

# TOWN OF WILTON TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Monday, August 17, 2020

TO: Heidi Wilcox, a Constable of the Town of Wilton, in the County of Franklin and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilton in said County and State qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the former Western Maine Development, 128 Weld Road in said town on Monday, the 17th day of August AD 2020, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 1 through 59 as set out below, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a **MODERATOR** to preside at said meeting.

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town vote to amend the **Wilton Zoning Ordinance** to include Section **5.27 Energy/Transportation Conduits (ETC)?**

**Planning Board recommends: Yes**

**A. Energy/Transportation Conduits (ETC)**

- 1. Definition. An Energy Transportation Conduit line is an energy, commodity or transportation conduit that traverses the Town of Wilton. The rules in this section would also be applied to any conduit, above or below ground, through the Town of**

Wilton such as a pipeline, a railroad, or private toll road, regardless of whether the conduit provides the product being carried to any local establishment. The Site Plan Review Process is to be followed with adherence to requirements listed below.

**2. Site Dimensional Requirements.**

- a. The right of way for an ETC is to be large enough such that any towers placed in the right of way will be set back the maximum height plus ten feet, from any property line.
- b. The right of way for an ETC must be adequate to allow a vegetated buffer zone, which retains and promotes vegetation that is compatible with the intended use of the ETC right of way and is 25 ft wide on either side and must include an access road sufficient for maintenance and/or emergency vehicles.

**3. Prohibited Locations**

- a. An ETC will not be allowed in Varnum Pond Watershed Overlay district or in the Limited Residential and Recreational zones.
- b. There will be a 250 ft buffer around all wetlands, deer wintering grounds, vernal pools, and bird habitats. The buffer is to remain undisturbed during construction and as long as the permit is in effect, but vegetation removal is allowed within this buffer if necessary, to accommodate the intended use and only if permitted by shoreland zoning regulations. Any variation requires approval of the Wilton Code Enforcement Officer.

**4. Public Health and Safety**

- a. Any specialized equipment or training that would be required by the Fire Department will be paid by the ETC owner or agent.
- b. Access to the ETC must be maintained and located as directed by the Fire Department to provide fire protection.
- c. All associated electrical and control equipment shall be labeled and secured to prevent unauthorized access.
- d. All tower ladders or step bolts shall be at least 15 feet above ground so as to prevent public access.
- e. All electrical or control wiring to or from the ETC, but not within the ETC, shall be installed underground. Fiber optic cable would be exempt from this requirement.

- f. The ETC shall not result in noise levels that are greater than or equal to 30 dBA above ambient non-operating noise levels as measured at the nearest property line.
- g. The ETC shall not be lighted unless required by the FAA. Temporary lighting for maintenance is allowed.
- h. The ETC owner or their designated agent shall have a 24-hour, 7 day a week emergency contact on file with Franklin County Emergency Management. Any disruption or emergency with the ETC is to be reported as soon as possible to the Franklin County Emergency Dispatch office.
- i. The preferred control of vegetation is by hand cutting. Any use of herbicides or pesticides must be approved by the Planning Board at any time and no aerial application is allowed.

**5. Abandonment/Decommissioning**

- a. The Planning Board may require that the owner/operator post a performance guarantee in the form of a letter of credit or surety bond to assure availability of funds for conduit removal and site restoration in case of abandonment or other permanent cessation of operations.
- b. If an ETC has not been in use for 12 months, or has fallen into disrepair, it shall be deemed abandoned. It will be decommissioned, structures removed and restored to its natural state by the owner or their agent within 120 days of receipt of notice from the Town.
- c. The Planning Board will require the ETC owner or their agent to deposit in escrow with the Town an amount of money sufficient to cover the costs for any professional review of the site plan documents which the Planning Board may feel is reasonably necessary to protect the general welfare of the Town. Refer to Section 6.3.C of this ordinance. Any unused funds will be returned to the owner or their agent.

**ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town vote to accept the ORDINANCE TO REGULATE USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS?**

**Planning Board Recommends: Yes**

## **ORDINANCE TO REGULATE USE OF EXPLODING TARGETS**

**PURPOSE:** To promote the public safety and welfare of the Inhabitants of the Town of Wilton by regulating the use of exploding targets within the town.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

1. **Exploding Target:** Any device which explodes upon impact by a projectile fired from a firearm. This includes and is not limited to, binary exploding targets made of separately packaged “fuel” and “oxidizer” that must be mixed to make the explosive device “live” (such as but not limited to, targets marketed under the name of Tannerite, Star and Sure-shot).
2. **Detonate:** To explode with violence and/or noise.

