

Wiscasset Budget Committee Meeting
Wiscasset Municipal Building
February 17, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Building.

Budget Committee Members in attendance: Constance Schumann, Richard Hanson, Gregg Hammond, Mark Johnson, Steve Jarrett, Steve Mehrl and Sherri Dunbar. Members not in attendance: Evan Goodkowsky. There is currently one seat open on the Committee.

The board began the meeting by recognizing Phil DiVece's resignation. Sherri made a motion to name Steve Mehrl as Chairman of the Budget Committee for the remainder of the 10/11 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Dick Hanson. With no other nominations the vote passed 5-0-1.

Steve Mehrl made the motion to name Sherri Dunbar Clerk of the Budget Committee for the remainder of the 10/11 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Dick Hanson. With no other nominations the vote passed 5-0-1.

Steve Mehrl made a motion to accept the Agenda. Dick Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

The minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting could not be approved because there were not enough members present that were in attendance at the January 20th meeting.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Budget Schedule. The Budget Committee will meet jointly with the Selectmen Tuesdays and Thursdays in the month of March (six meetings in all). Steve Mehrl announced he will be away for the March 2nd meeting. The Budget Committee will meet in April as needed.

There was a discussion around the importance of recruiting new members for the Budget Committee since there will be eight open seats come this June. Many members shared that they will not be taking out papers for the Budget Committee in the upcoming election, some are considering it.

Steve Jarrett joined the meeting at 7:10. Since we now had a quorum, Steve Jarrett made the motion to accept the minutes from January 20, 2011. Gregg Hammond seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

Steve Mehrl read the letter from Dennis Jumper outlining the Budget Committee's role as set out in Article I, in sections 2.7 and 2.8 of the Town's Ordinances. Steve also shared what had been going on with the new Investment Policy.

The Committee reviewed the January Expense and Revenue Reports. Steve Jarrett brought up his concern with the cost of telephone expense being so high in some of the departments and wondered why all of the lines for the Town Office couldn't be on one account so there might be

a discount. There was also discussion around the \$340+ thousand that came in from the Ferry Road Industrial Park and whether that money was placed into the General Account. Steve Mehrl agreed to look into both of these issues.

Having no further business Steve Jarrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34. The motion was seconded by Sherri Dunbar. The motion passed 7-0.

Future business: Approve the October 21, 2010 minutes

Respectfully submitted
Sherri Dunbar, Clerk