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***Town of Wilton, Franklin County  
Annual Report  
Year ending June 30, 2016***



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## Town of Wilton Telephone Directory

[www.wiltonmaine.org](http://www.wiltonmaine.org)

Facebook: Town of Wilton, Maine

Town Office .....	645-4961
Monday & Tuesday – 8:30 AM to 4:30PM, Thursday & Friday 9AM to 5PM,	
Closed Wednesday	
Transfer Station/Recycling Center.....	645-3731
Tuesday, Saturday, Sunday – 8AM to 2PM, Wednesday 10 AM to 5 PM	
Water & Sewer Department.....Administration/Billing .....	645-2001
Sewer Department.....Operations and Compost.....	645-3682
Parks & Recreation .....	645-4825
Public Works.....	645-4883
<b>Emergency .....</b>	<b>911</b>
Non-Emergency .....Fire Department .....	645-2211
.....Police Department.....	645-4222
Wilton Public Library .....	645-4831
.....TTY/FAX.....	645-9417
Tuesday, Friday 10 AM to 5 PM	
Wednesday, 12 PM to 7 PM	
Thursday, 10 AM to 7 PM	
Saturday, 10 AM to 1 PM	
Animal Control Officer.... Contact Franklin County Comm. Center .....	778-6140
Burning Permits .....Kyle Ellis .....	578-0828
.....Sonny Dunham.....	491-8898
.....Tom Doak .....	645-9334
.....Police/Fire Desk (8am-2pm) .....	645-3876
.....Randy Hall .....	860-8431
.....On line @ wiltonmaine.org – fire dept.	
Health Officer .....	645-4961
Plumbing Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer...Adam Cote.....	645-4961
Franklin County Animal Shelter.....	778-2638
Franklin Memorial Hospital.....	778-6031
Game Warden .....	1-800-452-4664
 RSU #9 Schools	
Academy Hill School.....	645-4488
Cushing & Primary School .....	645-2442
Mt. Blue High School .....	778-3561
Mt. Blue Middle School.....	778-3511
Superintendent of Schools .....	778-6571

# Wilton Town Report Dedication



**Tom Doak**

## **The Wilton Selectpersons dedicate the 2017 Town Report to Tom Doak**

The year 2017 marks a milestone for Tom Doak – sixty years of dedicated service to the Fire Departments in Wilton and Rangeley. Community service values were instilled in Tom at an early age and he has continued these values well into his retirement, presently serving as the Deputy Fire Chief of Wilton’s Fire Department.

Tom has also had a long-time career in the emergency medical services, having begun his career in early 1970 as an EMT; he reached the level of Paramedic in 1992. Tom retired from Northstar Emergency Medical Services in 2012. We thank Tom for his years of service to the Wilton Fire Department and for his philosophy of “giving back to the community you live in”.

# 2017 Directory of Officials

Name:

Term Expires:

## **Board of Seletpersons – 3 Years**

Tiffany Maiuri Chair	592-4152	June 2019
Cushman, Ruth	645-2422	June 2019
John Black	645-5371	June 2017
Jeffrey Adams	645-2743	June 2018
Jeff Rowe	491-1430	June 2017

## **RSU #9 Directors – 3 Years**

Cherieann Harrison	344-5568	June 2019
Keith Swett	778-1347	June 2017
Angela Leclair	645-4949	June 2018

## **Planning Board – 5 Years**

Michael Sherrod, Chairman	June 2017
Michael LeClair	June 2020
Angela Werner	June 2017
Charles Lavin	June 2018
Lisa Small	June 2019
Tom Saviello	June 2021

## **Board of Appeals – 3 Years**

Margaret Donahue	June 2018
Brandi Manning	June 2017
Richard Bragg	June 2019
Keith Swett	June 2017
Vacant	June 2018
Vacant Alternate	June 2018

## **Parks & Recreation Committee – 3 Years**

Mike DeRusha	June 2018
Laurel Walker	June 2018
Dexter Eustis	June 2019
Mike Leclair	June 2019
Katrina Fay	June 2017
Stephanie Smith	June 2017

### **Board of Assessment Review – 3 Years**

Joanne Bradbury	June 2019
Dawn Young	June 2018
Katharine Shoaps	June 2017

### **Finance Committee – 3 Years**

Charles (Dick) Hall	June 2017
Michael Sherrod	June 2017
Katharine Shoaps	June 2017
Norman Gould	June 2018
Barry Hathaway	June 2019
Stephen Davis	June 2019
Irv Faunce	June 2018
Susan Black	June 2017
Ruth Cushman	June 2018
Vernon Marden	June 2019
Mark Shibles	June 2018

### **Recycling Committee**

Nye Mosher	Barbara Holt
Alison Welch	Chris Bremner
Katherine Shoaps (Representative)	Jeff Adams, Selectperson
Rhonda Irish, Town Manager	

### **Ordinance Committee**

Doug Hiltz - Chair	Rhonda Irish, Town Manager
Steven Smith	Betty Shibles
James Black	Kyle Ellis
Joseph Kinsey	Paula Widmer

### **Downtown Committee**

Susan Atwood	Nancy Merrow	Betty Shibles
David Smith	Jeff Chaisson	Charles Ellis
Angela McCleod	Carla Fitch	Byron Staples
Rhonda Irish, Town Manager		

### **Ballot Clerks**

Jean Rand	Carolyn Smith
Donald Hamlin	Claire Fitzpatrick
Angela Werner	Hazel Flagg

### **Road Committee**

Jeff Adams, Selectperson	D. Scott Taylor, Selectperson
Jack Mills	David Tinker
Dale Roberts, Public Works Foreman	Rhonda Irish, Town Manager

### **Cemetery Committee**

Charles (Dick) Hall	Rhonda Irish, Town Manager
Kent Wiles, Cemetery Sexton	John Black, Selectperson Representative
Maxine Brown	

### **Conservation Commission**

Nancy Prince - Chair	June 2017
Sharon Rainey	June 2018
Jeff Chaisson	June 2018
Michael Hoehne	June 2019
Scott Lindsay	June 2017
Ken Sawyer	June 2019
Vacant	June 2019

### **Town Roll Call**

TOWN MANAGER	Rhonda L. Irish
TOWN CLERK	Diane Dunham
DEPUTY TREASURER	Linda Bureau
POLICE CHIEF	Heidi Wilcox
FIRE CHIEF	Sonny Dunham
DUPUTY FIRE CHIEF	Tom Doak
SUP. WATER & SEWER DEPTS	Justin Futia
UTILITIES CLERK	Michelle Howatt
HEALTH OFFICER	Dr. Michael Parker
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	Adam Cote
PLUMBING INSPECTOR	Adam Cote
RECREATION DIRECTOR	Frank Donald
GA ADMINISTRATOR	Cindy Greer
MODERATOR	Ronald Aseltine
PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN	Dale Roberts
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR	Sonny Dunham
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	Hollis Tyler
ASSESSOR, O'DONNELL & ASSOC.	Paul Binette
CEMETERY SEXTON	Kent Wiles

## Selectboard Report

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilton:

The Selectboard is pleased to report that, by and far, much of the goals and objectives which the Town had set out to accomplish in 2016 were met or exceeded. The Town Manager and department heads' reports contain the high-level details relating to the accomplishments, successes, and challenges of the past year. In reading these reports, I found looking back in Wilton's history provided broader insight and perspective into current day affairs.

A century ago, the country was entering the First World War and the 1916 & 1917 Town of Wilton Annual Reports describe; "The scarcity of fuel has caused a heavy expense. Coal cannot be had at any price, wood is hard to find and costs more than ever before." Even in those tough times, words of hope and wisdom proclaimed "[the war] has done much to intensify training in citizenship, to give depth of meaning to character building."

Our current-day-issues, challenges, and successes detailed in this annual report may not directly correspond to those of several generations ago, but I firmly believe civic engagement and strength of character from yesteryear carry us forward with realistic optimism and perseverance towards a brighter future.

Though the Selectboard acts as policy makers and stewards of the Town, the unsung heroes continue to be the Town Manager, department heads and each and every employee of the Town of Wilton. The dedicated Town employees continue to provide the highest quality services in an innovative, cost effective, healthy and safe environment.

The Selectboard has diligently worked alongside the Town employees in hopes of meeting the needs and expectations of our citizens in a fiscally conservative fashion. In doing so, the Town continues to build/repair/upgrade infrastructure while making notable gains towards betterment of the community through several ongoing and completed projects.

More importantly, by not sacrificing services essential for business development and future prosperity, the Town was able to help foster growth of several new and existing businesses and improve the quality of life in our town.

In closing, I thank the Selectboard, Town Manager, department heads, Town employees, dedicated committee members and the citizens of the Town of Wilton for your patience, guidance and invaluable input.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tiffany A. Maiuri". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Tiffany A. Maiuri - Selectboard Chair

# **Town Managers Report**

To the Citizens of the Town of Wilton:

Presented for your review is the annual report of the Town of Wilton for the year ending June 30, 2016. In many ways, this has been one of our busiest years in terms of infrastructure and capital projects underway or completed. Discussed below are some of the highlights of this past year.

*Cemetery Preservation of the Weld St. Cemetery* – The Maine Old Cemetery Association held a four-day workshop at the Weld St. Cemetery in August. Participants in the workshop repaired and reset a multitude of broken stones, and properly cleaned many more. Approximately 20 workshop participants worked under the direction of professional conservator, Joe Ferrannini of New York; close to half of the cemetery was restored. We are hoping to have Mr. Ferrannini come back to this cemetery again in the future to lead another group through proper restoration procedures and to further restore the Weld St. Cemetery.

*Downtown Revitalization* – The Wilton Downtown Village area received a “facelift” during the fall of 2016. New LED streetlights replaced the 30-year-old lights; some upgrades were done to the sidewalk infrastructure to promote “traffic calming” and pedestrian safety. An expansion to the monument area was also completed, and the High-Street Parking lot received new stairs, a new sidewalk and drainage issues were corrected. Minor work on the downtown area remains for the spring of 2017, including the purchase of some benches, flower pots and trash receptacles.

*Parks & Wilson Lake Wall* – Our fundraising efforts went so much better than planned and a new gazebo went into Bass Park this fall – about a year ahead of schedule! This new gazebo will have electricity and lights, allowing many more types of community events. The previous gazebo was moved to Bishop Park in East Wilton so the residents in that area now have a gazebo for events. Other town park improvements included maintenance work on the retaining walls at the Foot of the Lake and Kineowatha Park and maintenance at the town’s tennis courts.

*Town Roads & Sidewalks* – Portions of the sidewalks on Main Street were rebuilt this year. Additional sidewalk work will be done in 2017 in East Wilton and Main St. Wilton. Road construction and paving work was completed on the Colby Miller Road and Sunset Avenue, and many intown streets received a coating of pavement.

*Waste treatment Plant* - The Waste Treatment Plant construction upgrade has been proceeding on schedule and will be completed in late 2017. Repayment of the loans will begin this year, which has resulted in a substantial increase to ratepayers of the system. From a management view, implementing a rate increase was difficult to do, knowing that so many residents are on a fixed income. The original plant was close to 40 years old, with many major maintenance issues. We have been able to conduct the new plant upgrade without any disruptions to service. We are confident the new plant will serve town businesses and residents well for the next 35 to 40 years.

*The Forster Mill* – The Town has received a \$200,000 grant to go toward the abatement of hazardous materials in the Forster Mill. In addition, Maine DEP has funded additional asbestos abatement in the boiler room and removal and proper disposal of

hazardous liquid materials that were remaining in the mill. These two items will be done by DEP in May 2017. A planned demolition and hazardous abatement (removal of asbestos materials in the roof and removal of lead window glazing) is planned for approximately one-third of the site in 2017.

All of the work completed annually, whether it's capital improvement infrastructure work, day to day maintenance and customer service work in our Public Safety, Public Works, Recreation and Water/Wastewater Departments, could not be done without the hard work and dedication of the town's employees. I can truly say that Wilton employees are the best that I have worked with in my municipal career.

Thank you to the Board of Selectpersons for their guidance and thoughtful decision making during the past year. It's not easy to be a board member of any town, setting policy and guiding the town, but Wilton board members set the standards high, attending many meetings (more than the two board meetings each month) and thoroughly research each issue before making the decisions that will impact the town.

For information regarding the town, please check out our web page at [www.wiltonmaine.org](http://www.wiltonmaine.org) or our Facebook page – Town of Wilton. If you have any issues or concerns you would like to discuss, please call me at 645-4961 or email: [manager@wiltonmaine.org](mailto:manager@wiltonmaine.org).

