

## Budget Advisory Committee Minutes of November 9, 2011

Present: Charlie Pyle, Abby Dawson, Henry Kunhardt, and Nick Wilder (absent Becky Moul)

Meeting opened at 6:05 pm. Charlie Pyle noted that the Committee should appoint a Chairman. Nick Wilder nominated Charlie Pyle, Henry Kunhardt seconded; all in favor (Pyle abstained).

Committee discussed the BAC's Mission Statement and whether it still applies. Discussion about whether it still applies. Members expressed concern over the lack of a "charge" from the Selectmen and concern over the role of the BAC in the current budget cycle. Pyle stated that since we vote whether to approve or not approve the budget for the Town Report, our goals should be the same as in the past: to listen, participate, ask questions and learn about the budget. He thought that the BAC voting had been established by a prior Town Meeting and would see if he can find the reference.

Discussion on the proposed five (5) year plan. Consensus that this was a good idea. Need to prioritize "needs" of the Town going forward. Several members expressed concern over the budget in the current economy; this was not the year to increase the budget.

Discussion about expendable trust funds. They seemed to be rainy day funds.

Committee agreed to meet in early December, if budget items from Selectmen are received

Charlie adjourns meeting at 7:00 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Pyle, Chairman