

Wiscasset Budget Committee  
Hearing Room  
December 20, 2012

Members Present:

Chair, Cliff Hendricks, Bob Blagden, Bill Barnes, David Miete, and Norman Guidoboni.

Members Absent:

Ray Soule and Carla Chapman.

Chair Hendricks opened the meeting at Romeo 18:00.

Chairman Hendricks introduced new member, David Miete. We are still two members short.

Chairman Hendricks introduced a motion to accept the Minutes of November 15<sup>th</sup>. B. Barnes moved to accept. 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Blagden. 4-0-1 absention.

Point/Counter Point:

Discussion opened up questioning the recent purchases of equipment pertaining to the Transfer Station.

Transfer Trailer	\$52,564
Compaction and Container	\$ 9,300
Packer	<u>\$24,180</u>
	\$86,044

Payments will be made from the Transfer Station operating account. No maintenance for the two trailers being replaced. Next year, Capital or the operating account, financed over a 5-year period.

The Town spent \$154,504 for the Public Works Truck. \$125,000 came from Capital Reserve. \$25,000 carried forward from the Public Works Fiscal Year 12 budget at \$4,504, equipment account. How did a budgeted 6-wheel truck morph into a 10-wheeler?

Question came up; How can we spend \$25,000, when we use gross budgeting? Accounts are closed out at the termination in June. 0-0-0. Auditors suggested monies be deposited to the Capital Improvement line.

Once again, the Cemetery Fund came up. If the fund is being used partially to supplement the Highway Department, is this a good use of the money? Question arose; Since these workers are

union, nothing the Town can do. Remember, every contract is negotiable. Example, lack of work, budgetary restraints, no money left, etc.

Chairman Hendricks will meet with the Town Manager for conclusive answers to the above-mentioned concerns.

Audience Comments:

RSU 12 is going to have a greater impact on our tax rate in the coming years. Houses are being put up for sale, others auctioned, some abandoned. Wiscasset Budget Committee will have to assume more responsibility to stabilize the tax rate.

Chairman Hendricks entertained a motion to adjourn. So moved, B. Blagden. 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Barnes. 5-0 at Romeo 19:26.

Next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup>, January 2013.

Respectfully submitted: Norman Guidoboni, Clerk