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda L. Irish

Town Manager

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WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

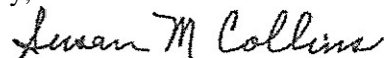
I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Wilton and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Lewiston state office at (207) 784-6969 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



Paul R. LePage  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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Dear Citizens of Wilton:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for allowing me the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. I am humbled that you have put your trust in me for a fourth term and can assure you I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf. Please let me provide you with a recap of the 127<sup>th</sup> Legislature, as well as my hopes for the upcoming 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature, which convenes in December.

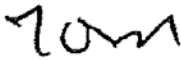
Last year we continued the work of reforming our state's welfare system and achieved the long sought-after goal of banning the purchase of alcohol, tobacco and lottery tickets with welfare benefits. While there is more work to be done in reforming our welfare system, I believe these efforts will help to deter such abuse of the system and help ensure that benefits are going to those who truly need them.

The Legislature also worked in a bipartisan fashion to begin addressing the drug crisis affecting our state. We approved putting 10 new drug enforcement agents on the street, as well as provided funding for treatment programs and drug use prevention efforts.

In the upcoming session, it is clear that we must continue to do all we can to attract more jobs to our state. To that end, I will work to advocate for proposals which will expand economic opportunity for all Mainers. We must also continue to fight the drug epidemic threatening our state and hurting our families. It is my hope the Legislature can once again work together to find good solutions to what has become a widespread problem.

You have my humble and sincere thanks for allowing me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me at 287-1505 or [dtom16@hotmail.com](mailto:dtom16@hotmail.com) if you have comments, questions or if you would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy.

Sincerely,



Tom Saviello  
State Senator

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January 2017

Town of Wilton  
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would first like to thank the residents of Wilton for electing me as your State Representative. It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District 114 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me with this responsibility as I begin my fourth and final term as your State Representative.

Legislative leadership has appointed me once again to serve on the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry committee where I will serve as the House Republican Lead. This committee is responsible for overseeing the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Conservation. In addition we oversee the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), the Land for Maine's Future Program and Baxter State Park. This committee appointment is ideal for our district as the subject matter we discuss has a direct impact on our area.

To do my job well, I will continue to send legislative updates e-mailed weekly throughout the year to all who would like to stay informed as to current state news. If you wish to receive these updates, please contact me at [russellblack@juno.com](mailto:russellblack@juno.com).

Again, thank you for giving me the honor of serving you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Black".

Russell J. Black  
State Representative

Tax Collector's Report

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To The Citizens of Wilton:

Property tax collections for the 2015/16 fiscal year as of June 30, 2016, represent 92.4% of the total tax commitment. Listed below and on the following pages are the valuation and mil rate calculations, collection detail and schedule of the taxes and liens receivable.

## VALUATION AND ASSRSMENT

Real Property	\$275,591,500
Personal Property	<u>9,560,000</u>
TOTAL VALUATION	\$285,151,500
Tax rate per thousand	<u>18.75</u>
TOTAL COMMITMENT	5,346,590

## APPROPRIATIONS

Municipal Functions	\$3,062,997
SAD #9	\$ 3,014,102
County Tax	\$ 319,059
Overlay	\$ 40,552
TIF	<u>\$ 106,903</u>
	\$6,543,613
Less: Estimated Revenues	<u>\$ 990,250</u>
TAX COMMITMENT	\$7,533,863

## COLLECTION OF 2014/15 TAXES

Original Commitment	\$5,346,590
Less: Collections in current year	\$4,945,129
Abatements	\$5,131
TAXES RECIEVABLE 6/30/16	\$ 399,062

## EXCISE TAXES

Auto Excise Taxes paid as of 6/30/16	\$ 592,217
Budgeted in Operating Revenue	\$ 535,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhonda L. Irish  
Tax Collector









KARKOS, RICK	\$ 32.97	GORDON, VICKIE	\$ 60.00
MILLER, GILBERT	\$ 215.14	INCH BY INCH	\$ 28.13
SHELLY'S HOMETOWN MARKET	\$ 97.16	KARKOS, RICK	\$ 35.63
VILLAGE HAIR LOUNGE	\$ 36.44	M & J'S LAUNDRY	\$ 1,162.50
2015		** MAIN STREET GARAGE	\$ 243.75
** A&A MANAGEMENT GRP	\$ 738.75	MILLER, GILBERT	\$ 238.13
A TEC	\$ 213.75	MUZAK, LLC	\$ 15.00
** COUSINEAU, INC	\$ 567.19	** NEW GREAT WALL RESTAURANT	\$ 104.06
CUSHMAN, RONALD	\$ 63.75	** RONALD MORIN	\$ 30.00
DAOUST, CONRAD	\$ 37.50	SHELLY'S HOMETOWN MARKET	\$ 101.25
DMX, LLC	\$ 1.88	STEVENS CLISTA	\$ 22.50
DOUBLE D AUTO SALES & CLEANING	\$ 93.75	VILLAGE HAIR LOUNGE	\$ 35.63
FIRE HOUSE VIDEO	\$ 114.38	W.S. WELLS	\$ 95.63

NOTE: By State Law (1MRSA 30-A §2801)

A delinquent taxpayer list (those delinquent on the date at the close of the last fiscal year, June 30, 2016) must be included in the annual Town Report.

A \*has been added to all those accounts paid in full after June 30, 2016. Two \*\*have been added to those accounts that have made partial payments.

# TOWN OF WILTON VITAL STATISTICS

Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31 ,2016

Marriages 32  
Births 39

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Town of Death
1/9/2016	Jonathan Fortin	41	Dallas Plantation
1/13/2016	Laura M Smith	88	Farmington
1/21/2016	Walter Hammerick	64	Wilton
2/1/2016	Jack Curtiss	60	Farmington
2/3/2016	Anna Ward	85	Wilton
2/3/2016	Gale Waycott	62	Wilton
3/4/2016	George Farnum	61	Farmington
3/18/2016	Georgie Ankers	83	Farmington
3/20/2016	Paul Danils	87	Wilton
4/1 /2016	Frances Perlman	97	Wilton
4/11/2016	Dorothy Wiers	87	Wilton
4/11/2016	Virginia Webster	89	Farmington
4/15/2016	Mary Landry	90	Farmington
4/24/2016	Donald R LaPlant	78	Farmington
5/26/2016	Bernard Woods	86	Wilton
5/26/2016	Elliot Wiggin	94	Paris
5/29/2016	Lee Stewart	86	Farmington
7/6/2016	Douglas Fletcher	80	Wilton
7/12/2016	Josephine Eaton	90	Farmington
7/16/2016	Jean Berkey	74	Auburn
7/21/2016	James C Parker	73	Wilton
8/3/2016	Nathalie Jordan	88	Auburn
8/14/2016	Lillian Messier	70	Oxford
8/16/2016	Judith Tappan	76	Farmington
8/25/2016	Rachel Danforth	58	Portland
9/2/2016	Lillian Demers	96	Wilton
9/2/2016	Norman Chaney	83	Auburn
9/10/2016	Leland Merchant	88	Paris
9/16/2016	Donald Fitch	78	Farmington
9/20/2016	Shirley Gilbert	74	Auburn
9/25/2016	Lauren Rollins	83	Farmington
9/25/2016	Lura Reed	62	Rumford
10/11/2016	Virginia Kyes	84	Augusta
10/24/2016	Richard Griffin	90	Farmington
10/28/2016	Gloria F Lakin	80	Wilton
10/29/2016	Rusty Knox	35	Strong
10/31/2016	Peter Chamberlain	74	Rumford
11/6/2016	Aurielus Hinds II	92	Wilton
11/6/2016	James Gelinsky	89	Farmington
11/7/2016	Denis Castonguay	64	Wilton
11/18/2016	Rita Brewster	84	Wilton
11/24/2016	Joyce Moore	79	Auburn

Date of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Town of Death
11/26/2016	Eleanor Burtchell	90	Auburn
11/27/2016	Carolyn Proctor	62	Wilton
12/6/2016	Glendon Swett	92	Biddeford
12/11/2016	Barbara Gilbert	95	Wilton
12/11/2016	George Fitch, Sr	82	Farmington
12/13/2016	Gloria Hall	78	Farmington
11/28/2016	Jeanne Brann	92	Farmington
12/9/2016	Marjorie Beckler	76	Farmington
12/20/2016	Anthony LaBella	65	Farmington

## 2016 Annual Salaries

(Earnings include overtime)

**KEY:**

A-Administration	A/C-Animal Control	B-Ballot Clerk	C-Crossing Guard
F-Fire Dept.	H-Highway	P-Police	PLBD-Planning Board
R-Recreation	RY-Recycling	S-Sewer	SEL-Selectperson
TM-Town Manager	TS-Transfer Station	W-Water	

A- Bureau, Linda J	\$33,383.30	F- Lowe, Justin	\$2,284.00
A-Dunham, Diane L	\$29,858.07	F-Neuschwanger, Robert A	\$1,192.00
A-Gingras, Jill S	\$610.57	F-Neuschwanger, Sean M	\$1,992.00
A-Greer, Cindy L	\$9102.50	F-Osgood, Brett S	\$1,864.00
A-Hutchins, Angela	\$191.81	F-Osgood, Kelly D	\$82.50
A- Vining, Barbara A	\$11,739.88	F-Pullen, Jamin	\$1,016.00
A/C Atwood, Wayne B	\$2,153.80	F-Smith, Matthew W	\$291.50
B- Rand, Jean	\$371.25	F- Swett, Chance C	\$253.00
B-Smith, Carolyn R	\$206.25	F-Swett, Keith R	\$62.50
C/B- Flagg, Hazel M	\$2,710.13	F-Walker, Lee J	\$114.50
F-Walker, Thomas J	\$405.00	B/PLBD- Werner, Angela	\$346.25
H-Hutchinson, Corey J	\$35,321.52	C-Stanley, Patricia	\$2,534.23
H-Lee, Brian	\$34,022.21	CEO-Cote, Adam	\$5,764.50
H-Masse, John H	\$39,270.55	F-Barry, Dakota	\$1,104.00
H-McKenna, Neil	\$8,459.37	F- Blood, Wendell K	\$129.00
H- Roberts, Dale H	\$49,432.87	F-Bright, Katrina N	\$928.00
H-Toothaker, Kenneth	\$33,356.03	F-Burdick, Robert E	2,876.00
H-Toothaker, Timothy	\$11,568.75	F-Cautillo, Christopher J	\$37.50
H-Tourtelotte, Roland S	\$32,616.65	F- Cote, Andrew	\$1,120.00
H-Tozier, Robert A	\$34,701.67	F- Cousins, Issac C	\$2,656.00
P-Abbott, Chad	\$49,932.83	F-Doak, Thomas H	\$ 3,287.00
P-Allen, Gary	\$21,452.20	F-Dunham III, Birdell B	\$ 13,280.00
P-Becerra-Avilez, Efra	\$26,225.30	F-Ellis, Kyle P	\$4,566.00
P-Burke, Sandy	\$288.00	F-Ellis, Stephani M	\$3,448.00
P-Daley, Derek	\$44,702.27	F-Frost, Philip L	\$560.00
P-Hastings, Edward H	\$112.00	F-Guptill, George L	\$2,676.00
P- Hastings, Mary P	\$272.00	F-Hall, Caleb W	\$245.00
P- Kyes, Ethan	\$45,027.71	F-Hall, Randall C	\$364.00
P-Lynch, Brian T	\$46,815.16	F-Hall, Rodney A	\$190.50
P-Hatfield, Billie J	\$374.00	F-Hand, Lawrence G	\$1,248.00
P-McDonald, Gale E	\$15,418.00	F-Harvell, David F	\$185.50
P-Ryan, Michael S	\$654.50	F-Lakin, Stephen R	\$2,762.00
P-Wagner, Ryan L	\$224.00	F-LaPlant, Thomas H	\$30.00
P-Wilcox, Heidi M	\$54,712.13	F-Lemieux, Lance L	\$2,060.00
PLBD- Collins, Maxine	\$160.00	F-Lilley, Michael R	\$765.00
PLBD-Lavin, Charles W	\$100.00	PLBD-LeClair, Michael J	\$70.00
PLBD-Saviello, Thomas B	\$10.00	PLBD-Sherrod, Michael J	\$140.00
PLBD-Small, Lisa V	\$130.00	R- Backus, Evan	\$390.00
R-Barker, Amanda	\$1,071.60	R- Bridges, Thia	\$397.50
R-Bunnell, Alexander J	\$460.00	R- Burdick, Megan A	1,148.04

R-Daigle, Jordan T	\$1,010.00
R-Donald Sr., Frank E	\$35,415.87
R-Gunter, William A	\$780.00
R- Hoyt, Devon C	\$780.00
R-Nazar, Justina I	\$132.00
R-Schanck, Jamison A	\$1,440.00
R-Schanck, Rhonda B	\$1,060.00
R-St. Pierre, Jason T	\$140.00
RY-Lane, Reginald W	\$12,471.21
S-Hawkins, Nels	\$45,245.90
SEL-Black, John H	\$1,800.00
SEL- Maiuri, Tiffany A	\$1,800.00
SEL-Taylor, Dennis S	\$900.00
TS-Tyler, Hollis R	\$35,887.03
W/S Sylvester, Zachary M	\$240.00
W- Lehigh, Clifford	\$45,470.74

R-Doiron, Eryn R	\$512.50
R-Fay, Savannah H	\$352.50
R-Harrington, Moesha L	\$270.00
R- LeClair, Hannah L	\$367.50
R-Paradis, Amanda	\$75.00
R-Schanck, Jordan	\$2,859.42
R-Smith, Edmund D	\$2,205.95
R-Stephani, Dylan R	\$562.50
S- Howatt, Michelle D	\$24,908.03
5SEL- Adams, Jeffrey	\$1,800.00
SEL- Cushman, Ruth E	\$900.00
SEL/F-Rowe, Jeffrey	\$2,464.00
TM- Irish, Rhonda L	\$59,475.03
W/S Bray, Nickolas	190.00
W-Futia, Justin	\$52,035.66
W-Welch, Dale K	\$47,391.54

# **ASSESSOR'S REPORT 2017**

## **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS**

Please don't forget to apply for your Homestead Exemption if you have not already. The exempted amount has increased to \$20,000 in assessed valuation this year. The Town will be reimbursed approximately 62.5 % in lost revenues from the state.

