

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2008

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

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

Pamela Dunning pointed out that there had been an addition error in the previous day's work on line item 25 General Government total. The committee had previously voted on a total of \$1,205,050. The total is actually \$1,205,130. The committee proceeded to revisit the line and vote. Line 25 General Government, Tony True moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

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

Line 53-05 Capital funds project: TS Truck, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-06 Capital funds project: TS Propane heater, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$6,800. Motion seconded by Pamela Dunning. George Greene moved to amend the amount to \$0. Motion was seconded by Tony True. Motion to amend the amount passed 7-1. Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$0. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-1

Line 53-10 Capital funds project: PW truck replacement, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$8,562. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-11 Capital funds project: TS Trailer payment, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$9,235. Motion seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-19 Capital funds project: Highway loader replacement, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$116,062. Motion seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-12 Capital funds project: Roads & sidewalks, Tony True moved the amount of \$300,000. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-34 Capital funds project: municipal Building repairs, Richard Hanson moved the amount of \$25,000. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-42 Capital funds project: WWTP Setpage pump, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$12,000. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-57 Capital funds project: WWTP Meters, George Greene moved the amount of \$4,500. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-60 Capital funds project: Highway truck, Robert Fairfield Sr. moved the amount of \$135,000. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 53-61 Capital funds project: Contracted Assessment services, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-62 Capital funds project: WWTP analog phone & alarm pump, Pamela Dunning moved to table. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-05--63 Capital funds project: Airport striping, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-64 Capital funds project: Airport window replacement, Robert Fairfield Sr. moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-65 Capital funds project: Airport acoustic meter, Robert Fairfield Sr. moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by Tony True. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-66 Capital funds project: WWTP pump station alarms, Pamela Dunning moved to table. Motion seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-67 Capital funds project: 250th celebration, Pamela Dunning moved the amount of \$5000. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 53-68 Capital funds project: Waterfront SHIP grant, Steve Mehrl moved the amount of \$30,000. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-69 Capital funds project: Clam flats enhancement project, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$2,500. Motion seconded by Robert Fairfield Sr.. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-70 Capital funds project: TS trailer conversion, Tony True moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 7-1.

Line 53-71 Capital funds project: Art gallery repairs, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$0. Motion seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 5-3.

Line 53-72 Capital funds project: Downtown landscaping, Judith Colby moved the amount of \$1,500. Motion seconded by Steve. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-73 Capital funds project: Airport roof improvements, Tony True moved the amount of \$19,150. Motion seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0.

Line 53-74 Capital funds project: Federal Street & Rt 1 engineering, Tony True moved the amount of \$42,000. Motion seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 8-0.

Upon completion of the Municipal budget lines, the committee began a discussion of the school budget. The discussion centered upon the committees need to find ways to publish their recommendation and to educate the public as to the reasoning behind their decision. It was decided that Steve Mehrl would ask Arthur Faucher where committee recommendations would be posted; inside the municipal building, inside the polls, transfer station, etc. Steve Mehrl is also to ask Jay McIntire if the committee is being invited to sit in front with the school board at the May 10th meeting in order to answer questions. There was some discussion on whether the committee needed to vote an exact figure or if it only needed to vote to recommend or not recommend. Further discussion raised the question about what figures and statistics would be easier to post for the public (percentage of increase of tax burden vs. raise in mil rate.) There was some discussion about having the local newspapers and the news stations do a story on the recommendations to get the message out. Committee members are to think about these questions and discuss their ideas at the next meeting.

Pamela Dunning moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 8-0. Meeting closed at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning