

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
APRIL 12, 2022  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Kim Andersson, Pam Dunning, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones, Chair Sarah Whitfield, and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Unfinished Business

a. Budget discussion – Capital Improvement Projects: The chair announced that the White’s Island proposal had been pulled from the agenda and will not appear on the June warrant. The proposal will likely be brought back for the November warrant, but the delay will allow time to obtain updated costs for the railroad crossing and public meetings for community input.

Regarding the projected budget, Dennis Simmons explained that the recommended maximum, 4.5%, would be taken from the reserve accounts and the remainder needed for the budget (\$1,267,500) would be bonded over 10 years at 3.87% with an annual payment of \$155,701.

Simmons said that the Old Ferry Road contract bid received was \$1.2million more than budgeted, and he is trying to find funds other than tax dollars to fund the project. He said because Old Ferry Road could not be closed for the repairs, a new road has to be built for a bypass. Funding from other sources is being researched.

Article 7: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$198,940 for Town Office administration/Operations? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 8: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$90,521 for the Airport. Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 9: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$17,050 for Animal Control: Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 10: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$7,244 for the Office of Assessment? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 11: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,209 for Municipal Boards and Committees? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0

Article 12: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$22,975 for Celebrations? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 13: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$178,185 from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund for the care of Cemeteries? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 14: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$98,739 for the Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 15: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$38,294 for Code Enforcement? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Contingency? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 17: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$248,250 for Contractual Services? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 18: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$21,839 for Office of Elections? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 19: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$759,553 for Emergency Medical Services? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 20: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$275,932 for Office of Finance/Tax Collector? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 21: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$155,708 for the Fire Department? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 22: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$25,171 for General Assistance? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 23: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$84,240 for Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 24: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$129,009 for Municipal Insurances?

Municipal Property/Casualty	\$41,972
Unemployment Insurance	\$14,653
Workers' Compensation Insurance	<u>\$72,384</u>
	\$129,009

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 25: Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$44,496 for the payment of retiree health insurance premiums, the funds to come from the Health Insurance Reserve Account. Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 26: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$977,546 for the Parks & Recreation Department? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 4-1-0.

Article 27: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Planning Services? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 28: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$674,035 for the Police Department? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 29: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$86,253 for the Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO): Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 4-1-0.

Article 30: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$365,093 for Public Utilities?

Street Lights	\$58,149
Christmas Tree Lighting Meter	200
Fire Protection (Hydrants paid to Water District)	<u>306,744</u>
	\$365,093

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 31: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$673,870 for the Public Works Department: Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 32: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$27,829 for Office of Selectmen? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 4-1-0.

Article 33: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$13,183 for the Senior Center? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$4,186 for Shellfish Conservation? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$724,084 for the Transfer Station? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$846,942 (the entire amount to come from departmental revenues and surplus) for the total Enterprise Fund-Wastewater Treatment Plan Operational budget? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$64,6564 for Waterfront & Harbors? (Waterfront and Harbors anticipates \$21,575 in revenue which partially offsets the above appropriation.) Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$63,000 for the Wiscasset Public Library? Terry Heller moved to approve as written. Vote 4-0-1.

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Healthy Kids? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,515 for New Hope for Women? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 41: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to support the Help Yourself Food Pantry and the Church of the Nazarene Outreach Food Pantry? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 42: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$600 to support the American Legion Flag Project? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 43: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$993 to support LifeFlight of Maine? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 44: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$239 to support Waldo Community Action Project? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 45: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,950 to support Spectrum Generations? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 46: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$125,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of a Public Works Plow Truck? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 47: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$235,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of a new Ambulance? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 48: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$174,500 from the Capital Reserve Account for the Harbor Expansion Project? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 4-1-0.

Article 49: Shall the Town vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$40,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the purchase of a Public Works Maintenance Truck? Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 50: Shall the Town (1) approve the acquisition of a fire department tanker truck (“Project”); (2) appropriate up to \$400,000 for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (“Town”) (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1.	<u>Total Indebtedness</u>	
	a.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$1,929,775.25
	b.	Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00

c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 400,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87 % for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 400,000.00
Interest	\$ 91,486.67
Total Debt Service:	<b>\$ 491,486.67</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 51: Shall the Town (1) approve a **capital roofing project for the Community Center** ("Project"); (2) appropriate up to **\$80,000** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine ("Town") (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$80,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness

a.	Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$1,929,775.25
b.	Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
c.	Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$	80,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87 % for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 80,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 18,268.38</u>
Total Debt Service:	<b>\$ 98,268.38</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 52: Shall the Town (1) approve a **capital roofing project for the Sand/Salt Shed** ("Project"); (2) appropriate up to **\$50,000** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (the "Town") (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$50,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness
  - a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$1,929,775.25
  - b. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00
  - c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 50,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87 % for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 50,000.00
Interest	<u>\$ 14,406.88</u>
Total Debt Service:	<b>\$ 64,406.68</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 53: Shall the Town (1) approve various **capital improvements for the Municipal Building** including HVAC system upgrades and window replacement ("Project"); (2) appropriate up to **\$313,500** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the

Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (the "Town") (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$315,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$1,929,775.25
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00
- c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 313,500.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of **3.87%** for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 313,500.00
Interest	\$ 71,597.01
Total Debt Service:	<b>\$ 385,097.01</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0

Article 54. Shall the Town (1) approve various **municipal paving projects** including all necessary work related thereto ("Project"); (2) appropriate up to **\$200,000** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (the "Town") (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$1,929,775.25
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00
- c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 200,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87% for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

- Principal: \$ 200,000.00
- Interest \$ 45,685.43
- Total Debt Service: \$ **245,685.43**

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 55: Shall the Town (1) approve **capital improvements and repairs to the wastewater plant** including all necessary work related thereto (“Project”); (2) appropriate up to **\$209,000** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (the “Town”) (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$209,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$1,929,775.25
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00
- c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 209,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87% for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

- Principal: \$ 209,000.00
- Interest \$ 47,740.99
- Total Debt Service: \$ **256,740.99**

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the



estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 56: Shall the Town (1) approve **capital improvements and repairs municipally owned Sunken Garden** including all necessary work related thereto (“Project”); (2) appropriate up to **\$15,000** for the Project; (3) fund such appropriation by authorizing and delegating authority to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Wiscasset, Maine (the “Town”) (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000 plus any additional premium, and delegating to the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen the authority to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, refunding of said securities, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution of loan and other necessary agreements and execution and delivery said securities on behalf of the Town, and to provide for the sale thereof?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

1. Total Indebtedness

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$ 1,929,775.25
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued: \$ 0.00
- c. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved \$ 15,000.00

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.87% for a 10 year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 15,000.00
Interest	\$ <u>3,474.18</u>
Total Debt Service:	<b>\$ 18,474.18</b>

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/ Dennis L. Simmons  
Town Treasurer

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Article 57: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$231,868u for Debt Service?

Tax Anticipation Note Interest & Bond Counsel	\$10,000
Taxable General Obligation Bond (For RSU withdrawal)	\$221,868
Total	<u>\$231,868</u>

Pam Dunning moved to approve as written. Vote 5-0-0.

Asked why the estimated income from the harbor project was not included in the budget figures, Town Manager Dennis Simmons said income was based on the current year and any projected income in the next year would be included in next year's budget. He encouraged members of the Waterfront Committee to explain the anticipated income to the public. It was also suggested that the newspapers be contacted for publicity for the proposal.

#### 4. Adjournment

Pam Dunning moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.