

TOWN OF WISCASSET
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM at the Wiscasset Municipal Building.

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.

The Budget Committee met to vote on articles as presented on the second draft of the Official Ballot for the Annual Town Meeting in Wiscasset Maine scheduled for June 9, 2009.

Municipal Operating Budget Questions were voted as follows:

George Greene moved Question 2A for General Government for the amount of \$543,720. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 2B for General Government/Contingency for the amount of \$65,000. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 5-2.

Richard Hanson moved Question 3 for Municipal Building Maintenance/Operations for the amount of \$75,987. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 4 for Municipal Planning for the amount of \$130,250. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. There was a brief discussion about the need for a Code Enforcement Officer and how that position may be outsourced for a reduced amount. Pamela Dunning withdrew her motion and Sherri Dunbar withdrew her second. Judith Colby Moved to table the question until further discussion with the Selectmen was possible. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

George Greene moved Question 5 for Contractual Services for the amount of \$128,600. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Discussion ensued that indicated committee members wanted to reduce \$4,000 from the line "Civil, Health Officer, Retirement" to \$17,100 and reduce \$7,000 from the line Engineering/Consultants." Motion failed 0-7. Greg Shea moved the question with the amount of \$101,600. Having no second, the motion failed. Richard Hanson moved the question with the amount of \$117,600. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 7-0.

Richard Hanson moved Question 6A for Celebrations for the amount of \$12,500. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 7 for Municipal Insurance/Debt Services/Utilities for the amount of \$262,418. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 7-0.

Judith Colby moved Question 8 for Police Department for the amount of \$302,979. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 9 for Fire Department for the amount of \$80,925. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 7-0.

Judith Colby moved Question 10 for Animal Control for the amount of \$7,425. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 7-0.

Greg Shea moved Question 11 for Municipal Highway Department for the amount of \$634,128. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 7-0.

Sherri Dunbar moved Question 12 for Cemeteries for the amount of \$52,187. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

Richard Hanson moved Question 13 for Wiscasset Public Library for the amount of \$85,000. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. As an employee of the Wiscasset Public Library, Pamela Dunning abstained from the vote. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 14 for Shellfish Conservation for the amount of \$10,581. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

Judith Colby moved Question 15 for Community Organizations for the amount of \$15,810. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

Municipal Capital Improvement questions were voted as follows:

George Greene moved Question 16 for Road & Sidewalk Repair for the amount of \$150,000. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 6-0-1.

George Greene moved Question 17 for Special Maintenance & Repairs to the Municipal Building for the amount of \$25,000. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Motion passed 7-0.

George Greene moved Question 18 for Municipal Building Generator for the amount of \$43,600. Motion was seconded by Steve Mehrl. Brief discussion indicated that the Budget Committee believes the generator should not be on a fixed base and that a suitable generator can be purchased at a lower price. Motion failed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 19 for Sewer Pump Station, US Route One for the amount of \$75,000. Motion was seconded by Judith Colby. Motion passed 7-0.

Municipal Enterprise Accounts questions were voted as follows:

Steve Mehrl moved Question 20 for Airport for the amount of \$58,833. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Discussion ensued on the inappropriate listing of accounts as Enterprise when tax dollars are raised to support the budget. There was brief discussion that the account is over budget this year and needs money raised for the next year's budget. Motion failed 1-6.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 21 for Waste Water Treatment Plant for the amount of \$381,854. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 22 for Parks & Recreation for the amount of \$744,390. Motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. Motion passed 6-1.

Judith Colby moved Question 23 for Emergency Medical Services for the amount of \$274,444. Motion was seconded by George Greene. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved Question 24 for Waterfront & Harbors for the amount of \$68,767. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 7-0.

Steve Mehrl moved to table Question 25 for Transfer Station since there were no dollar amounts available. Motion was seconded by Greg Shea. Motion passed 7-0.

Judith Colby moved Question 26 for Senior Center for the amount of \$57,040. Motion was seconded by Richard Hanson. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Dunning moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by /Sherri Dunbar. Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Dunning, Clerk