BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Town shall have a Budget Committee. Its By-laws are as follows: [3-46, 3-65, 6-24]

2.1 The Wiscasset Budget Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") shall­ be ~~composed of nine members who are residents of Wiscasset, each serving a three year term, three of whom shall be elected each year.~~ appointed by the Selectboard and consist of 9 members, serving staggered terms of three years, all of whom shall be legal residents of Wiscasset,. In the event of a vacancy in the membership or if any member of the Committee during his or her term of office shall die, become incapacitated, resign, cease to be a resident of Wiscasset, or fail to serve, such failure to be determined by decision of the Selectboard upon report of 4 members of the Committee, the Selectboard shall promptly appoint a person to serve until the expiration of that person’s term. ~~the next Annual Town Meeting, and the vacancy shall then be filled by election of a candidate for the remainder of the term.~~ [3-77, 6-24]

2.2 The Committee shall convene at a convenient and public place within one week following the Annual Town Meeting to elect its Chairperson and Clerk. The Committee shall hold public meetings from time to time to conduct business. [3-77, 6-80, 3-98]

2.3 The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Committee when s/he is in attendance, and s/he shall convene the Committee by notice through the Clerk to all members as to the time and place of meeting. A special meeting of the Committee shall convene upon request of any 4 members of the Committee or by the Selectboard in case of an emergency provided that 3 days notice is given to all other members as to the time and place of such special meeting. ~~The Chairperson shall appoint such subcommittees and sub-committee chairmen as the Committee may, from time to time, approve.~~ ~~Every such sub-committee shall expire no later than the conclusion of the next Annual Town Meeting following its approval.~~ The Chairperson shall be entitled to vote as any other member of the Committee. [3-77, 6-80, 6-24]

2.4 The Clerk shall record the actions taken by the Committee at each meeting and shall duly notify each member as to the time and place of each meeting convened by the Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson at any meeting, the Clerk shall either serve as the Chairperson or shall appoint a Chairperson *pro ­tem* from members in attendance. [3-77]

2.5 In the event of a vacancy in the office of Chairperson or Clerk, the Committee shall elect a successor from among its members for the remainder of the term of the office vacated. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Clerk, the members attending any meeting shall elect a Chairperson and a Clerk, *pro ­tem*, from the members in attendance. [3-77]

2.6 Five members in attendance shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Committee, and no official action can be taken without a quorum being then present. In the event of one or more vacancies in the Committee membership, 4 members shall constitute a quorum. Proxies for attendance or voting shall not be accepted. In the event of a tie vote, the motion voted upon shall be deemed not to have passed. [3-77]

2.7 The Committee shall meet with the Selectboard at least once in every year between Annual Town Meeting and December 15, in order to determine the adequacy of appropriated funds and other revenues for current year departmental operations­. [3-77]

2.8 The Committee shall inquire into and consider ~~every~~ any article to be ~~submitted~~ considered before any annual or special Town meeting which provides for the borrowing, raising, transferring, and/or appropriation of any sum of money and shall make its recommendation to the Town in regard thereto or shall report specific reasons for making ~~no~~ an opposed recommendation. Tie votes shall be deemed an opposed recommendation. The Selectboard shall provide to the Chairperson or Clerk of the Committee a copy of any ~~warrant~~  article dealing with borrowing, raising, transferring and/or appropriation of any sum of money at ~~least three days~~ least a week prior to the Selectboard taking a final vote to place said article on any warrant ~~day of posting for any Town meeting to the~~ ~~Chairperson or Clerk of the Committee.~~ Pursuant to 30-A MRSA §2528 the Committee’s recommendation shall appear on any written ballot. [3-77, 3-78, 6-80, 3-98 6-24]

2.9 These by-laws may be amended by the Town at any Annual Town Meeting. [3-77, 3-78, 6-80, 6-24]