

Wiscasset Budget Committee
Town Hall
May 9, 2012

Members present:

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

Chair Schumann called a special meeting to allow WERP and RSU #12 representatives to voice their opinions.

Chair convened at 5 p.m.

In Attendance: Chair Doug Smith, Sec. Sharon Nichols for WERP, Chair Hilary Hold for RSU #12, Gene Stover and Kim Andersson for Wiscasset School Board, and Ed Polewarczyk, Wiscasset Selectman.

Constance Schumann introduced Chair D. Smith to update the audience on W.E.R.P.'s position on Article #4. Original request was for 45 thousand, upped by E. Polewarczyk to 55 thousand. WERP is asking for professional guidance whether to withdraw from RSU 12, join an AOL or another RSU. Blatt Associates has been taped by WERP to lay out a plan. Sec. Nichols passed out a handout clarifying for withdrawing. Please refer to it.

WBC Schumann introduced H. Holms, RSU 12 Chair to present RSU's position. After much discussion between participants, H. Holms passed out her handout. Please refer to it.

Summation:

Wiscasset has only one opportunity to vote to withdraw. State Laws mandate a two-year wait before reapplying. However, RSU's by-laws say five years.

WERP and RSU reps would help their cause if they could agree on one set of figures. Both sides differ widely.

Great unknown. State subsidy.

Northern towns are not mandated to send students to Wiscasset High School.

Will future enrollment of Wiscasset schools close a building?

If Wiscasset threatens to withdraw, will the Northern towns capitulate?

WBC's position on Article #4 is, the petition listed no numerical number. 55 thousand was proposed by B. Curtis and voted by the Selectmen. Was this last minute addition legal?

Article #38. Clerk incorrectly stated boat maintenance insurance, launching and fuel is 4 times Harbor Master's stipend. Should say, "Maintenance, insurance, launching, and fuel add up to less than Harbor Master's stipend". Re-voted 6-0.

Chair moved to adjourn. 2nd B. Barns at 7:35 p.m. 6-0.

Respectfully submitted: Norman Guidoboni, Clerk