**ACTIONS PROHIBITED:** It shall be unlawful for any person within the limits of the Town of Wilton to detonate an exploding target as defined above.

### **PENALTY:**

1. Upon a first violation of the prohibition set forth in this ordinance, only a warning will be issued. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 shall be imposed for any subsequent violation of the prohibition set forth in this ordinance.
2. In the event an action in District Court is authorized to enforce this ordinance, and the Town is the prevailing party, the violator shall also be responsible for the attorney fees and costs incurred by the Town in bringing such action.

**ENFORCEMENT:** Any law enforcement officer will enforce this Ordinance by issuing a summons and testifying in District Court to enforce the provisions of this ordinance; and to take whatever other actions are necessary to collect any judgment. The Code Enforcement Officer shall contact law enforcement upon learning of a violation.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the legislative body of the Town of Wilton, Maine.

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town vote to accept the **Adult Use and Medical Marijuana Stores, Cultivation Facilities, Manufacturing Facilities, and Testing Facilities Ordinance?**

**Planning Board recommends: Yes**

Note: The Marijuana Ordinance is to clarify procedures for business use application between the state and town; defines license fee amounts; puts limits on the total number & types of marijuana businesses; and gives the Selectboard final license and annual license renewal authority. Copies of the full Marijuana Ordinance are available at the Town Office.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town remove the wording “Medical Marijuana” from the last row of Table A5? Explanation - Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail is already in Table A2.

**Planning Board recommends: Yes**

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the Town add the **Watershed Overlay Zone in Zoning Maps** and list **Watershed Overlay (WO)** in tables along with Resource Protection (RP)?

Explanation: The Varnum Pond Watershed Protection Ordinance was passed in a Special Town meeting. This is intended to restrict development in the Watershed Overlay zone in the vicinity of Varnum Pond, which is the source of the drinking water for the town.

**Planning Board recommends: Yes**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town of Wilton will vote to change its retirement plan for Police Officers effective July 1, 2020, for future service only. The Town agrees to:

- a) Provide Special Plan 3C to its police officers who work 32 or more hours per week for service rendered after June 30, 2020. Service rendered before July 1, 2020 for police officers remains under Special Plan 2C.
- b) Continue to provide Regular Plan AC to all other employees who work 32 or more hours per week and its elected/appointed officials.
- c) To authorize (Rhonda Irish, Wilton Town Manager) to sign the Amended Agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement system.

**Selectpersons Recommend: Yes**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Selectpersons and Overseers** compensation and expenses.

Adopted 2019-20: \$9,000	Selectpersons Recommend: <b>\$9,000</b> - vote 4-1
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$9,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <b>\$9,000</b> - vote 5-0

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Planning and Code Enforcement** activities.

Adopted 2019-20: \$24,500	Selectpersons Recommend: <b>\$24,500</b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$24,500</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <b>\$24,500</b> - vote 5-0

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government Administration.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$291,150	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$294,400</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$294,400</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$294,400</u> - vote 5-0

Note: This article provides funds for the overall administration of government. It includes Town Office staff and all related administrative charges and expenses.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Building Account.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$20,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$20,000</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$20,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$20,000</u> - vote 5-0

Note: This article provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the Town Office.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Revaluation/Equalization Capital Account.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$10,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$10,000</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$10,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$10,000</u> - vote 5-0

Note: There is presently \$20,000 in the capital account.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Assessing** activities.

Adopted 2019-20: \$37,125	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$39,125</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$39,125</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$39,125</u> - vote 5-1

**ARTICLE 14:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Contingent and Legal Account.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$19,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$19,000</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$19,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$19,000</u> - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 15:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Insurance** Account.

Adopted 2019-20: \$70,500	Selectpersons Recommend:	<u>\$70,500</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$70,500</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<u>\$70,500</u> - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides for the Town's Liability Insurance, Workers Compensation Insurance and Unemployment Insurance

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Police Department.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$540,405      Selectpersons Recommend:      \$574,557 - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$574,557**      Finance Committee Recommends:      \$574,557 - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds for the operation of the Wilton Police Department and also includes a capital account for the Police Department vehicles.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$181,270      Selectpersons Recommend:      \$185,858 - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$191,538**      Finance Committee Recommends:      \$191,538 - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds for the operation of the Wilton Fire Department and the East Dixfield Fire Department contract. This article also includes a capital account for future Fire Department vehicles and equipment.

