

Wiscasset Budget Committee

Town Office

July 7th, 2011

Members present: Joe Piccirillo, Robert (Bob) Blagden, William (Bob) Barnes, Richard (Dick) W. Hanson, Ray Soule, Norman Guidoboni and Constance Schumann.

Invited guests: Town Manager, Laurie Smith, Treasurer, Jim George, and Becky Applin, Account Manager.

Out going Chair, Steve Mehrl called the Committee together at 6:30 p.m.

Chair, Steve Mehrl charged the incoming members to rework Budget By Laws: 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, and 2.8 to streamline their intent for easier interpretation and clarity.

At 7:00 p.m. Chair, Steve S. Mehrl stepped down from his position and opened up for the election of new officers. The membership appreciated the Chair's smooth, informational and orderly transition.

Constance Schumann nominated Bob Blagden for Chair, who respectfully declined. Richard Hanson was then nominated by Bob Barnes, who also respectfully declined. Bob Blagden nominated Constance Schumann, who, after some soul searching, accepted.

Ray Soule, seconded by Dick Hanson, nominated Norman Guidoboni for Clerk, who accepted.

The vote was 6-0 for both nominees.

Steve Mehrl reminded members they are the eyes and ears for the public.

Bob Blagden urged the Town Manager that wen R.H.R. Smith (town auditors) present a rundown of the expenditures to the Selectmen, the Budget Committee have copies also, not after the fact.

Members are urged to question expenditures for reasons why and for any new expenditures anticipated (Steve Mehrl).

Ray Soule inquired what the time frame is before Town Meeting for Budget requests. No answer.

Dick Hanson (our number cruncher) has assumed the responsibility to interpret the town spreadsheet and red flag any expenditures out of line.

Members were unanimous in setting the 3rd Thursday of the month for meetings.

Next Budget Committee Meeting will be on August 18th.

Adjournment 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully,

Norman Guidoboni