## **VETERANS EXEMPTIONS**

The Maine Revenue Service has expanded/reestablished some federally recognized wartime periods to grant exemptions to veterans (or their widows) that served in the Armed Forces. Please contact our Assessors' office for more information.

## **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

We want to make Wilton businesses aware of two programs that offer either a tax reimbursement or tax exemption for qualifying equipment. These programs are called Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) and Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE). Both programs require property owners to submit applications and both programs have specific criteria for qualifying owners and property. Information regarding the BETE and BETR programs is available on line at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov) or at the Wilton Assessors' Office.

## **EQUALIZATION PROGRAM**

The Town of Wilton has completed a comprehensive Equalization program in 2016. We are very pleased with the results as many previous inequities have been remedied. Also in the last year, we have placed all of the Towns assessment data on- line. Please feel free to visit [www.wiltonmaine.org](http://www.wiltonmaine.org) and look up your property assessment or the layout of your parcel on the Wilton tax maps.

Sincerely,

Paul L. Binette CMA

John E. O'Donnell & Associates

# Wilton Police Department

*To Serve and Protect*

To the Wilton Community,

The Wilton Police Department has worked diligently with the people of Wilton to serve their needs. The trust between our community and the officers is crucial.

We have been mindful of the need to maintain a presence in the lives of our most important citizens, the very young as well as our elders. These two groups have the least often heard voices, but are recognized as the promise of Wilton. To this end, we were pleased to host the Senior Resource Fair with our guest speaker Attorney General Janet Mills. We had a tremendous turnout and community support for the Halloween events and closure of High Street area. Families gathered with their children enjoying old fashioned door to door treats as well as the Trick or Trunk in Kineowatha Park.

Our agency has continued to evolve with updated trainings and employee changes.

Sgt. Chad Abbott, Officer Brian Lynch, Officer Ethan Kyes, Officer Efra Becerra, Officer Tyler Fournier and I are your full-time police officers. We have a support staff of reserve officers to help us keep up with events like the Blueberry Festival. I am very grateful for the many kind words of support for our agency throughout the past months.

In 2016 our officers responded to:

Murder	1	Calls for Service	5,838
Sexual Assault	3	Criminal Incidents	294
Robbery	1	Arrests	173
Assault	32	Citations & Warnings	686
Burglary	8	Motor Vehicle Accidents	84
Theft	21	Vehicle Theft	3

Respectfully,



Wilton Police Department 874 Main Street  
Wilton, ME 04294  
645-4222 fax 645-4511  
Chief of Police Heidi Wilcox

## **Wilton Fire and Rescue**

The Wilton Fire & Rescue had 221 calls in 2016.

There were 48 mutual aid calls.

The Wilton Fire & Rescue has 19 firefighters and 3 junior firefighters that are currently enrolled in the Kenneth Foster Regional Voc. Center school program.

We are still doing the fire safety courses for area children in our school system, including training at preschool level.

We have a lot of training this year:

1. Annual BLS mandatory training;
2. Confined Space training;
3. Gas meter training;
4. Wind tower training; and
5. Driver training for all trucks.

We have sold the 4x4 Jeep and Squad 1 is in bad shape. We are hopeful to replace that this year with a quick attack truck that will serve us fine.

As fire chief, I would like to thank all department heads and the residents of the Town of Wilton for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonny Dunham  
Fire Chief

## **Parks and Recreation Department**

To the Citizens of Wilton,

One of the bigger projects undertaken this past year was the construction of a new gazebo at Bass park. It is 20ft X 20ft and replaces the old gazebo which was taken to Bishop Park in East Wilton. The new, larger gazebo which now has power available will allow for holding more community events such as concerts etc. Those wishing to reserve the gazebo area at either park should contact the recreation department to do so.

The Recreation Department offered its usual sports activities which included softball, baseball, t-ball, soccer, field hockey and basketball. Most sports are offered as young as kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are broken up into different age groups. We also hold summer camps for basketball, soccer, field hockey and tennis.

At Kineowatha Park we have the Main Lodge open from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Hours of operation vary depending on the weather and the number of groups or individuals using the park. We host around 60 groups a year for family reunions, birthday parties, company picnics etc. Anyone wanting to find out more about how to book a date can contact the Recreation Department at 645-4825 or by e-mail at [wiltonrec@beeline-online.net](mailto:wiltonrec@beeline-online.net)

In connection with our 7-week swim program we hosted a free lunch program at Kineowatha Park. It was our 4<sup>th</sup> year hosting the lunch program. Well over a 1000 lunches were provided. The Wilton Library coordinated some of its summer reading programs to allow more kids to take part in the lunch program.

Thanks to the Children's Task Force we were able to replace our ping pong and air hockey tables in the Main Lodge. They also provided us with 9-disc golf stations which were install late in the Fall. Another 9 holes will be installed sometime in the Spring.

Starting late last summer kayaks and paddle boards were available to rent at Kineowatha Park during scheduled hours and will be available again this summer.

We also were able to complete much needed repairs to the retaining wall in the dock area at the beach at Kineowatha Park.

Our program would not be able to offer all that we do without the help of our many excellent volunteer coaches who give so freely of their time.

I would like to thank the other town departments who help in so many ways throughout the year. Also to town manager Rhonda Irish for her help and direction. And to the members of the rec committee who helps with planning on an ongoing basis.

Respectfully,  
Frank E. Donald Sr.  
Parks and Recreation Director

## **Town of Wilton Public Works Department**

February 7, 2017

To the Citizens of Wilton:

The past year the highway crew worked on cleaning catch basins, sweeping, road ditching and replacing culverts as well as paving in town streets (Curve, Fairview, Morrison, MaCrae, Sewall, School, Stockford North and South). We worked on Sunset by replacing 500 Feet of 12-inch pipe and putting in six catch basins along with a full drag shim and overlay. We continued onto Colby Miller Road which was ditched, added culverts where they were needed and up-graded the water line that crosses the road. On our completion, All State Paving came in to grind the road and injected asphalt. The crew did a double chip seal from along with a second application to the Butterfield Road; all without going over budget. With the price of asphalt down we were able to overlay 3200 feet of the back side of Temple Street from Lyle Hall down as well as 1200 feet of Shawnee Drive.

This past Winter was a real Maine Winter with 80 plus inches of snow. Freezing rain made it difficult to keep the roads clear. A warm January and a snowy February tested the crew to the limit and I feel that they did a great job in keeping the streets and sidewalks of Wilton clear for safe travel; they are ready for Spring.

Sidewalks:

We rebuilt 1000 feet of sidewalk on Main Street from Route 2 to Lake Road and from Sewall St to School Street, along with adding money and fixing the wall on High Street and Canal Street with 100 feet of new side walk.

This Summer we will be working on rebuilding Gilbert Street from Route 2 to Lake Road and Munson Road from Route 2 to 300 feet in. Plus, we plan on doing work on Walker Hill Road along with sidewalks in East Wilton.

We had our long-time employee Rollie retire with 30 plus years of service; he has been greatly missed by all employees.

I would like to thank all Town of Wilton employees and citizens for the support we get while we are doing our job.

Respectfully,

Dale Roberts

Public Works Foreman

## Animal Control

To The Citizens of Wilton,

Most of you know me from the Wilton Transfer Station. My name is Hollis Tyler and I am the new Animal Control Officer for the Town of Wilton. I started last July full time when Wayne Atwood retired.

I have had a very busy year with complaints and trying to track down owners of dogs that go wandering around the town. My first suggestion is if your pet is going to be outside make sure they are 1) Registered 2) Collared 3) Hooked Out. Once I take your pet to the Animal Shelter it is just longer your pet is away from home. Also, as soon as you notice your pet is missing call so I can be aware your pet is missing and be on the lookout for that pet.

Please remember to register your dogs every year. Make sure all of your pets have had the shots they are required to get.

I can always be reached through the Franklin Sheriffs Dispatch at 778-6140. I look forward to serving the Town of Wilton in the coming year.

Dogs to shelter	9
Cats to shelter	17
Neglect cases	2
Trapped animals	3
Loose dog	13
Dog bite	3
Barking dog	4
Other	7
Kennel Inspection	1

Respectfully Submitted  
Animal Control Officer  
Hollis Tyler

# **Transfer Station Report**

To The Citizens of Wilton,

Another productive and busy year has come and gone at the Wilton Transfer Station. We have started a couple of new Recycling programs and made some improvements to the station.

Last year we started taking paint and food for recycling. The paint program is going great. Just bring in your latex and oil-based paints. They have to be in their original containers. Do not dry them out. Just bring them in and drop them off with the attendants. The food program is just starting. We have containers at the station you can dump your food scrapes into. Come see us at the station for what is accepted.

We purchased 2 new compactor bins last year to replace 2 that were 20+ years old. We utilized the old ones at the Highway Garage for storage areas. We also had a cement pad poured at the station to store our empty containers on when they are not being used. Storing them on the cement pad instead of the gravel should save replacing the wheels quite so often.

Our annual Household Hazardous waste day will take place again this year on September 9, 2017. The only difference is that this year you will have to take your items to the Wilton Transfer Station for disposal. The move comes for a money savings in the setup fee.

Last year we also replaced some of the roofs at the station. The old metal had started to leak. This maintenance will keep the buildings in great shape for the years to come. We also have plans to pour another cement pad for our clean wood bin this year as well as some other small maintenance projects for the buildings.

There have been some small issues concerning traffic at the station. When entering please be aware of other people at the station; especially when coming and going so everyone can use the station safely.

The Share Shack is still a huge success. Just remember to put items in that are of use to someone else. Like always please see attendant for assistance. We close the Shack 30 minutes before the station closes.

I would like to thank the Town Manager, Wilton Highway Garage for all their help guidance and support throughout the year to make the Wilton Transfer Station a great entity for all of the citizens to use.

Respectfully Submitted  
Hollis Tyler  
Transfer Station Manager

# **Water & Waste Treatment Departments**

## **2015-2016 Annual Report**

To the Citizens and Ratepayers of Wilton:

Many changes have occurred this year with regard to the Sewer Department while operations and maintenance of the Water Department treatment plant and distribution system were quite routine.

Phase II of the sewer project which entails the complete upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant is still underway. Construction continues to be ahead of schedule and is expected to be completed no later than March of 2018. As discussed at several town meetings and was voted upon by the Selectboard at the December 20, 2016 meeting a rate adjustment was made to satisfy the loans that the Town became obligated for to fund the upgrade along with increased operation and maintenance costs.

Whole effluent toxicity and priority pollutants were also tested by waste treatment staff in conjunction with local laboratories to ensure that we are discharging safe, well treated water while we comply with the regulations of our NEPDES permit.

The Water Department is entering into its thirty fourth year of existence being a Town owed entity.

Financially, the Department is still experiencing decreased revenues and increased expenses. The last increase was in 1993 when the Town built the Water Treatment Plant and the Highland Reservoir. Currently, if you are one of our ratepayers that use the minimum every three months of 1,200 cubic feet or 8,976 gallons you pay slightly over ½ cent per gallon. A rate adjustment is currently being researched and will be considered in 2017.