Selectpersons recommend reducing the Equipment account to \$16,120 and Supplies and Materials to \$1,200, a total of \$5,680.00.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Safety Building (Fire/Police Station).**

Adopted 2019-20: \$34,388      Selectpersons Recommend:      \$34,804 - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$34,804**      Finance Committee Recommends:      \$34,804 - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds for maintenance, operation, and repairs at the Wilton Fire/Police Station. This article also includes a capital account for future roof repairs/replacement for the other half of the Public Safety building.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Northstar Ambulance Subsidy.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$20,416      Selectpersons Recommend:      \$20,430 - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$20,430**      Finance Committee Recommends:      \$20,430 - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 20:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street and Traffic Lighting.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$27,600      Selectpersons Recommend:      \$27,600 - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$27,600**      Finance Committee Recommends:      \$27,600 - vote 6-0

Note: This article includes the Town’s street lights, traffic lights and downtown lights.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for water rates for **Public Fire Protection.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$160,360                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$175,000** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$175,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$175,000** - vote 6-0

Note: Public Utilities Commission regulations require a portion of water utility revenue to come from public fire protection payments. In utilities the size of Wilton, this figure is 30%. The rate tariff under which the town operates requires funds up to 30% of total water revenue come from so-called "hydrant rental". This article appropriates funds to satisfy that requirement.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Highway Department.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$944,850                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$953,750** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$963,750**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$963,750** - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides for Summer Highway, Winter Highway, and Equipment & Repairs. This article also includes a capital account for Highway Department equipment.  
Note: Selectboard recommends \$10,000 less in Equipment Capital Account

**ARTICLE 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Building** (Town Garage) account.

Adopted 2019-20: \$14,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$14,000** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$14,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$14,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 24:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Capital Paving.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$320,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$320,000** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$320,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$320,000** - vote 6-0

Paving is offset by approximately \$55,000 from State LoRAP funds (in revenue account).

Note: This article provides for all items associated with paving and road reconstruction. Roads expected to be paved this fiscal year include: Swett Road, Doak Street, Black Road and chip seal paving of Orchard Drive from Blue Spruce Road to Temple Street.



**ARTICLE 25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station and Recycling Department.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$283,150                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$277,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$277,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$277,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 26:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemetery Operations.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$48,800  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$51,145**

Selectpersons Recommend to raise **\$38,800** and appropriate **\$51,145** with up to **\$12,345** from the **Cemetery Trust Fund** - vote 5-0

Finance Committee Recommends to raise **\$38,800** and appropriate **\$51,145** with up to **\$12,345** from the **Cemetery Trust Fund** – vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds for the operation and maintenance of all municipally controlled cemeteries, including the East Wilton Cemetery. The article includes the flags and markers for Veterans gravesites. The total budget for the Cemetery Operations is \$51,145 and \$12,345 is recommended from the earnings and interest of the Cemetery Trust Fund.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Infrastructure.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$3,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$3,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$3,000** - vote 6-0

Note: Town Infrastructure funds to be used toward improvements to town infrastructure that is not presently covered under other accounts, also continued upgrading of McGillicuddy Park, town signs, sidewalk railings, installation and taking down of annual street American Flags, and other items.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$5,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$5,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$5,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$5,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 29:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Animal Control.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$16,856	Selectpersons Recommend to <b>raise \$14,856 and appropriate \$16,856.</b>	vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$16,856</b>	Finance Committee Recommends to <b>raise \$14,856 and appropriate \$16,856.</b>	vote 6-0

Note: This article provides for the Town's share of the Franklin County Animal Shelter and for the Animal Control Officer. The remaining funds for Animal Control (\$2,000) will come from Dog registration fees.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Health Officer.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$300	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$300</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$300</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$300</u></b> - vote 6-0

Note: This is a State mandated position

**ARTICLE 31:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation Program.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$89,468	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$89,588</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$90,188</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$90,188</u></b> - vote 6-0

Note: The Selectboard reduced the Supplies account by \$500 and Miscellaneous account by \$100, for a total of \$600.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Parks and Facilities.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$35,025	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$35,285</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2020-21: \$35,985</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$35,985</u></b> - vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds for the upkeep and maintenance of parks, including grounds care, equipment, structures and utilities. The Selectboard reduced the Building Supply account by \$200, utilities by \$400 and Grounds Equipment Purchases by \$100 for a total of \$700.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wilton Free Public Library.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$110,250    Selectpersons Recommend: **\$111,438**- vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$122,250**    Finance Committee Recommends: **No recommendation**- vote 3-3

Note: This article provides for funding support for the Wilton Public Library, made as monthly payments. The Library is not a department of the Town.

