

Wiscasset Budget Committee

Wiscasset Hearing Room

March 28, 2013

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Ray Soule

Chairman Hendricks opened the meeting at Juliet 1802.

Chairman Hendricks introduced new member, John Merry.

Chairman Hendricks moved to approve the Minutes of February 21st with the following changes: 3rd sentence, paragraph 1, should read, "...attrition is a viable option due to Union Contract." Line 6, "talking" not "taking". B. Blagden moved to accept Minutes with changes. 2nd B. Barnes.

WBC – Please refer to April 2nd handout.

Just a few notes on the WBC's meeting this past Thursday evening, the 28th. They are the thoughts and ideas or general notes that came up and represent nothing other than that; just ideas and thoughts. No vote was taken or given on any of these matters. "NSTR" stands for "Nothing Significant To Report", and should not be interpreted to mean an "up or down vote" on this budget area.

Administration: Who is covered under the two family plan? Explain 40-10 Income protection insurance for Manager. 70-02-70-03 travel to meetings. Please explain where meetings have taken place \$2800.

Airport: NSTR

Animal Control: NSTR

Assessing: 10-01 17.54% pay increase? FICA 17.57% Medicare 17.57%

Boards and Committees: NSTR

Capital Improvement: \$55,000 to repair aerial ladder truck, turn table engine. Is this adequate?

Fire Station: Need a new generator? Explore rental units? CAP unit to power whole complex an option.

Police: Replace 2008 Ford with \$126,000 miles.

Public Works: Zero turn lawn motors, funds taken from Cemetery Endowment? Lowers Public Works budget.

Transfer Station: NSTR

Wastewater: NSTR

Celebrations: NSTR

Cemeteries: Public comment – Put out to bid! 60-08 Necessary for a new motor?

Clerk: NSTR

Code Enforcement: Combine position with Town Planner? Not enough activity for both positions. CEO 20 hours per week. Town picks full health insurance. Full-time Assessor pays 76.39%. Please explain. Combining positions saves \$30,000 plus.

Community Organizations: LCTV tax payers are not raising donations for a service that some can't use. Library budget is private and public totaling \$115,500. Is the Town prepared to raise \$5,000 for the above and LCTV?

Contingency: Selectboard, WBC has no comment until actual number is proposed.

Contractual Services: NSTR

Debt Service: NSTR

Elections: NSTR

EMS: NSTR

Finance: NSTR

Fire: 60-51 \$581.30 police cruiser.

General Assistance: NSTR

Insurance: NSTR

Municipal Building: 10-09 Retirement for 20 hour week?

Recreation: Oil, gas, insurance, cleaning and electricity billed under Senior Center budget. What happened to five (5) year plan?

Planning: 10-01 Originally hired for 30 hours – now 40. \$24.95 per hour, plus benefits. 10-09 salary match.

Police: NSTR

Public Works: 60-12 What buildings are covered? Arts building lease?

Senior Center: Taxes pay \$30,000 approximately for dinners.

Transfer Station: 10-03 Part timers – attrition?

Wastewater: NSTR

Waterfront: 10-24 \$12,509 raise (stipend position?) Does boat justify itself?

Chair Hendricks moved to adjourn. J. Merry moved, 2nd D. Miete. 7-0. Juliet 2215.

Revised March 30th

Submitted by Clifford Hendricks and Norman Guidoboni