

## **Minutes of Impromptu Wiscasset Budget Committee Meeting on April 24, 2012**

The Meeting was convened at the conclusion of the Selectmen's Meeting.  
The Selectmen's meeting was for authorization of the FY 2012-2013 Warrant for June 12, 2012 election.  
All 8 members of the Budget Committee were present.

### **Warrant Article 4 (RSU-12 Withdrawal and appropriation of \$55,000)**

Dick Hanson moved a "No Recommendation" designation on Article 4. Ray Soule seconded.  
Discussion. Vote was 3 in favor and 5 opposed. Motion failed.

Town Clerk Christine Wolfe was asked to join us for information on "NoRecommendation" versus a numerical "For" or "Against" vote. Charlotte Boynton joined the public meeting at this point.  
Discussion ensued with the result that Bob Blagden moved to reconsider the "No Recommendation" on Article 4. Ray Soule seconded.

The vote in favor of reconsidering "No Recommendation" for Article 4 was 8 in favor and 0 opposed

Bob Blagden then moved Article 4 as written on the Warrant. Ray Soule seconded.  
Voting was 1 in favor and 7 opposed. This designation will be noted on the Warrant.

### **Warrant Article 39 (Lincoln County TV \$7,000 Appropriation)**

Constance asked to revisit this Article in the light of new information about the yearly franchise tax  
Time Warner cable pays the Town. Vote was 8 in favor and 0 opposed. The Warrant had been  
changed to allow wording that this Appropriation would come from Franchise monies—not taxes.  
Constance moved to accept Article 39. Ray Soule seconded. Vote was 2 in favor and 6 opposed.

### **Dick Hanson's Public Explanation Letter**

With the intent of getting the information out to the voters of the reasoning behind the Budget  
Committee's recommendations or lack thereof on the Warrant, Dick composed a letter for the voters.  
Dick gave each member a preliminary draft. This is the foundation for a article in the local  
newspaper. This was very well received. Plan: WBC will meet at 5:00pm on Tues. May 1 at the  
Town Office and discuss personal additions and clarifications to the letter/article.

Minutes of April 5, 2012 Budget Committee meeting were unanimously approved as written.  
There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Constance Schumann, chair