**ARTICLE 34:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's **Conservation Commission.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$365                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$ 365** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21 \$365**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$ 365** - vote 6-0

Note: This article supports the town's Conservation Commission's expenses, including state membership dues, and expenses to support WCC events.

**ARTICLE 35:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$2,500                      Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$1,500** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$2,500**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$2,500** - vote 5-1

Note: This article provides membership dues to support the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, representing the interests of business, cultural, educational, and historical entities in Franklin County. The Chamber of Commerce also covers the cost of liability insurance for the Blueberry Festival.

Note: Selectboard recommends \$1,000 less as the Blueberry Festival has been cancelled in 2020.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Greater Franklin Development Council.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$0                              Selectpersons Recommend:                      **\$4,000** - vote 5-0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$4,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends:                      **\$4,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 37:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wilton Area Food Pantry.**

Adopted 2019-20: \$3,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$3,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$3,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 38:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tri-County Area **Safe Voices** agency.

Adopted 2019-20: \$3,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$3,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$3,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 39:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services** agency.

Adopted 2019-20: \$3,000                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$3,000** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$3,000** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 40:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Life Flight agency.

Adopted 2019-20: \$250                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$1,029** - vote 4-1  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$1,029**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$1,029** - vote 5-1

**ARTICLE 41:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Western Maine Transportation.

Adopted 2019-20: \$0                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$3,399** - vote 4-1  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,399**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$3,399** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 42:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Senior's Plus.

Adopted 2019-20: \$0                      Selectpersons Recommend:            **\$0** - vote 5-0  
Proposed 2020-21: **\$3,000**                      Finance Committee Recommends: **\$3,000** -vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 43:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for New Beginnings.

Adopted 2019-20: \$0  
**Proposed 2020-21: \$500**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$500** - vote 5-0  
Finance Committee Recommends: **\$500** - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate **\$30,000** from the **Comfort Inn Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District** to pay a portion of the annual Waste Treatment Phase I Rural Development loan.

Selectpersons recommend appropriating **\$30,000** from Comfort Inn TIF District: Yes – vote 5-0  
Finance Committee recommends appropriating **\$30,000** from Comfort Inn TIF District Yes – vote 4-2

Note: This article provides a partial payment for the fifth payment of a thirty-year loan for the Waste Treatment Plant Pump Station upgrade – Phase I. Ratepayers will cover the remainder of the debt service. The recommendation from the Select board and Finance Committee is to appropriate \$30,000 for the Phase I repayment from the Comfort Inn Tax Increment Financing District.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate **\$54,441.25** from the **Comfort Inn Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District** to pay the annual lease/purchase payment 2013 HME 78’ Aerial Quint Fire Truck.

Selectpersons recommend appropriating **\$54,541.25 ,000** from the Comfort Inn TIF District: Yes – vote 5-0  
Finance Committee recommends raising **\$34,441.25** and appropriating **\$20,000** from the Comfort Inn TIF District Yes – vote 4-2

Note: This is the seventh payment on the eleven-year loan (first year was a partial payment). The recommendation from the Select board is to appropriate the entire payment of \$54,441.25 from the Comfort Inn Tax Increment Financing District and the Finance Committee recommends appropriating \$54,441.25 and raising \$34,441.25 from the tax base and \$20,000 from the Comfort Inn Tax Increment Financing District.

**ARTICLE 46:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$50,000** from the **Undesignated Fund** for the **Wilson Lake Wall Capital Account**.

Selectpersons recommend appropriating **\$50,000** from the Undesignated Fund: Yes – vote 5-0  
Finance Committee recommends appropriating **\$50,000** from the Undesignated Fund: Yes – vote 6-0

Note: To continue to work toward replacement of the Wilson Lake Retaining wall. Funds to be used toward continued engineering costs and replacement of the wall costs.

**ARTICLE 47:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectboard to apply, on behalf of the Town, for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the development) of the Wilson Lake Retaining Wall and Park; and further authorize the Selectboard to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project.

