

Wiscasset Budget Committee
Hearing Room
February 21, 2013

Members Present:

Chair, Cliff Hendricks, Bob Blagden, Bill Barnes, Ray Soule, David Miete, Kent Reed and Norman Guidoboni.

Chairman Hendricks opened the Wiscasset Budget Committee meeting at Romeo 18:00.

Chairman Hendricks welcomed new Member, Kent Reed.

Chairman moved to approve the Minutes of January 17th. Approved by B. Barnes, 2nd by David Miete. 6-0-1 abstention.

Board approved the draft as presented to be in the Town Report.

February 21st 09:00

Cliff Hendricks and Norman Guidoboni met with Town Manager Laurie Smith.

Board members broached the idea of reducing Transfer Station by \$100,00.00, Highway by \$200,000.00 as suggested at a previous Selectmen's meeting. Taking a % from each Department not a viable solution. Can the public withstand a cut in services? Attrition is a viable option due to Union Contract. Board member Hendricks would like more give and take with the Selectmen. Ms. Smith suggested the WBC invite Selectboard Chairman Pam Dunning meet with us. N. Guidoboni in talking with the Selectman Chairman, that WBC is too negative. Town Manager mentioned that the public is angry, rude and disrespectful to the Selectboard. Augusta's final decision to play a role in formulating our 2013/2014 budget.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 19 th	Receive Budget
Saturday, March 23 rd	All Day Budget Meetings with Department Heads
Thursday, March 28 th	Workshop with WBC and Selectboard
March 21 st	Meeting moved to the 28 th to give us time to discuss the budget.
April 2 nd	Public Informational Meeting
April 19 th or 16 th	Selectmen Vote
April 23 rd	Sign Warrant

Asides

Board member questioned the \$11,000.00 fine to Sewer Treatment Plant. Payment will be taken from the operating account. This begs the question, "Are Budgets overinflated?" Yes, maybe not. Is the Town going to be responsible for a DEP Evaluator? Putting aside, are Town Officials committed to reducing the budgets?

Chairman Hendricks entertained a Motion to adjourn. Moved by B. Barnes, 2nd by B. Blagden
7-0. 19:04

Respectfully submitted: Norman Guidoboni, Clerk