

Wiscasset Budget Committee Meeting
Wiscasset Municipal Building
September 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

Budget Committee members in attendance: Steve Mehrl, Greg Shea, Judith Colby and Ed Polewarczyk. Sherri Dunbar joined the meeting later. Currently there are three vacant seats on the Committee.

Steve requested a motion be made to change the agenda to include the approval of the meeting minutes of June 25th and July 21st. Ed Polewarczyk made the motion. The motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Mehrl made the motion to accept the minutes of June 25th as written. Motion was seconded by Ed Polewarczyk. Motion passed 4-0.

Steve Mehrl made the motion to accept the minutes of the July 21st meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 4-0.

The committee discussed the proposal to increase the Wiscasset Police Department. The following are the concerns the committee has regarding this issue:

- 1. Requesting the increase outside the budget process**
- 2. The people voted on the police budget knowing there would be no 24 hour coverage**
- 3. Current data doesn't compare Wiscasset with other towns of the same size**
- 4. Possibility of utilizing the Sheriff's Department**
- 5. Requesting a presentation from the Sheriff's office on utilizing their services**
- 6. Clarification on the 4,500 hours of overtime**
- 7. Due to State and Federal budget cuts, Wiscasset should start reducing its expenses**

Steve Mehrl made the motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted, Judith Colby, Clerk