Selectpersons Recommend: Yes

**ARTICLE 48:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$10,000** from the **Undesignated Fund** for the **Wilson Lake Dam Capital Account**.

Selectpersons recommend appropriating **\$10,000** from the Undesignated Fund:

Yes – vote 5-0

Finance Committee recommends appropriating **\$10,000** from the Undesignated Fund:

Yes – vote 6-0

Note: Funds for continued repair and upkeep of the Wilson Lake Dam as well as future repairs to the Wilson Stream banking near the Public Parking Lot.

**ARTICLE 49:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$100,000** from the **Undesignated Fund** to pay the third payment of the **Development Fund Brownfields Promissory Note** to the State of Maine (\$50,000) and the second payment to **Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments** (\$50,000).

Selectpersons recommend appropriating **\$100,000** from the Undesignated Fund:

Yes – vote 5-0

Finance Committee recommends appropriating **\$100,000** from the Undesignated Fund:

Yes – vote 6-0

Note: This article provides funds to make the repayments of loans for the demolition of the former Forster Mill site.

**ARTICLE 50:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all **REVENUES** received that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other expenses, to reduce the 2020-21 tax commitment, and to allow the Selectpersons to appropriate funds from the Undesignated Fund Balance as they deem advisable according to the Undesignated Fund Balance Policy, to reduce the 2019-20 tax commitment. **Estimated Revenue amount: \$1,152,500**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$1,152,500** - vote 5-0

Finance Committee Recommends: **\$1,152,500** - vote 6-0

Note: This article authorizes the application of non-property tax revenue received from July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020 to the gross budget appropriation set forth in the previous warrant articles, thereby reducing the property tax impact on the citizens. These revenues are estimated.

**ARTICLE 51:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to **\$50,000** from the **Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus)** to respond to unanticipated expenses and/or emergency conditions during fiscal year 2020/21, as the Selectpersons deem advisable.

Note: If no unanticipated expenses or emergencies occur, the money stays in surplus.

**Selectpersons Recommend: Yes**

**ARTICLE 52:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the **2020/21 Beeline Cable Franchise** fees, estimated at **\$30,000**, for the benefit of Beeline Cable subscribers, to be expended or allocated at the direction of the Board of Selectpersons.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

Note: Selectpersons have annually allocated this money to Mt. Blue TV, Channel 11. These franchise fees have been paid by the subscribers of Beeline Cable. These fees are not raised through the municipal property taxes.

**ARTICLE 53:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **100% of the refund** of Snowmobile Registrations, received annually from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to the Woodland Wanderers Snowmobile Club for maintaining trails and bridges.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

Note: The amount of the refund for the current year ending June 30, 2020 was \$1,549.08.

**ARTICLE 54:** To see if the Town will vote to set the **interest rate** paid by the Town on abated taxes at **3.5%** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 pursuant to 36 MRSA, Section 506-A.

Note: If taxes are paid and later abated, the Town must refund the abated taxes and pay interest. The rate set by the Town cannot be less than 3%.

**ARTICLE 55:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Selectpersons to overdraft accounts with uncontrollable expenditures** when necessary.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

**ARTICLE 56:** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506, will authorize the Tax Collector and Town Treasurer to accept **prepayment of taxes** not yet committed and to pay no interest thereon.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

**ARTICLE 57:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, **unconditional and conditional gifts of money or property** excluding roads, rights of way, and easements.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

**ARTICLE 58:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons, following a public hearing, to **dispose of tax acquired property in any manner the Selectpersons deem to be in the best interest of the town** and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**


**ARTICLE 59:** To see if the Town will vote that **the first half of Real and Personal Property Taxes be due and payable on November 2, 2020, and that the second half of Real and Personal Property Taxes be due and payable on May 3, 2021**, and that **interest** at the rate of **8.0%** per annum be charged on the unpaid balance beginning **November 3, 2020 and May 4, 2021.** (Note; Per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4, the maximum rate of interest that can be charged is 8%; the Treasurer of State sets this rate each year.)

**Recommended by the Board of Selectpersons**

Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Voters is in session at the Wilton Town Office on Monday's and Tuesday's from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM and Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to correct the voting list and accept new registrations.


Given under our hands at Wilton, Maine, this 21st day of July, 2020.

  
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Keith Swett, Chairperson

  
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Philip Hilton

  
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David Leavitt, Vice Chairperson

  
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Wilton Board of Selectpersons

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