32 water quality tests were submitted to DHHS to ensure that the water provided to the community is safe and aesthetically pleasing to you. These tests are performed along with continuous monitoring of turbidity levels, chlorination and pH at the water treatment plant. A source water protection plan is also being developed for Varnum Pond through a grant with the Maine Drinking Water Program.

Staff members have continued the upgrade process of meters and meter heads to complete the transition to remote read meters. Water line flushing and operations and maintenance continue as well.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with any questions, comments or concerns. On behalf of the Water & Waste treatment Departments staff we thank the community at large for their understanding and support, both financially and personally.

Thank you,  
Justin Futia  
Superintendent  
Water & Waste treatment Departments  
645-3682  
[wasw@wiltonmaine.org](mailto:wasw@wiltonmaine.org)

## **Report of the Code Enforcement Officer**

### **Local Plumbing Inspector and Planning Board**

In 2016, there were 66 (2015 = 81) building, use, and CEO permits issued for a total of \$2,204.78 (2015 = \$2,284.56) in fees collected. There were three new homes, three mobile homes several garages and additions were permitted. There were 18 (2015 =28) septic and plumbing permits issued for a total of \$2,985.00 (2015= \$3,740.00) in permit fees.

Anyone planning to develop, build, or starting any type of business (including Home occupations) please check with the Code Enforcement Officer to find out what permits you will need. Any building will need to conform to the Maine Unified Building and Energy Code requirements.

Thank You

Adam Cote [ceo@wiltonmaine.org](mailto:ceo@wiltonmaine.org)

## General Assistance Report

My name is Cindy Greer and I took over as the General Assistance Administrator in April of 2016 with great expectations of helping the residents of Wilton that find themselves in need. General Assistance is an emergency assistance program regulated by state statute and municipal ordinance. The program is designed to provide Wilton residents with assistance for basic needs. All assistance is granted in voucher form and no cash assistance is granted. Able-bodied persons are required to do Workfare (work in exchange for the assistance that they receive), and to acquire the skills necessary to obtain and maintain permanent employment. Prior to making an appointment to apply for general assistance, an individual should pursue other sources because general assistance is intended to be a program of last resort.

This report is for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. There were six applications filed with only four paid which included 28 people.

Heating	\$155.90
Electricity	\$504.94
Food	<u>\$170.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$830.84
Minus 70% state reimbursement	<u>\$581.59</u>
Assistance to Wilton Residents	\$249.24

There have not been any client reimbursements to date, but I plan to make this an important part of receiving general assistance in the future. Workfare projects can include such things as raking, mowing or painting for the town of Wilton.

The GA process has been met with a joint effort from several entities within the Wilton Community that has aided in a speedy response to the needs.

While I may not have been able to help everyone with their needs for one reason or another, I endeavored to steer clients in the right direction with the various resources and helping individuals to get back on the right track of self-sustainability.

Please feel free to contact me at the Wilton Town office if you should have a need, or just do not know where to turn for assistance as I have resources that may be of assistance for your situation.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Greer  
General Assistance Administrator

# Wilton Public Library



Greetings Citizens of Wilton,

In the past year, Wilton Free Public Library has seen considerable change. After ten years of dedicated service, David Olson retired as library director, and, in August, a new director was hired. Using funds from targeted donations and community grants, a fence was installed around the perimeter of the side lawn to allow for safe use of outdoor library space; a failing furnace was replaced, the chimney was lined, and the lights on the main floor of the library were upgraded to an energy efficient option. The internal library operating system was switched to a more efficient program to better service patron interactions, keep accurate records and statistics, and aid in collection management decision making.

In a year of transition, the library's focus remained squarely on providing quality service to our patrons and community. We had 12,618 patron visits, circulated 18,905 books, magazines, eBooks, and audiobooks, and saw public access computer use totaling 1,640 uses.



In addition to regular patron visits, librarian outreach in the community, and multiple children's programs per week, the library hosted events and fundraisers with record turnouts: art shows and author readings, Children's Summer Reading Program, Harvest Day, Polar Express Storytime and Fancy Nancy Tea Party, a silent auction and improv comedy night, and quarterly book sales.

Looking forward, the constant goal of the library is to provide free and open access to informational and entertainment resources through a variety of means and media. Equally important, the library strives to be a welcoming social hub of the greater Wilton community – to foster community growth through positive involvement and interaction. Our fiscal goal is to minimize costs to the town while maintaining excellence in patron service. To do this, we are constantly evaluating how and from where we obtain materials, assessing how we staff the library, and exploring possibilities around working with other libraries and organizations to lower shared costs. We work daily to budget within sensible means in order to keep the financial health of the library strong.

Wilton Free Public Library is **your** library. We always welcome ideas on how best to serve you, and encourage conversations and ideas on how to do that. Thank you for valuing and supporting your local library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Scott



Library Director

[www.wilton-free.lib.me.us](http://www.wilton-free.lib.me.us)

PHONE: (207) 645-4831

# **Wilton Conservation Commission**

Annual Report, 2016-17

*Mission Statement: To promote the sustainable use of Wilton's natural resources through sound principles, so that future generations may enjoy the benefits of our wildlife, water and land conservation. The commission will work with the public and with town officials identifying and making recommendations on environmental, recreational and agricultural land use activities.*

## **MEMBERS:**

Nancy Prince, Sharon Rainey, Scott Lindsay, Jeff Chaisson, Ken Sawyer

## **Maine Association of Conservation Commissions**

WCC has membership in MEACC which provides technical advice and other resources for community conservation commissions.

## **Projects:**

### **McGillicuddy Park**

Last year Town Manager, Rhonda Irish asked the Wilton Conservation Commission to partner in planning McGillicuddy Park improvement/restoration. WCC members succeeded in providing a sign and picnic table for the small green space centered in downtown Wilton. The restful place, fronting on Wilson Stream and Main Street, is adjacent to the Wilton Library and a short walk from the Play Museum and Great Wall Chinese restaurant. It is suitable for lunches, picnics, and contemplation, and with a very little polishing, can be a gem of a public park. The park is named for John McGillicuddy, a Wilton native and long-time Dryden resident, who for many years was an indispensable part of our fire-fighting service, serving as a dispatcher where his memory and clear directions made up for his lack of eyesight.

### **Couber's Brook Nature Viewing Area**

The Commission has identified this piece of marshland as valuable for public use to view wildlife, and use for nature study. Members of the Commission have cleared a foot path near the brook leading in from Sunset Ave. parking lot. Signs have been constructed and installed with help from Mt. Blue State Park staff. Commission members have built a viewing platform on the trail.

### **Community Outreach**

WCC has offered to assist with the Friends of Wilson Lake with developing resolutions to problems identified in the FOWL watershed surveys conducted last fall for Wilson Lake, Pease Pond and Varnum Pond. The goal of the survey is to help understand the trend of declining water clarity in Wilson Lake; create a list of source-water protection strategies for Varnum Pond; and better understand the inputs to Pease Pond that have led to algal blooms in the past.

Wilton Conservation Commission meetings are open to the public and are held in the Wilton Town Office building on the first Monday of each month.

Submitted by Nancy Prince,  
Chair, WCC

## **Friends of Wilson Lake (FOWL)**

To the Citizens of Wilton,

We are pleased to report that we had a very good year. Membership is around 300, with an additional 27 business partners. During the year, we:

- continued to monitor the water quality of Wilson Lake;
- offered the Loon Awareness Program to all third graders at Academy Hill School;
- provided free boat rides around the lake for over 300 riders during the Blueberry Festival;
- increased “LakeSmart” properties to 31 (36%) of the homes on Wilson Lake;
- 13 (15%) of these properties qualified for the new LoonSmart program;
- sponsored the Courtesy Boat Inspection program (783 boats inspected; no invasive plants found);
- Anna Glass of Wilton won the David Prince Memorial Scholarship for post-secondary education;
- working in conjunction with the towns of Wilton and Temple, and many volunteers, we accomplished a major goal – that of conducting a watershed survey for Wilson Lake, Varnum Pond, and Pease Pond on September 24, 2016. The survey sought to identify factors that contribute to runoff going into Wilson Lake that is having a negative impact on water quality, the most common being nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen that promote algal growth in the lake.

The last watershed survey was conducted in 1994 and it was time to conduct another because we were noticing some disturbing trends. We have been monitoring the water quality of Wilson Lake through Secchi disk clarity readings consistently since 1980 and the most recent trend has shown that the clarity has been declining. This has implications for us all – recreationally, financially, and tax-wise. Consequently, in 2016 Wilson Lake was placed on the State’s Nonpoint Source Priority Watershed List as a “threatened” lake.

We didn’t identify a single “smoking gun” that contributed to this decline, but rather a number of sources of pollution that need to be addressed. We are in the process of applying for grants to address these problem areas. The final watershed report can be found on our website: [www.friendsofwilsonlake.org](http://www.friendsofwilsonlake.org).

Thanks to you all for your continued support of FOWL.

Respectfully,

Rob Lively

President-FOWL

[lively@maine.edu](mailto:lively@maine.edu)

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### **REPORT OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

Board of Selectmen and Manager  
TOWN OF WILTON  
Wilton, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund (except as described below), and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wilton, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

**Basis for Adverse Opinion on Water Department and Qualified Opinion on Business-Type Activities**

Management has not included the Town of Wilton Water Department in the Town's financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Water Department to be presented as a major enterprise fund and financial information about the Water Department to be part of the business-type activities, thus increasing that activity's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues, and expenses, and changing its net position. In order to comply with state regulatory requirements, the Water Department's financial statements are issued and audited using a fiscal year ending December 31 of each year, which is a reporting period different than that used by the Town for the remainder of its funds and activities. The most recent financial statements for the Water Department were issued as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our audit report dated May 26, 2016 expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, and expenses of the business-type activities and the omitted major fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016 has not been determined.

**Adverse Opinion**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Water Department and Qualified Opinion on Business-Type Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the Water Department of the Town of Wilton, Maine as of June 30, 2016, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Qualified Opinion**

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Water Department and Qualified Opinion on Business-Type Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of the Town of Wilton, Maine as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Unmodified Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund other than the Water Department, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Wilton, Maine, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 23, 2017 on our consideration of the Town of Wilton, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of law, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial report or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Town of Wilton's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability and Schedule of Town Pension Contributions be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's response to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.



SMITH & ASSOCIATES, CPAs  
*A Professional Association*

Yarmouth, Maine  
March 23, 2017

**EXHIBIT I**

**TOWN OF WILTON  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2016**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Primary Government Business - Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,396,316	\$ 753,958	\$ 3,150,274
Accounts Receivable	66,717	169,193	235,910
Taxes Receivable, Net	330,049	0	330,049
Tax Liens Receivable	190,309	0	190,309
Notes Receivable	153,966	0	153,966
Beneficial Interest in Grantor Trust	1,140,375	0	1,140,375
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,632,438</u>	<u>8,045,144</u>	<u>11,677,582</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 7,910,170</u>	<u>\$ 8,968,295</u>	<u>\$ 16,878,465</u>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 263,203</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 263,203</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 12,648	\$ 7,637	\$ 20,285
Accrued Expenses	26,070	88,654	114,724
Accrued Construction Costs and Retainage Payable	0	1,385,992	1,385,992
Non Current Liabilities			
Due Within One Year	54,441	107,471	161,912
Due in More Than One Year	<u>896,609</u>	<u>4,427,388</u>	<u>5,323,997</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 989,768</u>	<u>\$ 6,017,142</u>	<u>\$ 7,006,910</u>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Prepaid Property Taxes	\$ 13,558	\$ 0	\$ 13,558
Related to Pension	<u>223,998</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>223,998</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>\$ 237,556</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 237,556</u>
<b>Net Position</b>			
<i>Net Investment in Capital Assets</i>	\$ 3,186,726	\$ 2,037,330	\$ 5,224,056
<i>Restricted</i>			
Beneficial Interest in Grantor Trust	1,140,375	0	1,140,375
Community Development Block Grant	208,060	0	208,060
Tax Incremental Financing	274,556	0	274,556
<i>Unrestricted</i>	<u>2,136,332</u>	<u>913,823</u>	<u>3,050,155</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 6,946,049</u>	<u>\$ 2,951,153</u>	<u>\$ 9,897,202</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

