

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF WISCASSET, MAINE TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL S.1903 AND HOUSE BILL H.R. 3970.

WHEREAS, in 1982, the United States Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 which recognized that there would be a tremendous economic and social burden placed on communities after nuclear power plants had been decommissioned, particularly if the spent fuel rods were not moved off-site to a permanent location within the United States or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 noted that when such plants became inactive, that a grant should be provided to those suffering from such closure equal to \$15.00 per each kilogram of nuclear fuel still stored in the affected community; and

WHEREAS, there has been legislation introduced in both the United States Senate (S.1903) and in the House of Representative (House Bill H.R. 3970) which would provide relief to this Town and assist in its recovery from the economic damage caused by the closing of the Maine Yankee Nuclear Plant; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would also take into account the fact that the nuclear spent fuel rods are still maintained at the Maine Yankee site preventing its further use for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, the Secretary of Energy would establish and carry out a program to make payments to units of general local government within the jurisdictional boundaries of which an eligible (decommissioned) civilian nuclear power plant is located; and

WHEREAS, for each eligible (decommissioned) civilian nuclear power plant which would include Maine Yankee, the Secretary would make a payment to the general local government per fiscal year under a program established under Section 6(a) of the proposed legislation; and

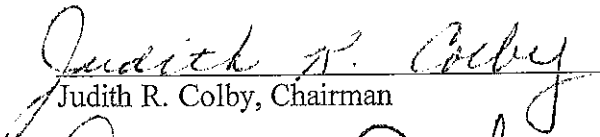
WHEREAS, under the proposed legislation, this Town would receive approximately \$8.1 million per year in funding; and

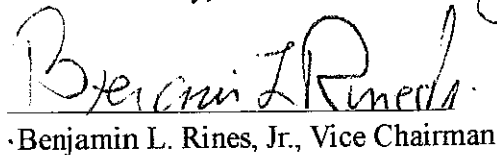
WHEREAS, for any fiscal year, the Secretary would, on a pro rata basis, reduce the amount paid to a unit of general local government under the program established under Section 6(a) of the proposed legislation as necessary to ensure, to the extent possible, that a payment is made to a unit of general local government with respect to each eligible (decommissioned) civilian nuclear power plant for that fiscal year; and

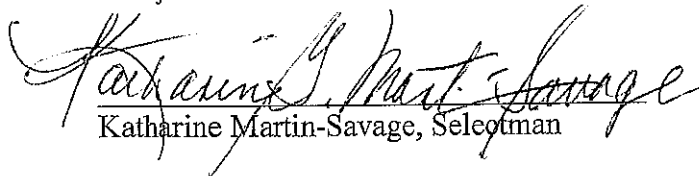
WHEREAS, for the purpose of this legislation passing Congress and being implemented into law, it is the opinion of the Board of Selectman that it is imperative that its United States Senators, Susan Collins and Angus King support and co-sponsor this legislation in the Senate and that its United States Representatives, Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin, support and co-sponsor this legislation in the House;

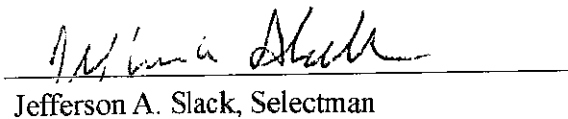
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of Wiscasset, Maine, in regular session this 30th day of January 2018 as follows:

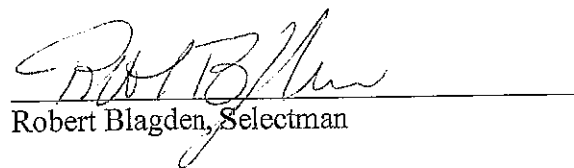
1. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to support a program to make payments to units of general local government within the jurisdictional boundaries of which an eligible (decommissioned) civilian nuclear power plant is located.
2. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to utilize funds for Capital Improvements as it sees fit to undo the irrefutable economic harm done due to the closing (decommissioning) of the nuclear power plant.
3. The Board hereby supports the proposed legislation – Senate Bill S.1903 and House Bill H.R. 3970, sponsored by Senator Tammy Duckworth and Representative Bradley Scott Schneider respectively.
4. The Board finds that it is imperative that the legislation receive additional support from its United States Senators, Susan Collins and Angus King, as to the proposed Senate legislation and by Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin as to the proposed House legislation.
5. This Board hereby formally requests that Senator Susan Collins and Senator Angus King co-sponsor Senate Bill S.1903 and that Representatives Chellie Pingree and Bruce Poliquin co-sponsor House Bill H.R. 3970.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


Judith R. Colby, Chairman


Benjamin L. Rines, Jr., Vice Chairman


Katharine Martin-Savage, Selectman


Jefferson A. Slack, Selectman


Robert Blagden, Selectman