

Wiscasset Budget Committee Meeting
Wiscasset Municipal Building
March 30, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM at the Municipal Building.

Budget Committee Members in attendance: Constance Schumann, Richard Hanson, Gregg Hammond, Steve Jarrett, Steve Mehrl and Sherri Dunbar. Members not in attendance: Evan Goodkowsky and Mark Johnson. There is currently one seat open on the Committee. Selectman Judy Colby was also present for the meeting.

The meetings started with discussion on how the meeting would be conducted. It was decided that rather than using the list that was provided to check for discussion or not, we would just go through each individually and vote.

The following Articles were voted in the order presented (alphabetical) not chronological.

We began with the Administration Department. Several issues were brought up that Steve Mehrl was going to look into. There was concern that the telephone lines throughout the building are showing up in Administration but that some of the departments still have them in their budgets. There were also discussions about the cost of advertising throughout General Government and whether or not we are buying our office supplies in bulk.

Sherri Dunbar made a motion to vote on General Government, Article 6. The motion was seconded by Constance Schumann. Steve Jarrett voiced his disapproval of the number of street lights in town. After much discussion, he made a motion to amend the first motion, to request that \$2,000 be removed from the budget to bring it to \$388,064. Steve Mehrl seconded his amended motion. The vote passed 5-0-1. Steve Jarrett then made a motion to vote on the article as amended. The motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. The article passed 5-0-1.

Steve Mehrl made a motion to accept (Airport), Article 37. Dick Hanson seconded the motion. The article passed 6-0.

Constance Schumann made a motion to accept (Animal Control) Article 15. The motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. The article passed 6-0.

Dick Hanson made a motion to accept (Boards and Committees) Article 9. The motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. The article passed 6-0.

At this point it was 8:30pm and Steve Mehrl made a motion to extend the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. The vote passed 6-0.

Sherri Dunbar made a motion to accept Article 13 (police). The motion was seconded by Dick Hanson. The motion passed 4-2.

Steve Jarrett made a motion to amend the amount in the article for Capital Improvements to \$427,000. The motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. The vote passed 6-0. The discussion around the amendment was the board would like to see the \$3,000 for the ice rink liner taken out of the budget. The board would also like to see the evaluation of new versus used for the replacement truck at the Transfer Station. Steve Mehrl made the motion to accept the Article as Amended. The motion was seconded by Steve Jarrett. The motion passed 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Future business: Continue with voting tomorrow night.

Respectfully submitted
Sherri Dunbar, Clerk