**EXHIBIT II**

**TOWN OF WILTON  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

Net (Expense) Revenue and  
Changes in Net Position  
Primary Government

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>				<u>Business -</u>	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for</u> <u>Services</u>	<u>Operating</u> <u>Grants and</u> <u>Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Type</u> <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Primary Government</b>						
<b>Governmental Activities</b>						
General Government	\$ 545,971	\$ 126,494	\$ 0	\$ (419,477)	\$ 0	\$ (419,477)
Public Works and Sanitation	1,085,706	29,392	56,220	(1,000,094)	0	(1,000,094)
Protection	785,962	46,482	0	(739,480)	0	(739,480)
Culture and Recreation	223,271	19,337	0	(203,934)	0	(203,934)
Public Health and Welfare	25,343	0	4,613	(20,730)	0	(20,730)
Education	3,014,102	0	26,515	(2,987,587)	0	(2,987,587)
County Tax and Overlay	324,190	0	0	(324,190)	0	(324,190)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	12,857	0	0	(12,857)	0	(12,857)
Pension -- Unallocated	103,662	0	0	(103,662)	0	(103,662)
Depreciation - Unallocated	<u>201,841</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(201,841)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(201,841)</u>
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$6,322,905</b>	<b>\$ 221,705</b>	<b>\$ 87,348</b>	<b>\$ (6,013,852)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (6,013,852)</b>
<b>Business - Type Activities</b>						
Sewer	<u>464,307</u>	<u>441,919</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>62,612</u>	<u>62,612</u>
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	<b><u>\$6,787,212</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 663,624</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 87,438</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (6,013,852)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 62,612</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (5,951,240)</u></b>
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property Taxes				\$ 5,983,597	\$ 0	\$ 5,983,597
Grants and Contributions not Restricted to Special Programs				428,727	0	428,727
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				25,899	2,740	28,639
Miscellaneous				<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total General Revenues</b>				<b><u>\$ 6,438,223</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,740</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,440,963</u></b>
<b>Return of Pension Fund Assets</b>				<b><u>\$ 1,177,471</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,177,471</u></b>
<b>Changes In Net Position</b>				<b><u>\$ 1,601,842</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 65,352</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,667,194</u></b>
<b>Net Position -- July 1, 2015</b>				<b>\$ 5,301,294</b>	<b>\$2,855,801</b>	<b>\$ 8,157,095</b>
Prior Period Adjustment				<u>42,913</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42,913</u>
<b>Restated Net Position</b>				<b><u>\$ 5,344,207</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,855,801</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 8,200,008</u></b>
<b>Net Position -- June 30, 2016</b>				<b><u>\$ 6,946,049</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,921,153</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 9,867,202</u></b>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an Integral Part of this Statement.

## BUDGET MESSAGE

The proposed 2016-17 budget contained in the Town Meeting Warrant is summarized on the following pages.

The Selectpersons and Finance Committee have recommended a municipal budget of \$3,168,767. With the projected revenue and allocation from the undesignated fund balance, their recommended budget is \$10,830 under the previous year's budget.

The Selectpersons and the Finance Committee have each recommended appropriating funds from the undesignated fund balance for the following articles: Article 32: Building Demolition Capital Account - \$50,000. This article provides funds to add to the demolition capital account for the costs associated with the demolition of town owned buildings, including the former Forster Mill site. This article will not affect the tax rate for the 2017-18 taxes.

Voters will be asked to consider three articles to be paid from the Comfort Inn Omnibus Tax Increment Financing District. These articles are: Article 15: To consider purchasing a Light Duty Fire Rescue Truck and paying a portion of the funds from the TIF account; Article 37: to appropriate \$30,000 from the TIF to pay a portion of the annual lease/purchase payment for the 2013 HME 78' Aerial Quint Fire Truck and Article 38: to appropriate \$15,000 from the TIF District to pay a portion of the annual Waste Treatment Phase I Rural Development loan. These articles from the TIF accounts also will not affect the tax rate for the 2017-18 taxes, as the TIF account funds are not included in the tax funds.

The budgets and summary are located on the following pages. Please contact me at 645-4961 or email: [manager@wiltonmaine.org](mailto:manager@wiltonmaine.org) if you would like to discuss any aspect of the budget.

Respectfully given,

Rhonda L. Irish  
Town Manager

## TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

The Town of Wilton has two Increment Financing Districts: the Comfort Inn Omnibus Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) Program and the Downtown Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District and Development Program.

A TIF district essentially reallocates funds from property taxes to encourage investment within the district. Any increased tax revenues collected as a result of an increase in property values then go into the TIF fund and can be used by the town for a wide range of purposes within the TIF to promote redevelopment. The Comfort Inn TIF District also created a Credit Enhancement Agreement, which assisted with creating the development at the Comfort Inn – that agreement has since expired, and all funds are presently used by the town for various purposes – no funds go back to the Comfort Inn. In the Downtown TIF District, no increase in property values has occurred, therefore no funds are presently in this district.

The following is an accounting of the revenues and expenses in the Comfort Inn Omnibus TIF:

Starting Balance:	\$228,550.98
Expenses:	
Community & Economic Dev. Consultant	\$ 8,821.84
Quint Fire Truck payment	\$29,991.25
Engineering Consultant - CDBG Grant	\$14,083.45
TIF Consultant	\$375.00
Revenues:	
Interest	\$ 290.52
Tax Revenues – Map 34 L124	\$96,212.70
Ending Balance:	<u>\$271,782.66</u>

# **WILTON FINANCE COMMITTEE**

## **SUMMARY REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Meetings were held on March 8th and 10<sup>th</sup> and another meeting was held with no action on March 27<sup>th</sup>. There was not a quorum on the 27<sup>th</sup> however there was a consensus of the majority of the committee that they approved the increase in revenue due to an increased amount of revenue sharing proposed by the State of Maine and the transfer of the funds for fire truck purchase to the Fire Department Account.
2. Attendance: Barry Hathaway, chair; Irving Faunce, Kathryn Shoaps, Richard Hall, Norman Gould, Stephen Davis, Mike Sherrod, David Leavitt and Vernon Marden
3. Recommendations

Attached is the list of our recommendations along with the vote on each category. Those that were voted other than the recommended amount are as follows:

American Red Cross	Recommended \$0	(requested \$500)
Work First	Recommended \$0	(requested \$700)

The Selectboard voted to move the requested money for the requested Fire Truck from debt service to a capital line in the fire department budget. This will ensure that the money will be rolled over in the event that the truck article should fail.

The budget discussion was cordial and inclusive. There were some split votes on a few items. On the whole, the committee did not think this was the time to add more agencies to the list of donations. The other issue that brought forth a lot of discussion was the Waste Treatment Debt. The committee on the whole felt that this was not the time to burden the taxpayers further with an increased budget especially where we do not know the outcome of the county budget or the school budget. We would like to thank the Department Heads, the Town Manager and the Selectboard for producing a modest budget and answering all questions that were asked.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Budget Committee,  
Vernon Marden.

# WILTON SELECTMEN & FINANCE COMMITTEE

## FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

		Proposed 2017-2018				
<u>Article</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Adopted</u>	<u>Select Board</u>		<u>Finance Comm.</u>	
#		<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
6	Elected Officials	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	5/0	\$ 9,000	8/0
7	Assessing	\$ 33,325	\$ 36,275	5-0	\$36,275	8/0
8	Revaluation	\$ 56,250			\$ 0	
9	Planning Board	\$ 24,800	\$ 21,750	5-0	\$ 21,750	8/0
10	Administration	\$ 280,400	\$293,700	5/0	\$293,700	8/0
11	Town Office Bldg.	\$ 8,200	\$ 13,200	5/0	\$ 13,200	8/0
12	Contingency & Legal	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	5/0	\$ 10,000	8/0
13	Insurance	\$ 70,500	\$ 70,500	5/0	\$ 70,500	8/0
14	Police Department	\$ 484,240	\$492,374	5/0	\$492,374	8/0
15	Fire Department	\$ 121,740	\$135,760	4/0/1	\$135,760	8/0
16	Ambulance Service	\$ 30,577	\$ 20,206	5/0	\$ 20,206	8/0
17	Public Safety Building	\$ 31,280	\$ 51,280	5/0	\$ 51,280	8/0
18	Street Lights	\$ 37,600	\$ 37,600	5/0	\$ 37,600	8/0
19	Public Fire Protection	\$ 144,468	\$144,468	5/0	\$144,468	8/0
20	Highway Department	\$ 849,850	\$871,850	5/0	\$871,850	7/0
21	Capital Paving	\$ 300,000	\$300,000	5/0	\$300,000	7/0
22	Public Works Building	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	5/0	\$ 14,000	7/0
23	Transfer Station & Recycling	\$ 278,150	\$272,150	5/0	\$272,150	7/0
24	Cemeteries	\$ 33,800	\$ 37,000	5/0	\$ 37,000	8/0
25	General Assistance	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	5/0	\$ 6,000	8/0
26	Animal Control	\$ 15,532	\$ 15,732	5/0	\$ 15,732	8/0
27	Health Officer	\$ 300	\$300	5/0	\$ 300	8/0
28	Wilton Food Pantry	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	5/0	\$ 2,500	7/1
29	Safe Voices	\$ 3,000	\$3,000	4/1	\$ 3,000	7/0
30	Recreation Department	\$ 80,765	\$ 84,102	5/0	\$ 84,102	7/0
31	Parks & Facilities Dept.	\$ 34,025	\$ 34,625	5/0	\$ 34,625	7/0
32	Wilton Conservation Comm	\$ 365	\$ 365	5/0	\$ 365	8/0
33	Library	\$ 109,675	\$110,575	5/0	\$110,575	7/0
34	Wilton Blueberry Festival	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,000	5/0	\$ 3,000	6/0
35	Chamber of Commerce	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	5/0	\$ 2,500	6/0
36	Town Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ 5,000	5/0	\$5,000	7/0
39	Debt Service	\$ -	\$ 7,000	4/0/1	\$ 24,000	8/0
40	Waste Treatment Debt	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	5/0	\$ 15,000	6/2
41	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,093,642</b>	<b>\$ 3,120,812</b>			
	Revenues	<b>\$ 992,450</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,450</b>			
42	Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ -				
	<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 2,101,192</b>	<b>\$2,090,362</b>			

The Budget reflects a total decrease of \$10,830 from the previous year.

## ***Recommended Town Budgets***

***2017-2018***

### **General Administration**

<b>ARTICLE 6</b>	Adopted	Adopted	Proposed
<b><u>Elected Officials</u></b>	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018

Selectboard's Compensation	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>
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<b>Select Board Recommends:</b>	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>	<b>Vote 5-0</b>
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<b>Finance Committee Recommends:</b>	<b><u>\$9,000</u></b>	<b>Vote 8-0</b>
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Explanation: Five Select Board members x \$1800.00 per year = \$9,000

<b>ARTICLE 7</b>	Adopted	Adopted	Proposed
<b><u>Planning &amp; Code Enforcement</u></b>	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018

Code Enforcement compensation	\$ 10,800	\$ 20,800	\$ 18,000
Mileage expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 750
Planning Board Compensation	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Supplies, Materials, Training	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,800</b>	<b>\$ 24,800</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>

Explanation:

Code Enforcement Compensation - Up to 20 hours per week. Contracted position - no benefits

Mileage for Code Enforcement Officer use of vehicle

Planning Board Compensation - \$15.00 per meeting per Planning Board member

Supplies, training etc. – as required for planning board; training for CEO or Planning Board members

<b>Select Board Recommends:</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>	<b>Vote 5-0</b>
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<b>Finance Committee Recommends:</b>	<b>\$ 21,750</b>	<b>Vote 8-0</b>
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## ARTICLE 8

### General Government

#### Administration

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Schools & Dues	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 800
Managers Expenses	\$ 700	\$ 700	\$ 700
MMA & AVCOG dues	\$ 9,360	\$ 9,400	\$ 9,500
Lien Administration & Elections	\$ 8,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 10,500
Employee Compensation	\$ 148,500	\$ 148,500	\$ 152,000
Telephone	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Employer Contributions	\$ 47,000	\$ 69,500	\$ 74,000
Supplies & Materials	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Printing & Postage	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Computer Software Fees/Maint.	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Town Audit	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,000	\$ 9,000
Computer Use & Payroll Service	\$ 7,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,500
Capital Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 256,360</b>	<b>\$ 280,400</b>	<b>\$ 293,700</b>

#### Explanation:

Some Administration items are offset by the following revenues: Interest on taxes, lien interest, lien costs, agent fees, clerk fees, general rents (\$58,000)

Schools & Dues – training classes or dues (Treasurer, Town Clerk Associations) for town office employees

Manager's expenses – training classes or dues (Maine Manager's Association) and limited mileage

MMA & AVCOG dues – 2016/17 AVCOG dues - 4,679.42; MMA dues – will not know until January 2017; 2016 dues are \$4,676 (anticipating 4% increase - budgeted \$4,820)

Lien Administration & Elections – covers cost of placing liens and certified mailings on unpaid taxes (approx. \$40 per lien) and releasing liens (\$19.00 per lien). Lien costs for those who pay are recovered and included in revenue budget. Elections costs and payment for ballot clerks .

