

Wiscasset Budget Committee
Fire Station
May 1, 2012

Members present:

Chair, Constance Schumann, Robert Blagden, Richard Hanson, Norman Guidoboni, Joe Piccirillo, Bill Barnes, Cliff Hendricks and Ray Soule.

Chair Schumann brought the Wiscasset Budget Committee (WBC) to order at 5pm.

Minutes of April 5th to accept by R. Soule. 2nd B. Barnes 6-0. C. Hendricks and R. Blagden joined after the vote.

Minutes of April 23rd and 24th moved to accept by B. Barnes. 2nd R. Soule. Note – Minutes of 24th taken by the Chair.

Chair Schumann turned the meeting over to R. Hanson.

Article 4. WBC needs more information as to the pros and cons. R. Blagden moved to reconsider the “No Recommendation”. R. Soule 2nd. 8-0. R. Blagden moved Article 4 as written. R. Soule 2nd 1-7. Above state attributed to notes taken by Chair.

R. Hanson’s 3rd paragraph changed to Your Budget “Committee has reviewed”.

Article’s 7 and 10. The Town’s Planning and Code Officers part-time employment have ballooned to full-time without the approval of the voting public. Example Article 7. 20% rise. Suggesting – combining responsibilities.

Article 1. Contingency Fund has increased 100% as previously noted. This Fund is used in a myriad of ways. Example – raises?

Article 27. Tax monies to seed clam beds in supporting a handful of diggers, who in turn, sell to wholesalers. Any benefit to the Town?

Article 30. Budget is higher than last years. Sticking point. Tax payers were sold on the premise that the center would not burden tax payers after five 5 years.

Article 32. Fund changed to \$65,492. This reflects or points out monies from the Cemetery Fund are funneled to the Highway Department to support a full time position. Would it be cheaper to contract out a possibility?

Article 36. speaks for itself? Do we need a Supt. For 4 employees? Tax monies used to train part timers to upgrade licenses using Town equipment / hours a good fit?

Article 37. Yes, costs are up. So is everyone's. What happened to the five 5 year plan? Please refer to Article 30.

Article 38. Is a boat necessary? Maintenance, insurance, launching, fuel are four 4 times more than the Harbor Master's stipend.

Article 39. Vote changed to 2-6 April 24th.

Article 39-44. Voters should have the option to express their opinion without the Town Fathers and Manager guidance.

Article 45. Sweet and to the point.

Article 48. Is this an attempt to expand the waterfront piers via a walkway? Funds are better spent on keeping up what we have. For the amount of use the waterfront gets, is this Grant necessary?

Motion to adjourn. Moved by R. Soule. 2nd C. Hendricks 6:45 8-0.

Respectfully submitted: Norman Guidoboni, Clerk