

TOWN OF WISCASSET  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 PM at the Wiscasset Municipal Building.

Budget Committee members in attendance: Judith Colby, Sherri Dunbar, Pamela Dunning, , Judy Flanagan, George Greene, Richard Hanson, Steve Mehrl and Greg Shea.. There is currently one vacant seat on the Committee.

The Budget Committee met to vote on some articles as presented on the fourth draft of the Official Ballot for the Annual Town Meeting in Wiscasset Maine scheduled for June 9, 2009.

Municipal Operating Budget questions were voted as follows:

Steve Mehrl moved Question 4 for Municipal Planning/Code Enforcement for the amount of \$130,250.

Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 8-0.

Judith Colby moved Question 9 for Fire Department for the amount of \$85,025. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 8-0.

Greg Shea moved Question 11 for Municipal Highway Department for the amount of \$634,128. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion failed 1-7. Judith Colby moved to approve the amount of \$675,323, this amount to increase the department by one position. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 7-1.

Budget Committee paused to consider the request of LCTV to increase their stipend to \$20,000. It was universally agreed that there was no interest in doing so at this time.

Municipal Capital Improvement questions were voted as follows:

Judy Flanagan moved to revisit Question 16 for Road and Sidewalk Repair. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion failed 3-4.

There was a discussion about the use of Block Grant or URIP money in the Highway Department. Greg Shea moved for the Budget Committee to make an official stand that these funds received by the Town of Wiscasset be appropriated for Road and Sidewalk Repair over and above the amount raised and appropriated for such and not be used to offset the Municipal Highway Department budget. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 8-0.

Steve Mehrl moved revisit Question 20 for Airport. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0. Steve Mehrl moved Question 20 for Airport for the amount of \$58,833. Motion was seconded by Judy Flanagan. Motion passed 8-0.

Judy Flanagan moved Question 22 for Transfer Station for the amount of \$516,503. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Municipal Enterprise account was voted as follows:

Pamela Dunning moved revisit Question 25 for Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 8-0. George Greene moved Question 25 for Wastewater Treatment Plant for the amount of \$386,854. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 8-0.

Judy Flanagan moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by /Sherri Dunbar. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Following a brief meeting of the Board of Selectmen during which they added Question 11B for the Municipal Highway Department to allow voters to consider the amount approved by the Budget Committee, Chair Steve Mehrl reconvened the Budget Committee meeting at 9:07 PM.

Sherri Dunbar moved Question 11B for the Municipal Highway Department for the amount of \$675,323. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-1

Judith Colby moved to adjourn. Having no further business, the meeting adjourned 9:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning, Clerk