Employee compensation – annual wages for three full time employees and one part time employee

Telephone – To cover miscellaneous phone charges or phone repairs.

Employer contributions – Town's share of health insurance, dental insurance, payroll taxes, retirement.

**Increase is due to one employee changing from single coverage to family insurance coverage, and new employee at an "employee/spouse" rate. The previous rate was at single coverage. The third employee remains at single coverage.**

Printing & Postage – tax bill printing and postage, town report printing (\$1,800), certified mailing fees for tax liens and foreclosure notices, postage for billing, state reports and general mail.

Supplies & materials – paper, office supplies, deed transfers from Registry of Deeds, miscellaneous items, forms (purchase orders, etc.), envelopes, printer cartridges for six printers,

Computer Software fees/maintenance – Annual software fees (\$9,000), computer maintenance, photocopier annual maintenance fee, photocopier lease fee (3rd year of 5 year payments), replace one computer, website and email maintenance and costs.

Town Audit – town's share of annual audit and follow-up meetings

Computer Use & Bank Service – payroll service for all town employees

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 293,700 Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends: \$ 293,700 Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 9****Town Office Building**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Utilities	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200
Supplies, Equipment, & Fixtures	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Contracted Services	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Repairs/Maint./Building & Site	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,200</b>

Explanation:

Utilities – CMP estimated at \$1,700; oil estimated at \$1,800; sewer/water at \$700.

Supplies – cleaning supplies, trash bags, floor waxing supplies, miscellaneous building supplies

Contracted Services – cleaning contractor for town office; waxing of floors, miscellaneous building supplies

Repairs/Maintenance – miscellaneous maintenance or repairs & annual furnace cleaning, replacement of rotting siding on building.

Capital Improvement - includes replacement of lighting through Efficiency Maine, replacement of flooring (1st floor), paving back of office, painting of building - these items to be completed as funds allow over the oncoming years.

Select Board Recommends: **\$ 13,200 Vote 5-0**

Finance Committee Recommends: **\$ 13,200 Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 10****Assessing Services**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Assessor Compensation	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Abatement Appeals	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125	\$ 1,125
Assessing software (CAMA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Online Assessing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,750
Tax Map Work	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 33,325</b>	<b>\$ 33,325</b>	<b>\$ 36,275</b>

Explanation:

Assessor – O'Donnell Associates; Assessing fee - \$30,000 (on site person bi-weekly, plus additional workers at various times of year.

Assessing software (CAMA) the software that supports the Town of Wilton assessing of properties. Paid to O'Donnell's.

On-line Assessing - this is the software that allows the residents to view all town properties on line through the towns website or through O'Donnell's website.

Abatement Appeals – to cover extra fee for time commitment of Assessor in the event of appeals on property taxes.

Select Board Recommends: **\$ 36,275 Vote 5-0**

Finance Committee Recommends: **\$ 36,275 Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 11**  
**Contingent & Legal**

Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
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Contingent & Legal	<b>\$ 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
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Explanation:

Includes legal services for all departments, advertising, legal notices, miscellaneous expenses such as surveying, etc.

<b>Select Board Recommends:</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,000</u></b>	<b>Vote 5-0</b>
<b>Finance Committee Recommends:</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,000</u></b>	<b>Vote 8-0</b>

**ARTICLE 12**  
**Insurance**

Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
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Liability Insurance	\$ 31,100	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Workers Compensation	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71,600</b>	<b>\$ 70,500</b>	<b>\$ 70,500</b>

Explanation:

Insurances for all town departments (Sewer & Water pay separately)

<b>Select Board Recommends:</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>	<b>Vote 5-0</b>
<b>Finance Committee Recommends:</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>	<b>Vote 8-0</b>

**Public Safety**

**ARTICLE 13**  
**Police Department**

Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
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Training, Education	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Uniforms & Gear	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,255	\$ 3,255
Clothing Allowance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Crossing Guards	\$ 6,335	\$ 6,335	\$ 3,279
Employee Compensation	\$ 294,400	\$ 307,600	\$ 315,290
Radio & Telephone	\$ 4,450	\$ 4,450	\$ 4,450
Employer Contributions	\$ 103,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 103,000
Supplies/Materials, Printing/Postage	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
Computer Use Maintenance	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,800
Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel	\$ 29,000	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000
Equipment Purchase Cap. Acct.	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Misc. Expenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 475,485</b>	<b>\$ 484,240</b>	<b>\$ 492,374</b>

Explanation:

Training, Education – administrative training for Patrol Sergeant, on-going training for officers, Chief

Uniforms & Gear – purchase as needed of uniforms and gear

Crossing Guard – down to one guard with the installation of the new crosswalk signs.

Employee Compensation - payroll – All Officers, Chief, Sergeant, Administrative Assistant (1/2 with Fire Dept.) including coverage of Blueberry Festival.

Radio & Telephone – Includes internet access for cruiser computers to access IMC.

Employer Contributions – payroll taxes, health & dental insurance

Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel – maintenance and repair of vehicles, fuel for vehicles  
Equipment Purchase Capital Account –; money to capital improvement for vehicle purchase (bi-annually).  
 Revenues for the Police Department are anticipated to be \$1,500

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 492,374 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 492,374 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 14**  
**Fire Department**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Training, Education	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Immunizations/PFTs/Fit Tests	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Employee Compensation	\$ 45,400	\$ 45,400	\$ 45,500
Administrative Support	\$ 6,950	\$ 6,950	\$ 8,000
Chief & Assistants Stipends	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,300	\$ 10,400
Radio & Telephone	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,300
Employer Contributions	\$ 4,650	\$ 4,650	\$ 5,100
Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Computer Support & Upgrade	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,400
Equipment	\$ 15,146	\$ 14,740	\$ 15,060
East Dixfield Support	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Vehicle O & M/Fuel	\$ 15,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Fire Apparatus Capital Improv.	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 113,146</b>	<b>\$ 121,740</b>	<b>\$ 135,760</b>

**Explanation:**

Training, Education – covers training of firefighters, education for school children

Immunizations/PFTs/Fit Tests – also covers Hepatitis B shots for new firefighters

Employee Compensation – Wages for firefighters attending fires. Also, includes E. Dixfield wages when attending Wilton fires & accidents. No increase in wage amounts.

Administrative Support – 30 hours per week – shared ½ with Police Dept.

Chief & Assistant Stipends – Same stipends as previous two years

Radio & Telephone – communications, maintenance

Employer Contributions – Payroll taxes

Supplies & Materials – paper products, vehicle cleaning supplies, batteries

Computer Support & Upgrade – Software support for county wide IMC \$1200; computer repairs, upgrades as needed

Equipment – See attached list

Vehicle O&M/Fuel – Fuel, including E. Dixfield, testing, repairs as needed, additional items on attached list

East Dixfield Support – contracted amount for E. Dixfield Fire Dept.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 135,760 **Vote 4-0-1**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 135,760 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 16****Public Safety Building**2015-2016

	Adopted 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Proposed
Employee Compensation	\$ 2,080	\$ 2,080	\$ 2,080
Utilities	\$ 14,800	\$ 16,300	\$ 14,800
Equipment	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Building Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,600	\$ 2,600
Building & Site Improvement	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,800
Capital Improvement – Building Parking Lot Sealing	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,280</b>	<b>\$ 31,280</b>	<b>\$ 51,280</b>

Explanation:

Employee Compensation – cleaning of public safety building

Utilities – CMP- \$5,000; Water & Sewer - \$2,000; Propane – 4000 gallons \$7,800.

Equipment- Door openers and motors for 2 doors, work on heaters in police area, overhead door seals for all doors.

Building Supplies – building & office supplies

Repairs & Maintenance – Propane furnace maintenance/repair, overhead door repair, other building repairs, upgrades

Building & Site Improvement – grounds work, door, building updates, 2nd seal coating of driveway

Capital Improvement – Building – to be used for new roof, \$20,000 presently in account. Roof estimated to be \$45,000.

**Select board Recommends:** \$ 51,280 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 51,280 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 17****North Star Ambulance**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Ambulance Subsidy	<u>\$ 30,577</u>	<u>\$ 30,577</u>	<u>\$ 20,206</u>

Explanation:

Attached letter from Ambulance Service. The total budgeted amount goes directly to Northstar Ambulance.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 20,206 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 20,206 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 18****Street & Lights**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Street Lighting	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000	\$ 34,000
Downtown Lighting	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Traffic Lighting	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 37,600</b>	<b>\$ 37,600</b>	<b>\$ 37,600</b>

Explanation:

Street Lighting – street lights throughout town

Downtown lighting – town owns lights – CMP & repairs to light bulbs, globes, and poles as needed.

Traffic Lighting – flashing beacons at Depot/Main St

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 37,600 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 37,600 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 19**  
**Public Fire Protection**

Adopted	Adopted	Proposed
2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018

Public Fire Protection	<b>\$ 144,468</b>	<b>\$ 144,468</b>	<b>\$ 144,468</b>
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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 equaling 30% of total water revenue come from so-called "hydrant rental". See attached sheet for further explanation.

<b>Select Board Recommends:</b>	<b>\$ 144,468</b>	<b>Vote 5-0</b>
<b>Finance Committee Recommends:</b>	<b>\$ 144,468</b>	<b>Vote 8-0</b>

**Public Works**

**ARTICLE 20**  
**Highway Department**

Adopted	Adopted	Proposed
2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018

Training, Education	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Employee Compensation	\$ 260,000	\$ 298,000	\$ 320,000
Employer Contributions	\$ 142,000	\$ 191,000	\$ 191,000
Drug Testing	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

**Summer Operations & Maint**

Basins	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600
Ditching (hay, seed, erosion control	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Mower	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Walk-behind sweeper	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -
Tools/Safety Items	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 600
Sand/gravel	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Culverts	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Traffic Signs/paint	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Cold patch/spring time repairs	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Contracted professional services	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500

**Winter Operations & Maint**

Sand	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 18,000
Salt for sand pile	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000
Salt for road use	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000

**Equipment & Repairs**

Employer Contributions/Mechanic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shop supplies	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Equipment Purchase Capital Account	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Radio/Pagers	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Town Mechanic Payroll	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parts/Repairs/Equipment	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Fuel (gas & diesel)	\$ 70,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 65,000
Tires	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Batteries	\$ 650	\$ 650	\$ 650
Grease, gear oil, motor, hydraulic oil	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 767,850</b>	<b>\$ 849,850</b>	<b>\$ 871,850</b>
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Explanation:

Training, classes – classes for safety, etc. for highway dept. employees

Employee compensation includes amounts for all highway winter and summer work, fill in at transfer station. Combine Mechanics salary with all employees.

Employer contributions include health, dental, retirement, payroll taxes, social security, clothing allowance.

Testing – hearing tests and drug testing

Fuel – Diesel, gas

Traffic signs/paint - street signs, crosswalk paint/traffic paint - increase due to number of signs stolen

Equipment Purchase Capital account - Replace 1995 sidewalk plow with a newer model or a tractor with the following attachments: plow, blower, sweeper, sander, mower. (\$75,000); new plow for 2009 Sterling (\$5,800); Replace highway garage roof- (estimate \$60,000)

Parts & Repairs – for Highway Dept. trucks and equipment.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 871,850 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 871,850 **Vote 7-0**

## **ARTICLE 21**

### **Public Works Building**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Utilities	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000
Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Building Maintenance/Improvements	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Building Equipment Repair	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>

Explanation:

Utilities – CMP, sewer/water, heating oil

Supplies – building supplies, paint, etc.

Building Maintenance – miscellaneous maintenance - repairs for safety

Building Equipment/Repair – fuel tank inspection, furnace repairs, lift inspection, fire system sprinkler inspection, fire extinguisher service, etc.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 14,000 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 14,000 **Vote 7-0**

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **Capital Paving Budget**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Paving	\$ 283,000	\$ 283,000	\$ 225,000
Sidewalk Reconstruction	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 68,000
Hot Top/repairs	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>

Explanation:

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

Paving & Reconstruction work: Paving of Walker Hill Road, rebuild and paving of 800 ft. of Munson Road; rebuild and paving of Gilbert Street North, overlay paving of Holmes Street; maintenance sealing or overlay paving of additional roads as funds allow.

