

**Town of Wiscasset**  
**Broadband Committee Minutes**  
**December 16, 2021**

Present: Carla Dickstein, Evan Goodkowsky, Marty Fox, Dusty Jones, Dennis Simmons

**Draft Committee Budget**

The committee discussed its goals in 2022 and what budget would be needed to cover the committee's planning work. Town Manager Dennis Simmons thought that the town could likely use some of its ARPA funding to leverage additional funding from the Island Institute.

Select Board member Dusty Jones and Dennis Simmons emphasized that the committee needed to convey to the Select Board why it is important to invest in the committee and broadband at this time. They also emphasized bringing cost estimates to the town. Evan said that we would need to be patient on accurate estimates as the material and labor markets are volatile.

The committee will review the draft budget below at its December 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as well as the key points it wants to convey to the Select Board on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

- Study of premises that are unserved/underserved with high-speed broadband - \$3000
- Digital Equity Plan - \$2500 (IF we combine the planning process with Woolwich and Dresden, we can save money. Each additional town is \$500)
- Staff Support - \$3000 (Grant preparation/community education/digital literacy/affordability)
- Town Survey – \$1500 (includes option of mailing)

**Total \$10,000**