

Article 62 will read:

“Shall the Town authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the budget to be taken from 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.”

The Board of Selectmen recommended the article, 3**-**Favor; 2-Oppose

The articles following #62 following will be renumbered accordingly.

**Article 66**

A motion was made by Benjamin Rines, seconded by Judy Colby to amend Article 66 to include the estimated cost of the solar energy buyout, motions passed 4 yes, 1 no.

Article was amended to read as follows:

“Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate $81,150, which is to be held in escrow for a seventh year buyout, and authorize the Selectmen to negotiate and execute any and all agreements, and to take actions and execute documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate solar energy installations that will serve the Town of Wiscasset municipal facilities?”

 Selectmen recommendation: 2**-**Favor; 3-Oppose

4. Approval of Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Jeff Slack made a motion to accept the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as amended. Judy Colby seconded the motion, motion passed 5-0.

5. Adjournment

At 7:10 Judy Colby made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff Slack. Motion passed, 5-0.