**Wiscasset Budget Committee**

**DRAFT** Minutes: July 18, 2022

In attendance:

Brian Adams

Kim Dolce

Tom Joyce

Katharine Martin-Savage

Sharon Jacques joined meeting by phone during final minutes (issues with Zoom)

Dennis Simmons

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm by Dennis Simmons.

**Elect Chair and Clerk**

Tom and Kim both nominated. Kim declined nomination. Tom elected Chair unanimously.

Kim nominated for Clerk and elected unanimously.

**Approval of minutes from May 18, 2022**

No changes or corrections noted. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Other Business – Topics discussed during May 18 meeting:**

**Usefulness of Budget Committee** - Tom expressed concern if Budget’s only function is to vote on warrant articles. Asks how committee can be more involved prior to financial concerns moving to the Select Board. Dennis notes various tasks where help may be useful such as tabulating budget data.

**Budget Ordinance** - Kim questions if ordinance governing Budget Committee is being followed. If Budget is advisory, should they vote before Select Board. Dennis interprets ordinance use of the word ‘article’ to mean that Select Board must first vote to add items to warrant before they become ‘articles’ which Budget then votes on. Tom asks Dennis if his interpretation of the ordinance is that Budget is not so much advisory, but simply to vote on articles and let people draw their own conclusions. Dennis notes that Budget is present for all budget workshops and is free to do research as they see fit.

**Next Meeting** – Tom asks when we can meet with Select Board. Dennis reads from ordinance that Budget Committee must meet at least once between the Annual Town Meeting and December 15. Discussion over how far budget process may be in November / early December. No date set for meeting.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned 5:41