Sidewalks - East Wilton, 1200 ft.; School St. to Rt. 156, 300 ft.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 300,000 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 300,000 **Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 23****Recycling/Transfer Station**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Education & Promotion	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Clothing Allowance	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Employee Compensation	\$ 45,900	\$ 48,000	\$ 49,000
Utilities & Telephone	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,400
Employer Contributions	\$ 26,950	\$ 29,700	\$ 29,700
Supplies & Materials	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Gas, Diesel, & Lube	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Waste Hauling	\$ 49,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000
Contracted Waste Fees	\$ 114,000	\$ 113,000	\$ 115,000
State Fees	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550
Groundwater Monitoring	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Building/Site Improvement	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Equipment Purchase Capital Account	\$ 10,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 273,300</b>	<b>\$ 278,150</b>	<b>\$ 272,150</b>

**Explanation:**

Education & Promotion – educational materials for recycling, bulky item recycling, etc.\_

Employee compensation – 1 full time, 1 part time employee

Utilities & Telephone – CMP, heating propane, phone & internet – includes repair costs

Employer contributions – health, dental, retirement, payroll taxes, clothing allowance. \_

Supplies & materials – miscellaneous supplies for transfer station work. Garbage bags and permits.

Revenue from sale of garbage bags to go back to this account to purchase additional bags as needed.

Waste hauling – hauling fees for trash, single sort recycling, bulky waste/demo.

Contracted Waste Fees – per ton fees for trash, bulky waste/demolition, universal waste items (light bulbs, etc.) household hazardous waste

State fees – DEP fees for transfer station licensing

Groundwater monitoring – monitoring of existing landfill. Environmental engineering fees and lab fees.

Equipment repair & Maintenance – as needed for loader, mower, three compactors and containers, building maintenance.

Building/Site improvement – Buildings and grounds repairs and maintenance, painting, building supplies, etc.

Equip purchase – Capital Account – Plow for Transfer Station Backhoe.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 272,150 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 272,150 **Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 24****Cemeteries**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Utilities	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Supplies & Materials	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Contracted Services	\$ 28,245	\$ 31,000	\$ 33,000
E. Wilton Cemetery	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Veteran Flags			\$ 1,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,045</b>	<b>\$ 33,800</b>	<b>\$ 37,000</b>

Explanation:

Utilities – CMP

Supplies & Materials – materials for repairs to roads, gravesites, well, drainage materials

Contracted Services – contract for mowing.

E. Wilton Cemetery – donation to E. Wilton Cemetery Assn. for expenses

Veteran Flags, Veteran's flags and Veteran's flag holders, as needed, for all veterans for all town cemeteries. AM Vet volunteers display all flags at cemeteries.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 37,000 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 37,000 **Vote 8-0**

**Recreation & Social Services****ARTICLE 25****General Assistance**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
General Assistance	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

Explanation:

Recommend increase due to increases in heating costs and number of people seeking assistance

The town receives a 70% reimbursement of all General Assistance monies spent -\$4,500

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 6,000 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 6,000 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 26****Animal Control**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Animal Control Officers	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,600
Franklin County Animal Shelter	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232	\$ 8,232
Misc. Vet bills	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 300
Employee Contributions	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,532</b>	<b>\$ 15,532</b>	<b>\$ 15,732</b>

## Explanation:

Animal Control Contract with Franklin County Animal Shelter; contract and mileage for town's Animal Control Officer. State law requires town to enter into a contract with an animal shelter that will accept stray animals.

Franklin County Animal Shelter - \$8,232.00; No change from last year

Misc. Vet bills - required if an unclaimed animal needs veterinary care before going to Shelter. Shelter will not accept an injured animal.

Animal Control Officer – mileage and monthly stipend. \$550 per month .

Employee Contributions - Payroll taxes

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 15,732 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 15,732 **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 27****Health Officer**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
	<u>\$ 300</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>	<u>\$ 300</u>

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 300 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 300 **Vote 8-0**

**Social Services & Provider****Agencies****ARTICLE 28****Wilton Area Food Pantry**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
	<u>\$ 2,300</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 2,500 **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 2,500 **Vote 7-1**

**ARTICLE 29****Safe Voices**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,000</b>

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 3,000 **Vote 4-1**

**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 3,000 **Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 30**  
**Recreation Program**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Training, Education	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Employee Compensation	\$ 48,689	\$ 48,515	\$ 53,852
Radio, Telephone, Computer	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
Employer Contributions	\$ 26,235	\$ 26,400	\$ 24,400
Supplies and Materials	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Vending Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Contracted Services	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 400	\$ 400	\$ 400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 80,774</b>	<b>\$ 80,765</b>	<b>\$ 84,102</b>

Explanation:

Recreation program, including summer and year round recreation program. Includes summer swim program.

Supplies - includes purchase of sports uniforms, sports equipment, team entry fees, etc.

Vending Supplies - concessions in the main lodge in the summer and the skating rink in the winter.

Miscellaneous Expenses - primarily office supplies

Contractor services - Red Cross Training.

Program offset by approximately \$17,750 in revenues, including user fees of various programs.

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 84,102 Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends: \$ 84,102 Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 31**  
**Parks & Facilities**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Employee Compensation	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 3,800
Utilities	\$ 4,800	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,900
Building Supplies	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Contractor Services	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 750
Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Vehicle/Equipment O&M	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,700
Grounds Care	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Grounds/Fixtures Improvements	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,850	\$ 1,850
Project Account	\$ 1,925	\$ 6,950	\$ 11,500
Maintenance Capital Reserve	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,875	\$ 3,325
Grounds Equipment Purchases	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 200
Equipment Rental	\$ 100	\$ 200	\$ 100
Capital Improvement- Vehicle	\$ 4,700	\$ -	\$ -
Capital Improvement - Bass Park	\$ -	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,825</b>	<b>\$ 34,125</b>	<b>\$ 34,625</b>

Explanation:

Care and Maintenance of all town parks, equipment and buildings or structures.

Utilities – CMP, water/sewer, propane for heat.

Contractor Services - electricians or carpenters for building projects.

Building Repairs and maintenance - repairs to various buildings at Kineowatha Park

Vehicle O&M - fuel, repairs for truck, tractor, mowers.

Grounds Care - aeration, drainage, fertilizer, etc.

Grounds & Fixtures - repairs to dock systems, fences, carpentry projects.

Project Account - New metal roof on the Girl Scout building and on the tool shed.  
 Maintenance Reserve - unexpected repairs of building or grounds repairs and upgrades.  
 Grounds equipment - lawn mowers, rakes, etc.  
 Recreational Equipment - funds previously used for new playground at Bass Park. No allocation this year.  
 Capital Improvement – Bass Park - lighting in gazebo, loam seeding, etc.  
 Program offset by approximately \$5,250 in revenue

**Select Board Recommends:**                      \$    34,625    **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:**           \$    34,625    **Vote 7-0**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
<b><u>Wilton Conservation Commission</u></b>			
	<u>\$       365</u>	<u>\$       365</u>	<u>\$       365</u>

Explanation: To be used toward expenses of the Conservation Commission

**Select Board Recommends:**                      \$       365    **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:**           \$       365    **Vote 8-0**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
<b>ARTICLE 32</b>			
<b><u>Building Demolition Capital Account</u></b>			

Building Demolition Capital	<u>\$       -</u>	<u>\$   50,000</u>	<u>\$   50,000</u>
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Explanation:

To be used toward demolition of town owned buildings as needed, including the Forster Mill or other buildings deemed unsafe. Also, would include buildings owned by the town as part of the foreclosure process.

**Select Board Recommends:**                      \$   50,000    **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:**           \$   50,000    **Vote 8-0**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
<b>ARTICLE 33</b>			
<b><u>Wilton Conservation Commission</u></b>			

	<u>\$       365</u>	<u>\$       365</u>	<u>\$       365</u>
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Explanation: to be used toward expenses of the Conservation Commission

**Select Board Recommends:**                      \$       365    **Vote 5-0**

**Finance Committee Recommends:**           \$       365    **Vote 8-0**

**ARTICLE 34****Wilton Public Free Library**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Insurance	\$ 6,400	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200
Licenses, Permits, Contracts	\$ 900	\$ 900	\$ 900
Postage and Delivery	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,500
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 600	\$ 50	\$ 100
Professional Fees	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Telephone	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,725
Utilities	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,200
Office Supplies	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Payroll Expense	\$ 72,500	\$ 73,400	\$ 76,400
Adult - Books, Magazines & Tapes	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Catalog/Consortium	\$ 750	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,600
Computer Software Contracts	\$ 250	\$ 1,750	\$ 400
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,200
Maintenance/Building	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Children's Room	\$ 8,850	\$ 8,650	\$ 8,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 124,350</b>	<b>\$ 125,575</b>	<b>\$ 127,375</b>

**Town Request**

<b>\$ 106,300</b>	<b>\$ 109,675</b>	<b>\$ 110,575</b>
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Other Income	\$ 18,050	\$ 16,000	\$ 17,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 124,350</b>	<b>\$ 125,675</b>	<b>\$ 127,575</b>

**Explanation:**

Adult - Physical and digital material purchases, program expenses

Building &amp; Grounds Maintenance - Lawn care, building upkeep, snow removal

Catalog/Consortium – Shared catalog records, circulation system

Children's Room – Physical and digital material purchases, program expenses.

Computer Software Contracts – For Internet-based accounting, documentation creation and use.

Equipment maintenance &amp; Upgrades – Elevator, photocopier, fax, computers

Insurance – Property and General Liability, Directors and Officers, Crime, Worker's Compensation.

Licenses, permits and contracts – Maine Charitable Solicitations Permit, Elevator Permit, Corporate Annual Report Fee

Office supplies –Traditional office supplies, materials processing supplies

Payroll – Employee wages, taxes and liabilities, 401(k) administration

Postage and Delivery - Interlibrary loan van delivery service, general mailings

Printing and Reproduction - Newsletter

Professional fees – Accounting and Tax preparation, Payroll preparation

Telephone –Two lines for voice, elevator and fire monitoring, one line for fax

Utilities - Electricity, fuel, Internet, sewer, water

Total Income - total raised by library through fundraising, donations, (bequests does not include grants or endowments)

**Select Board Recommends: \$ 110,575 Vote 5-0****Finance Committee Recommends: \$ 110,575 Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 35****Debt Service**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
E. Dixfield Fire Truck	\$ 22,000	\$ -	\$ -
Wilton Quint/Ladder Fire Truck	\$ 24,450	\$ -	\$ 7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,450</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,000</b>

Explanation: Annual payment for the Quint Fire Truck is \$54,441.25. \$30,000 will be paid from the TIF account. The Town sold Engine 7 for \$45,000. This money will be used toward the year 2 & 3 town payment of the Quint. There is \$17,450 remaining to cover the cost of the year three payment, and \$7,000 left to raise. In the following year, (year 4) and beyond to year 10, \$24,450 will be budgeted.

Light Duty Rescue/Brush Truck - To replace current squad truck - total price of \$110,500. \$13,000 in capital account. Remainder of cost in loan. First year payment reduced due to the \$13,000 presently in the capital account.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 7,000 **Vote 4-0-1**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 7,000 **Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 36****Waste Treatment Plant Debt Service**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Wastewater Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000

Explanation: Year 3 of annual Waste treatment loans.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 15,000 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 15,000 **Vote 6-2**

**ARTICLE 39****Wilton Blueberry Festival**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Wilton Blueberry Festival	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,000

Explanation:

See attached proposed budget for the Wilton Blueberry Festival.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 3,000 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 3,000 **Vote 6-0**

**ARTICLE 40****Chamber of Commerce**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Chamber of Commerce	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

Explanation:

See attached packet for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 2,500 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 2,500 **Vote 6-0**

**ARTICLE 41**  
**Town Infrastructure**

Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
\$ -	\$ -	\$ <b>5,000</b>

Explanation:

Town infrastructure - replace one town sign on Rte 2; town sand behind town office; add blocks, signs;  
Downtown infrastructure - banners, trash barrels, etc.

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 5,000 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 5,000 **Vote 7-0**

**ARTICLE 42**  
**Revenues**

	Adopted 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
Interest on Taxes	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000
Lien Interest	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Lien Costs	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000
Automobile Excise Tax	\$ 535,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 555,000
Boat Excise Tax	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Agent Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000
Clerk Fees	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Building Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Veteran's, Tree Growth	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,000
CMA Interest	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Sale of Assets	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
General Rents	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
Plumbing Permits	\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Chandler Farm Woodlot	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -
Police Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Fire Department County Revenue	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Landfill/Recycling Revenue	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Sale of Cemetery Lots	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500
Cemetery Account Interest	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
LORAP (State Road funds)	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
GA Reimbursement	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Recreation Program Revenue	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500	\$ 16,500
Parks & Facilities Revenue	\$ 2,250	\$ 5,250	\$ 5,250
Maine Comm. Foundation – School	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 27,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$ 200,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 265,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 940,250</b>	<b>\$ 992,450</b>	<b>\$ 1,030,450</b>

**Select Board Recommends:** \$ 1,030,450 **Vote 5-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommends:** \$ 1,030,450 **Vote 8-0**

# TOWN OF WILTON ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
Monday, May 22, 2017

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 Town Office in said town on Tuesday, the 16th day of May AD 2017 at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the evening;

And to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Academy Hill School Cafeteria in said town on Monday, the 22nd day of May AD 2017, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on Articles 3 through 52 as set out below, to wit:

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a **MODERATOR** to preside at said meeting and to vote by written ballot.

