

## **Budget Advisory Committee Meeting**

Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting minutes for 11/05/15. Meeting was called to order by Charlie Pyle at 6:05PM IN attendance were: Stewart Brock, John Thalhauser, Henry Kunhardt and Town Administrator Jamie Pike. Nick Wilder joined the meeting at 6:20PM

Charlie Pyle asked for nominations for Chair. Henry nominated Charlie Pyle, Stewart seconded and the motion carried. Charlie nominated Henry Kunhardt as Vice Chair, Stewart seconded and the motion carried.

The purpose of the meeting was for the BAC to get a first pass at the 2016 Budget. Jamie shared that the Board of Selectmen (BOS) had an opportunity to review the first version of the budget on 11/3/15. Jamie shared that the first version has an increase of approximately \$4000, representing a 0.31% increase.

Discussion then focused on Department by Department overview of the submitted budget. Areas that were highlighted and discussed included:

Election increase this is cyclical as the Presidential primaries and other election increase the number to 7.

PD increase primarily due to increase in hourly rate

Solid waste due to a new vendor, there is an increase in hauling rates, but this is a two year fixed contract

Fuel costs are also down leading to savings across the Town

A request from John to Jamie was to review and re-assess health insurance to determine if there are other options

The BAC wanted to review Revenue which was not included in our Budget notebooks. The BAC felt that having the revenues and the proposed expenses is important to be able to assess the overall budgetary picture.

Next meeting will be CIP on 11/10 and 11/18. The BAC will be requesting meetings with various Department Heads in December, tentatively set for 12/9-12/10

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stewart Brock