

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2008

The meeting began at 6:50 PM at the Wiscasset Municipal Building

Budget committee members in attendance: Chairman Steve Mehrl, Judith Colby, Pamela Dunning, Robert Fairfield Sr., George Greene and Richard Hanson. Members absent were Sherri Dunbar, Tony True and Karl Tarbox.

Members of the committee proceeded to vote on the capital improvements for the Wiscasset Community Center as follows:

Capital funds project: WCC Lockers, George Greene moved the amount of \$35,380. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 4-2.

Capital funds project: WCC Trails, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 6-0.

Capital funds project: WCC Concession stand, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 5-1.

Capital funds project: WCC Endowment fund, Pamela Dunning moved to not recommend. Motion seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 6-0.

Capital funds project: WCC Free resident membership proposal, George Greene moved to not recommend. Motion seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 6-0.

A handout was provided by Arthur Faucher for a request to increase the amount on line 53-72 Capital funds project: Downtown landscaping to include a town appearance budget for a total amount of \$4,396. This would include hiring a landscaping company to come in and do the maintenance in the sunken garden. The committee had already voted this line and decided to not revisit the item.

Discussion was raised on the school budget. IT was decided that the budget committee will vote a dollar amount and members were to consider where monetary limits may be. IT was also decided that after the vote it would be important to send out information to the press and public postings that relate the amount of money requested by the schools to the increase in mil rate and to also relate the amount of money recommended by the budget committee to the mil rate. It is the general opinion of the board members that the public will best understand the recommendations and requests as applied to the mil rate.

Judith Colby moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting closed at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning