

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WISCASSET, MAINE
JUNE 9, 2009

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MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET QUESTIONS

Question 1. Should any cost center (departmental budget) question fail to pass, shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to expend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the previous year's cost center appropriation?

YES
NO

Question 2A. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government** the sum of **\$543,720**?

Town Office Administration/Operations	\$ 174,215
Office of Selectmen	\$ 26,923
Office of Assessment/Human Resources	\$ 72,162
Office of Finance/Tax Collector	\$ 157,460
Town Clerk/Excise Tax Collector/Registrar	\$ 71,823
Office of Elections	\$ 19,387
General Assistance	\$ 21,750
Total	\$ 543,720

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 2B. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government/Contingency** the sum of **\$65,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (4-1)
Budget Committee recommends (5-2)

YES
NO

Question 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations** the sum of **\$75,987**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Planning/Code Enforcement** the sum of **\$130,250**?

Municipal Planning	\$ 85,697
Municipal Boards & Committees	\$ 2,365

Office of Code Enforcement	\$ 42,188
Total	\$130,250

Board of Selectmen recommends	(5-0)
Budget Committee recommends	(8-0)

YES
NO

Note: Question 5A and 5B are related. Please read both questions in their entirety before voting.

Question 5A. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Contractual Services** the sum of **\$128,600**?

Civil, Health Officer, Retirement	\$ 21,100
Audit & Financial	\$ 15,000
Engineering/Consultants	\$ 32,000
Legal	<u>\$ 60,500</u>
Total	\$128,600

Board of Selectmen recommends	(5-0)
Budget Committee recommends	(0-7)

YES
NO

Question 5B. Should the previous question fail to pass: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Contractual Services** the sum of **\$117,600**?

Civil, Health Officer, Retirement	\$ 17,100
Audit & Financial	\$ 15,000
Engineering/Consultants	\$ 25,000
Legal	<u>\$ 60,500</u>
Total	\$117,600

Board of Selectmen recommends	(1-4)
Budget Committee recommends	(7-0)

YES
NO

Question 6A. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Celebrations** (July 4th and Winter Celebration) the sum of **\$12,500**?

Board of Selectmen recommends	(5-0)
Budget Committee recommends	(7-0)

YES
NO

Question 6B. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **250th Celebration** the sum of **\$5,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommends	(5-0)
Budget Committee recommends	(7-0)

YES
NO

Question 7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Insurance/Debt Services/Utilities** the sum of **\$262,418**?

Tax Anticipation Note (Interest)	\$ 36,110
Municipal Insurance	\$ 74,668
Public Utilities:	
Street Lights	\$ 42,000
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	\$ 98,475
Unemployment	<u>\$ 11,165</u>
Total	\$262,418

Board of Selectmen recommends (4-0-1)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for the **Police Department** the sum of **\$302,979**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Fire Department** the sum of **\$85,025**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (8-0)

YES
NO

Question 10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control** the sum of **\$7,425**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Note: Question 11A and 11B are related. Please read both questions in their entirety before voting.

Question 11A. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Highway Department** the sum of **\$634,128**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (3-2)
Budget Committee recommends (1-7)

YES
NO

Question 11B. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Highway Department** the sum of **\$675,323**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (2-3)
Budget Committee recommends (7-1)

YES
NO

Question 12. Shall the Town vote to appropriate and authorize the Selectmen to transfer from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund the sum of **\$52,187** for **Cemeteries**?

(Cemetery fund balance \$1,084,415.81 as of 12/31/08)

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$85,000** for the **Wiscasset Public Library**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (6-0-1)

YES
NO

Question 14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Shellfish Conservation** the sum of **\$10,581**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,810** for **Community Organizations**?

a. Senior Spectrum	\$ 1,500
b. Coastal Economic Development	\$ 1,350
c. Kno-Wal-Lin	\$ 1,000
d. Mobius	\$ 750
e. Lincoln County Television	\$ 2,000
f. Tedford Shelter	\$ 1,000
g. Healthy Kids	\$ 360
h. New Hope for Women	\$ 750
i. Eldercare/Trans-Linc	\$ 100
j. Sweetser	\$ 2,000
k. Miles Memorial Hospital	\$ 1,000
l. Jessie Albert Dental Clinic	\$ 2,000
m. Coastal Transportation	\$ 1,500
n. Read With Me	\$ 500
Total	\$15,810

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

MUNICIPAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

Question 16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Road & Sidewalk Repair** the sum of **\$150,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (4-1)
Budget Committee recommends (6-0-1)

YES
NO

Question 17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Special Maintenance & Repairs to the Municipal Building** (Fuel Tank Sump Pump, Furnace Boilers, Roof Valleys and Doors. Year 4 of 5) the sum of **\$25,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Municipal Building Generator** the sum of **\$43,600**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (0-7)

YES
NO

Question 19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate for **Sewer Pump Station, US Route One** the sum of **\$75,000**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$26,333** from taxation for the **Airport** and appropriate the sum of **\$32,500** to come from departmental revenues and surplus for a total operational budget of **\$58,833**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (8-0)

YES
NO

Question 21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate an amount of **\$274,390** from taxation for the **Parks & Recreation Department** budget; and appropriate the sum of **\$470,000** from departmental revenues and surplus for a total operational budget of **\$744,390**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (6-1)

YES
NO

Question 22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$321,503** from taxation for the **Transfer Station** and appropriate the sum of **\$195,000** to come from departmental revenues and surplus for a total operational budget of **\$516,503**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (8-0)

YES
NO

Question 23. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the amount of **\$11,192** from taxation for the **Senior Center** and appropriate the sum of **\$45,848** to come from departmental revenues and surplus for a total operational budget of **\$57,040**?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE ACCOUNTS

Question 24. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$68,767** the entire amount to come from departmental revenues and surplus for the total **Waterfront & Harbors** operational budget?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

Question 25. Shall the Town appropriate the sum of **\$386,854** the entire amount to come from departmental revenues, impact fees and surplus, for the total **Wastewater Treatment Plant** operational budget?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (8-0)

YES
NO

Question 26. Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **\$274,444** the entire amount to come from departmental revenues and surplus for the total **Emergency Medical Services** operational budget?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)
Budget Committee recommends (7-0)

YES
NO

MUNICIPAL HOUSEKEEPING QUESTIONS

Question 27. Shall the Town fix Friday, October 23, 2009 and Friday, April 23, 2010 as the dates when semi-annual tax payments are due and payable and instruct the Tax Collector to charge interest at the rate of 7.00% per annum on all taxes unpaid after said dates?

Board of Selectmen recommends (4-1)

YES
NO

Question 28. Shall the Town vote to approve the following:

- A.** To pay interest at 5.00% per annum on any amount overpaid on property taxes as noted in M.R.S.A. Title 36, Section 506-A;
- 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 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, on behalf of the town, to apply for federal and state grants; and if such program grants are approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as necessary to implement such programs?

Board of Selectmen recommends (5-0)

YES
NO
