

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2008

The meeting began at 1:41 PM at the Wiscasset Municipal Building

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

The committee continued with its efforts to organize the budget information to facilitate the voting process. The final pages of the budget were compared to make sure all members had the same bottom line amounts so voting could commence.

Members of the committee proceeded to vote on the items of the municipal budget by line item numbers as follows:

Line 25-01 Administration, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$179,521. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-0 Office of Selectmen, George Greene moved the amount of \$26,811. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-05 Assessment, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$71,190. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-06 Finance/Tax Collection, Sherri Dunbar moved the amount of \$135,752. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0. This line was reduced from the original request by \$6,000; the amount budgeted for partner insurance which is not offered by the town.

Line 25-07 Town clerk/excise tax/registration, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$71,790. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-08 Elections, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$19,387. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-11 Contingency, Karl Tarbox moved the amount of \$50,000. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0. Motion was made by Karl Tarbox to revisit the question. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0. Judith Colby moved the amount of \$37,500, the amount funded last year. Motion was seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-12 Municipal building, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$84,432. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-17 Municipal Planning & development, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$88,647. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-30 Contractual services, Pamela Dunning moved the amount of \$101,684. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-31 General celebration, Sherri Dunbar moved the amount of \$12,500. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-32 Boards & committees, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$2,365. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-33 Code enforcement, Sherri Dunbar moved the amount of \$42,449. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-34 General assistance, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$26,429. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 8-0. This line was reduced from the original request by \$2,000; the amount budgeted for partner insurance which is not offered by the town.

Line 25-35 Municipal insurance, Tony True moved the amount of \$68,198. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-36 Debt service, Tony True moved the amount of \$85,000. Motion seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-37 Public utilities, Karl Tarbox moved the amount of \$140,475. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25-38 Unemployment, Karl Tarbox moved the amount of \$11,000. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 25 General government, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$1,205,050. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 27-01 Police department, George Greene moved the amount of \$301,264. Motion seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 27-02 Fire department, Tony True moved the amount of \$85,393. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 27-09 Animal control, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$7,425. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 27 Public Safety, Pamela Dunning moved the amount of \$394,082. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 31-03 Highway, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$693,588. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 31-011 Cemeteries, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$52,227. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 31 Public works, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$745,815. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 45-04 Shellfish conservation, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$10,580. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 45-15 Community organizations (multiple), Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$15,810. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 45-15 Community organizations (Wiscasset Public Library), Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$88,000. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 45 Community organizations, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$114,390. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Motion was made by Tony True to take a break. Motion was seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

The meeting reconvened. There was a brief discussion that Steve Mehrl would try to meet with Arthur tomorrow to clear up some questions about the reserve account and the movement of money from general funds back to the reserve account.

The committee continued to vote line items as follows:

Line 55-02 Airport, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$49,118. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

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Line 55-03 Waterfront & Harbors, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$46,234. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 55-04 Wastewater Treatment Plant, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$365,221. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 55-05 Recreation department, Tony True moved the amount of \$281,017 for the town's share. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. Motion passed 5-3. The total appropriation for this department is requested at \$789,093.

Line 55-06 Transfer Station, Karl Tarbox moved the amount of \$507,558. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 55-07 Senior center, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$56,880. Motion seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 55-08 Emergency Medical Services, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$249,974. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion was made by Judith Colby to amend the amount to \$233,684, the amount appropriated last year that did not include a full-time position.. Motion was seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 7-1. Judith Colby moved the amount of \$233,684. Motion was seconded by Karl Tarbox. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 53-01 Police cruiser, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$18,804. Motion seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 53-02 TS Wind generator, Karl Tarbox moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0. This item is still being researched and was not actually being asked for funding this year.

Line 53-03 TS ejector plate trailer, George Greene moved the amount of \$62,000. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion failed 4-3-1. George Greene moved the amount \$61,950. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 5-3.

Sherri Dunbar moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 8-0. Meeting closed at 5:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning