

26 July 2012

Called to order at 1800

Present – Mary Myers, Jeff Slack, Jason Downing

Excused – Tim Merry

Minutes of last meeting approved with addition of members present

Mary – Problems getting information, RSU moving office

Information from Tim –

Review towns that are withdrawing or considering (Starks only town that has completed process)

Monmouth report – Jason mentioned detailed with figures for their options, a lot of good information, Monmouth is a little different from Wiscasset as they are looking to replace schools

Starks article – Informative, Difference is they had no properties or staff

Jason – Future Options, setting up meetings with surrounding school districts, Meeting with Boothbay August 1<sup>st</sup> at 1000

- Independent
- Boothbay
- Bath
- Damariscotta
- Richmond

Jeff – Information

- Set schedule for Thursdays with Town Manager and passed on to Wiscasset Newspaper
- Communication problems with RSU, has received no phone calls or emails for information requested

Outline – Planning

- Binder to be placed at Town Office for public to review
- Discussed timeframe

#### Open Discussion

- Would like to get input or information from public and other committees, WERP had gathered information but none has been presented to us, also any information from Ed P, SAGES, Kim Andersonn(website)
- Transportation information should be gathered from Superintendent
- School needs

#### Public Comment/Questions

Cliff Hendricks – Asked about timeline – explained to him timeframe set by law from 1466

- Asked if we would be getting cost for options that were mentioned, answered that we are trying to get as much as we can for voters to make informative decision
- Talked about what we had voted for and read ballot questions as they have to be written per law from 1466 and that we voted to withdraw from the RSU

Chet Grover – Stated that our task is to withdraw from the RSU, that's what we voted to do

- Mentioned that we should not care whether the RSU likes what we come up with as they most likely owe us, more about getting Commissioner's Approval
- Future options mentioned in discussion and Mr. Grover said let's get our schools back first and fill them up then we can look at future options

Dennis Dunbar – Westport Island Withdrawal Committee Member

- Westport in similar situation, interested in what Wiscasset does as they send most of their kids here
- Referenced Starks and their process was talked about taking a long time

Next meeting will be Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 1800

Executive Session 1906 to 2014

Motion for lawyer Jeff, Second Jason, 3-0

Adjourn 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Downing