

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2008

The meeting began at 6:34 PM at the Wiscasset Municipal Building.

Budget committee members in attendance: Chairman Steve Mehrl, Judith Colby, Judy Flanagan, George Greene and Richard Hanson. Member absent was Tony True, Pamela Dunning. Sherri Dunbar joined the meeting at approximately 6:40. School Superintendent Jay McIntire was present as an invited guest speaker. Clarke Jones (Wiscasset Resident) also joined us.

Chair Steve Mehrl made a motion to accept the Agenda. George Greene questioned if all the agenda items were actually the business of the Budget Committee. This point was discussed and acknowledged that it would be beneficial for the Budget Committee to address the Agenda items. A motion was made by Judith Colby to accept the Agenda and seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motioned carried 6-0.

Judy Flanagan requested to know if we wanted to discuss corrections to the July 10th minutes prior to there being a motion to accept the minutes. It was agreed to review corrections to the minutes prior to any motion to accept the minutes. Corrections were provided and accepted. Chair Steve Mehrl made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Judy Flanagan. The motion passed 6-0

Chair Steve Mehrl made a motion to have Item 5 be taken out of order due to having Superintendent Jay McIntire available to speak with us. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. The motion passed 6-0.

At approximately 6:50 Superintendent Jay McIntire began a briefing on the School Consolidation Plan. This briefing was very informative, with many members asking questions as the briefing proceeded. Jay covered the Consolidation Plan for Sheepscot Valley RSU which Wiscasset is to become a part of. This plan will be voted on by the School Board and then after several informational meetings will be voted on by the citizens. One of the harder points to be achieved in the plan was the Cost Sharing proposal, which sets forth the percentage of the RSU cost that Wiscasset will be obligated for. It appears that a lot of thought and effort went into this portion to make it fair to all participating towns. Jay provided section (8) Existing School Funds and Financial Obligations to assist in our understanding.

[The whole plan is on the Wiscasset School web site at: www.wiscasset.k12.me.us then going to the box on the right down to consolidation. Clicking on consolidation will lead you to:
www.wiscasset.k12.me.us/Superintendent/School_Consolidation/I013563AF.0/RPCplan_1.6_Final.pdf]

Parts of the presentation Jay provided also discussed Teachers Summer Pay, the closing of a Wiscasset School, Supper Majority Vote and Lawyers fees. All members of the Committee thanked Jay for his time to brief the Budget Committee. The briefing ended at approximately 8:30.

Other items of the Agenda were briefly discussed with the dates of future meetings receiving the most attention. The activities of the school consolidation and school closing proposals will take much of September and will displace the monthly WBC meeting. Meeting dates captured are as follows:

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| August 11, 2008 | School Board meets to vote their recommendation on the Consolidation Plan |
| September 4, 2008 @ 6:30 | Presentation at the Municipal Building Meeting Room by Blatt & Associates with engineers to address School Building Closure |
| September 6, 2008 @ 9:00 | Tour of Primary, Middle and High School buildings |
| September 9, 2008 @ 6:30 | FOAA (Freedom Of Access Act) presentation at the Municipal Building Meeting Room. |
| September 18, 2008 @ 6:30 | Place to be determined. School Board, Selectmen and Budget Committee meet to discuss the school building proposals |

Having no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:53 PM.

Minutes created by Chair Steve Mehrl