

WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN/BUDGET COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2008

Present: Selectmen Duane Goud, David Nichols and Phil DiVece; Budget Committee members Judy Colby, Pamela Dunning, Bob Fairfield, George Greene, Dick Hanson, Steve Mehrl, Tony True

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

(Note: See Minutes of April 22, 2008 for final votes on the ballot questions for budget items.)

Changes in Dept. 25-01

10-02 - Full time salaries evened off to \$34,000
70-01 - Dues and fees changed to \$500
70-02 - Travel and Meetings reduced by \$250
Total remains \$178,405

No changes to 25-02, 25-05

Changes to 25-06

10-02 - Changed to \$36,047 to include Becky Applin full time (moved from GA)
10-07 - Changed to \$5,486
10-08 - Changed to \$1,283
10-09 - Changed to \$5,198
10-10 - Changed to \$1,000
Subtotal changed to \$100,416

40-02 - Changed to \$356
40-06 - To be determined (to include one family and one single)
40-07 - Changed to \$1,532
50-04 - Changed to \$4,000
Total - \$154,391

No changes to 25-07, 25-08

Changes to 25-11

90-01 - Increased to \$65,000 for abatements, union contracts and handicap accessibility
Total \$65,000

No changes to 25-12, 25-17

Changes to 25-30

30-22 - line item for Peter Murray's firm for consultant fees
30-47 - Increased to \$20,000
30-51 - Increased to \$57,000, (\$42,000 for Capital Improvements for Federal Street, Statement of need and preliminary plans to MDOT by 10/08)
30-52 - Increased to \$15,000 to repay the school (Phil DiVece opposed, it was raised and appropriated after the mill rate was set and should have been taken out of surplus.)
30-54 - Reduced to \$15,000 - 5th year of Maine Yankee contract for reassessment
Total \$160,684

No changes to 25-31, 25-32, 25-33

Changes to 25-34

10-02 through 10-10 and 40-02 through 40-07 have been reduced to \$0, changed to finance (Admin. Asst. will do GA work)

Total \$13,750

Changes to 25-35

40-18 - Increased to \$2,802

Total \$70,000

No changes to 25-36, 25-37, 25-38

Changes to 27-01

10-07 - Increased by \$1

No changes to 27-02, 27-09

(No invoice for repairs to ladder truck, take out of surplus)

Changes to 31-03

10-07 - Decreased to \$16,880

10-08 - Decreased to \$3,948

10-09 - Decreased to \$13,936

Total \$693,588

No change to 31-11

Changes to 45-04

90-97 - Matching Grant Funds line added (\$2,500 grant applied for)

Total \$13,080

Changes to 45-15

90-13 - To be resolved: Budget Committee: \$88,000 (8-0), Selectmen: \$80,000 - (not raised for three years, staff has been reduced)

53-01

\$18,804 is bid to be accepted if warrant article passes

Changes to 53-02

90-28 - Selectmen changed to \$0 - will not be on warrant

Changes to 53-03

90-28 - To be resolved - decreased by Selectmen to \$30,000 (1/2 this year 1/2 next year)

Changes to 53-05

90-28 - To be resolved - decreased by Selectmen to \$50,000 (two-year capital reserve) Budget Committee and Phil DiVece oppose.

Changes to 53-06

90-28 - reduced to \$0

Delete 53-07, 53-09

No change to 53-10, 53-11, 53-12, 53,19

Delete 53-26

Changes to 53-34

90-28 - Reduced \$5,000 to \$20,000 (\$5,000 will be taken from hot-topping budget)

No change to 53-42, 53-52, 53-53, 53-57, 53-58, 53-59,

Change to 53-60

90-28 - To be resolved - Budget Committee: \$135,000, Selectmen \$65,000. Phil DiVece in favor of \$135,000, questions whether truck should be on road.

Delete 53-61

Change to 53-62

90-28 - Decrease to \$6,545 (with discount)

No change to 53-63, 53,64, 53-65

Change to 53-66

90-28 - Decreased to \$0 - in current year budget

Change to 53-67

90-28 - Increased to \$5,000

Change to 53-68

90-28 - moved to Waterfront budget

Change to 53-69

Moved to 54-05 (70-09)

Change to 53-70

90-28 - reduced to \$0

Change to 53-71

90-28 - To be resolved -Budget Committee \$0 (7-2) (Exterior maintenance)

Change to 53-72

90-28 - To be resolved - Budget Committee: \$1,500; Selectmen \$2,500

No change to 53-73

Change to 53-74

90-28 - Reduced to \$0 - moved to Contractual Services

Changes to 55-02

50-07 - Increase to \$1000
50-16 - Increase to \$500
Total - \$49,118

Changes to 55-03

60-06 - Increased to \$9,000 for aluminum ramp
90-95 - Added \$30,000
90-96 - Added \$1,500
Total \$83,734

No change to 55-04

Changes to 55-05

10-02 - Changed to \$102,816 - decreased by 3% - in negotiations
Total \$435,130
\$277,034 to be raised through taxes

Changes to 55-06

40-06 - Increased to \$39,634 (2-1/2 people)
40-07 - Increased to \$1,830 “
70-02 - Decreased to \$500
Total \$517,995 (to be revisited)

No change to 55-07

Changes to 55-08

10-04 - Decrease to \$32,900 (30 hours)
50-17 - Includes \$3,750 for computers
Total \$237,424

Notes:

There was discussion on the community center's request for \$100,000 so it could offer free memberships to Wiscasset residents. The Budget Committee opposed because of the possibility of it turning into day care center. Duane Goud said the rules about children being accompanied by parents would still apply. Although there will be increased costs with more people using the facility, those using it might take advantage of other activities offered above and beyond the free membership. Phil DiVece recommended letting the voters decide at the November election when a larger turnout could be expected. Duane Goud and David Nichols favored voting at Town Meeting.

The endowment was discussed. Duane Goud said the endowment is designated in the reserve account as recreation funds which were left over when the building was built. There were questions about uses of the endowment or interest from the endowment and the purpose of establishing an endowment. Pamela Dunning said before any vote is taken, there should be a written policy on how the endowment would be used. Phil DiVece recommended that Todd Souza be invited to answer questions on the matter.

The Budget Committee will meet on April 14 at 6:30. There are six items to be resolved.

Dick Hanson asked about pay raises for Buck Rines, Woody Freeman and Bob Blagden which are not included in the budget. Duane Goud said they would be taken from contingency funds; and there had not been time to meet with the three for negotiations

Arthur Faucher distributed a letter from Attorney Eliot Field who represents the residents and contractor of Borski's Way. The letter requests that acceptance of road be on a warrant article to be voted on at Town Meeting. The Selectmen will decide whether it will appear on the ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.