

Wiscasset Budget Committee  
Town Office  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Members present: Joe Piccirillo, Robert Blagden, Bill Barnes, Richard Hanson, Ray Soule, Norman Guidoboni and Chair, Constance Schumann. Absent: Cliff Hendricks.

Ray Soule moved to approve the September 15<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Seconded by R. Hanson. 7-0.

Motion to change the November meeting to Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup>. R. Soule moved. Seconded by B. Barnes.

Town Manager Laurie Smith offered the Wiscasset Budget Committee to tour Town owned properties in conjunction with the Selectmen or just the Budget Committee. The topic was tabled.

The Chair turned the meeting over to R. Hanson and R. Blagden who introduced taxpayer night.

Items of Interest

1. Combine Transfer Station with Highway Department.
2. County properties (taxed free) be taxed!
3. Rec Center: surrounding Towns increase, then monetary support.
4. Economic engine – neighboring Towns have robust industrial parks. Wiscasset is lacking in this respect.
5. Mason Station – Casino?
6. Hard times ahead. Wiscasset will receive \$50,000 less from Maine Yankee.
7. Tax payers pay closer attention to our elected officials and Department Heads in managing our monies.

School Board Budget Curriculum

1. RSU 12 making decisions for tax payers. Less Control.
2. Vocational schools a must. Business need hands own employees.
3. No magic bullet. Parents become more active in their children's lives.

Points to Consider

Our elected officials canvas surrounding towns of like population on how they manage their business, i.e. Fire, Highway, Rec Center, Ambulance, Police, Library, Non-profit, etc. Salaries of Town employees. Tax structure as to valuation, unpaid taxes? What works, what doesn't? Are we getting full value for our tax commitment?

B. Barnes moved to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Piccirillo. 7-0

Time 8:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Norman Guidoboni, Clerk