

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM at the High School Cafeteria.

Budget Committee members in attendance: Judith Colby, Sherri Dunbar, Pamela Dunning, George Greene, Richard Hanson, Steve Mehrl and Greg Shea. Member absent was Judy Flanagan. There is currently one vacant seat on the Committee.

Chair Steve Mehrl and Greg Shea visited Town Manager Arthur Faucher earlier in the day to get answers for the questions that had arisen from previous meetings. The results of that meeting were briefly discussed.

There was no clear explanation for the raise in Full-time expenditures in the Police Department.

The WSWTS questions could not be answered.

The Town Manager stated that the position of Code Enforcement did not need to be a town employee. It may be possible to hire someone for 20 hours a week from mid-April for six months and for 5 hours a week for the other six months of the year. That is really the only time that the Code enforcement Officer is needed. This would total 650 hours a year. Figured at \$25 an hour, the total for this employee would be around \$27,000. A poll vote was taken to accept this amount. The amount was accepted 6-0-1.

There was no answer for where the \$4000 in matching funds was written into the budget for the Fire Department. The Budget Committee would also like to know when that money is due to be paid.

Town Manager would not discuss the Generator. He said that issue would have to be taken up with the Selectmen.

When asked about the \$150,000 for the Roads & Sidewalks Repairs, Town Manager said he would like to see the amount decreased rather than increased. He did not see the Town using the entire amount.

The Airport is saving a great deal of money since the old beacon was taken out and the new beacon was installed.

Airport Revenue question on item 70-01-09 was easily explained. The item should be labeled as Personal Property Tax, not Real Estate Tax.

Airport revenue question on item 70-01-01 is income from lease of hangers.

Use of fund Balance question was answered that the fund balances originally listed in the budgets were correct and should be included in the budgets.

The Budget Committee looked over the draft of the ballot questions. The totals of each article were checked to be sure the amounts to be considered are correct. It is the intention of the Budget Committee to vote the

items that have already been considered by the Selectmen and see if a consensus exists between the two committees. Items that do not agree may be discussed with the Selectmen at the April 14 meeting.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning, Clerk