**ARTICLE 2:** To elect all **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS** and **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS** as are required to be elected.

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the Town vote to **amend the Wilton Zoning Ordinance - Site Plan Review, Section 6.5 Criteria & Standards, Item A.21 Performance Standards**, Line ‘k’ (page 61)?

**Current:** Page 61 Item k. “The amount of dust, noise, or smoke produced.”

**Proposed:** Page 61 Item k. “The amount of dust, noise, smoke *or odors detectable at the lot line.*”

**The Planning Board recommends: Yes.**

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the Town vote to amend the **Town of Wilton Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance?**

(Proposed ordinance with amendments available at the Wilton Town Office)

**Explanation:** The purpose of the amendments are to include “Abandoned Buildings” into the ordinance and to address the detrimental effects of abandoned property. The ordinance amendments will allow municipal authority to manage abandoned buildings pursuant to LD 30-A MRSA§3106-A.

The Property Maintenance Ordinance also seeks to add the **Residential II** zoning area to be included in the minimum standards of the conditions and maintenance of buildings, structures and properties. Other zone areas presently include the **Downtown Village, Residential I and Commercial** zoning areas of the town.

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the Town vote to adopt the **Town of Wilton Disbursement Warrant Ordinance?**

**Explanation: The proposed Disbursement Warrant Article is as follows:**

#### **Disbursement Warrant Ordinance**

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide an alternative to the statutory procedure for approval of warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse money.

Section 2. Authority.

This ordinance is enacted pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. §§3001 (municipal home rule) and 5603(2) (A).

### Section 3. Procedure for Approval.

The treasurer may disburse money only on the authority of a warrant drawn for the purpose, either (a) affirmatively voted and signed by a majority of the municipal officers at a duly called meeting, (b) seen and signed by a majority of them acting individually and separately, or (c) signed as otherwise provided by law for the disbursement of employees' wages and benefits and payment of municipal education costs.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Selectpersons and Overseers** compensation and expenses.

Adopted 2016-17: \$9,000	Selectpersons Recommend: <u>\$9,000</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$9,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <u>\$9,000</u> - vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 7:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Planning and Code Enforcement** activities.

Adopted 2016-17: \$24,800	Selectpersons Recommend: <u>\$21,750</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$21,750</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <u>\$21,750</u> - vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 8:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Government Administration**.

Adopted 2016-17: \$280,400	Selectpersons Recommend: <u>\$293,700</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$293,700</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <u>\$293,700</u> - vote 8-0

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

**ARTICLE 9:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government Building Account**.

Adopted 2016-17: \$8,200	Selectpersons Recommend: <u>\$13,200</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$13,200</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <u>\$13,200</u> - vote 8-0

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

**ARTICLE 10:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Assessing** activities.

Adopted 2016-17: \$33,325	Selectpersons Recommend: <u>\$36,275</u> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$36,275</b>	Finance Committee Recommends: <u>\$36,275</u> - vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 11:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Contingent and Legal Account.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$10,000  
**Proposed 2017-18: \$10,000**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$10,000** - vote 5-0  
Finance Committee Recommends: **\$10,000** - vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 12:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Insurance Account.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$70,500  
**Proposed 2017-18: \$70,500**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$70,500** - vote 5-0  
Finance Committee Recommends: **\$70,500** - vote 8-0

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

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$484,240  
**Proposed 2017-18: \$492,374**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$492,374** - vote 5-0  
Finance Committee Recommends: **\$492,374** - vote 8-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$121,740  
**Proposed 2017-18: \$135,760**

Selectpersons Recommend: **\$135,760** - vote 4-0-1  
Finance Committee Recommends: **\$135,760** Yes/consensus

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.

**ARTICLE 15:** Shall the Town approve the purchase of a Light Duty Rescue Fire Truck, including ancillary equipment, transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; and appropriate **\$95,000** from the **Comfort Inn Omnibus Municipal Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to pay a portion of the Light Duty Rescue Fire Truck?**

Selectpersons Recommend: **Yes**

Note: The cost for the Rescue Fire Truck is anticipated to be \$115,500. A sum of \$17,000 from the Fire Department Capital Account and \$3,600 from the sale of the Fire Department 4x4 Forestry Truck shall also be used for the purchase. The Rescue Truck will replace the current Squad Truck and the 4x4 Forestry Truck.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Safety Building (Fire/Police Station).**

Adopted 2016-17: \$31,280	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$51,280</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$51,280</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$51,280</u></b> - vote 8-0

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 Public Safety building.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Northstar Ambulance Subsidy.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$30,577	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$20,206</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$20,206</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$20,206</u></b> - vote 8-0

**ARTICLE 18:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street and Traffic Lighting.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$37,600	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$37,600</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$37,600</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$37,600</u></b> - vote 8-0

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

**ARTICLE 19:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for water rates for **Public Fire Protection.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$144,468	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$144,468</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$144,468</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$144,468</u></b> - vote 8-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$859,850	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$871,850</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$871,850</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$871,850</u></b> - vote 7-0

Note: This article provides for Summer Highway, Winter Highway, and Equipment & Repairs. This article also includes a capital account for Highway Department equipment.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works Building** (Town Garage) account.

Adopted 2016-17: \$14,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$14,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$14,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$14,000</u></b> - vote 7-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$300,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$300,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$300,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$300,000</u></b> - vote 7-0

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.

Proposed paving projects this year include: Paving of Walker Hill Road; rebuild and paving of 800 ft. of Munson Road; rebuild and paving of Gilbert Street North, overlay paving of Holmes Street; maintenance sealing or overlay paving of additional roads as funds allow.

Sidewalks – rebuild and pave - East Wilton, 1200 ft.; School St. to Rt. 156, 300 ft.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Transfer Station and Recycling Department.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$278,150	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$272,150</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$272,150</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$272,150</u></b> - vote 7-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$33,800	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$37,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$37,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$37,000</u></b> - vote 8-0

Note: This article provides funds for the operation and maintenance of municipally controlled cemeteries, including a \$600 stipend for the East Wilton Cemetery. Also, the article includes the flags for Veterans.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **General Assistance.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$6,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$6,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$6,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$6,000</u></b> - vote 8-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$15,532	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$15,732</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$15,732</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$15,732</u></b> – vote 8-0

Note: This article provides for the Town's share of the Franklin County Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officer.

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$300	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$300</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$300</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$300</u></b> - vote 8-0

Note: This is a State mandated position

**ARTICLE 28:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wilton Area Food Pantry.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$2,500	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$2,500</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b> - vote 7-1

**ARTICLE 29:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tri-County Area **Safe Voices** agency.

Adopted 2016-17: \$3,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b> - vote 4-1
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$3,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b> - vote 7-0

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$80,765	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$84,102</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$84,102</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$84,102</u></b> - vote 7-0

Note: This article provides funds to operate the municipal recreation program.

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$34,025	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$34,625</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$34,625</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$34,625</u></b> - vote 7-0

Note: This article provides funds for the upkeep and maintenance of parks, including grounds care, equipment, structures and utilities. The increase to this department will be offset by an increase in certain park and recreation fees and is reflected in the town's revenue account.

**ARTICLE 32:** To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate for a **Building Demolition Capital Account with the funds to be offset from the undesignated fund balance.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$50,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$50,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$50,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$50,000</u></b> - vote 8-0

Note: This article provides funds to add to the demolition capital account for the costs associated with the demolition of town owned buildings, including the former Forster Mill site.

**ARTICLE 33:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town's **Conservation Commission.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$365	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$ 365</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$365</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$ 365</u></b> - vote 8-0

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

**ARTICLE 34:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wilton Free Public Library.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$109,675	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$110,575</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$110,575</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$110,575</u></b> - vote 7-0

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 35:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Debt Service.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$15,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$7,000</u></b> - vote 4-0-1
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$7,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$7,000</u></b> -Yes/consensus

Note: This article provides for the partial annual payment of the Quint Ladder Truck approved by voters in 2015. Proceeds from the sale of Engine 7 will pay \$17,441.25 toward this annual payment. Voters will be asked to approve \$30,000 from the tax increment financing district to pay toward the annual payment. The total annual payment is \$54,441.25.

**ARTICLE 36:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Waste Treatment Debt Service.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$15,000	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$15,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$15,000</u></b> - vote 6-2

Note: This article provides a partial payment for the third payment of a thirty-year loan for the Waste Treatment Plant Pump Station upgrade. Rate payers will cover the remainder of the Phase I repayment loan. The recommendation from the Select board and Finance Committee is to raise

and appropriate \$15,000 for the Phase I repayment (and consider \$15,000 from the Tax Increment Financing District) with no additional funding toward the Phase II Waste Treatment Plant upgrade loans.

**ARTICLE 37:** 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 lease/purchase payment 2013 HME 78' Aerial Quint Fire Truck.**

Selectpersons recommend: Yes

**ARTICLE 38:** To see if the town will vote to appropriate **\$15,000** 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.**

**ARTICLE 39:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Wilton Blueberry Festival.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$2,800	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$3,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$3,000</u></b> - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 40:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.**

Adopted 2016-17: \$2,500	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$2,500</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$2,500</u></b> - vote 6-0

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.

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

Adopted 2016-17: \$0	Selectpersons Recommend:	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b> - vote 5-0
<b>Proposed 2017-18: \$5,000</b>	Finance Committee Recommends:	<b><u>\$5,000</u></b> - vote 6-0

**ARTICLE 42:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all **REVENUES** received, that are not dedicated or otherwise appropriated for other expenses, to reduce 2015-16 tax commitment.  
**Estimated amount: \$1,030,450**

Selectpersons Recommend:	<b>\$1,030,450</b>	vote 5-0
Finance Committee Recommends:	<b>\$1,030,450</b>	vote

Yes/consensus

Note: This article authorizes the application of non-property tax revenue received from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018 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 43:** 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 2017/18, as the Selectpersons deem advisable.

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

**Selectpersons Recommend: Yes**

**ARTICLE 44:** To see if the Town will **VOTE (BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT) TO INCREASE THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT** of \$2,023,050 established for the Town of Wilton by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved in the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Explanation: The tax levy limit is a formula designed to comply with Maine law on the rate of property tax increases. The amount of \$2,023,050 represents a net budget consisting of total expenses (all money warrant articles) less the revenues received. A “yes” vote will allow for this limit to be increased to accommodate the potential that voters may vote for additional monies; a “no” vote means the tax levy limit cannot be increased.

**ARTICLE 45:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the full amount of the **2017/18 Beeline Cable Franchise** fees, estimated at **\$20,000**, 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 46:** 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, 2016 was \$953.28.

**ARTICLE 47:** 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, 2018 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 48:** 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 49:** 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 50:** 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 51:** 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.

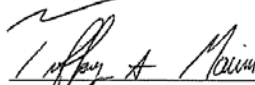
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**ARTICLE 52:** To see if the Town will vote that **the first half of Real and Personal Property Taxes be due and payable on November 3, 2017, and that the second half of Real and Personal Property Taxes be due and payable on May 3, 2018**, and that **interest** at the rate of **7.0%** per annum be charged on the unpaid balance beginning **November 6, 2017 and May 4, 2018**. *(Note; Per Title 36, M.R.S.A. Section 505.4, the maximum rate of interest that can be charged is 7%; 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 Thursday's and Fridays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM to correct the voting list and accept new registrations.

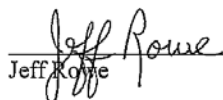
Given under our hands at Wilton, Maine, this 4rd day of April, 2017.

  
Tiffany Maiuri, Chairperson


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Jeffrey Adams

  
Ruth Cushman

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John Black

  
Jeff Rowe

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Wilton Board of Selectpersons

A True Copy. Attest:  Town Clerk

Thank you to the Photographers of this year's Town Report:

Top

David Olson - Panorama of Wilson Stream, East Wilton

Second Row Left to Right:

David Olson - Bass Park Gazebo

David Olson - East Wilton Trestle Bridge

Bottom Row Left to Right:

Susan Atwood - Wilton Free Public Library

Susan Atwood - Civil War Monument

David Olson - Indian Head, East Wilton

Thank you to Susan Atwood for the design of the cover.