Moultonborough Advisory Budget Committee Draft Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 22nd, 2009

In Attendance:Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) Members Jean Beadle, Alan Ballard, Karel
Crawford and Ed MarudzinskiAbsent:Kathy Gary (with prior notice)Public:None

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 4:01 P.M. in Moultonborough Town Hall Meeting Room.

The committee reviewed the minutes from 10/1 and 10/13 ABC meetings and a motion was made by Ed and seconded by Alan to accept the minutes. Those in attendance voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

The committee reviewed the upcoming schedule for the town budget process.

The committee will review the first quarter (September 30) 2009 school budget vs. actual Tuesday the 27th with Mike and Kay and prepare draft comments to the school board to be discussed at the next school board meeting.

The committee reviewed the Library's third quarter expense report and prepared comments to present to the library on 11/5/09.

The committee received the preliminary Library Budget for 2010. After some discussion the committee decided to defer further comment until representatives meet with the Library Trustees at the 11/5/09 meeting.

The committee reviewed the input received from Karel from the meeting between the Governor and town representatives. Indications are that in 2012, unless major funding changes are made, Moultonborough will again become donor town. Moultonborough will once again be the largest contributor. The committee unanimously resolved that we need to address this potential problem from an overall TOWN perspective, since it will affect the consolidated TOWN tax rate. The ABC discussed the need for long range planning by both the School Board and Select Boards.

Additionally, the committee feels strongly that the School Board needs to develop long range plans that will maintain Moultonborough's high standard of education while reflecting consolidations and economies that will be required should enrollment continue to decline. We will continue to bring these concerns to the attention of the School Board in an attempt to focus attention on long range fiscal planning and responsibility.

A motion was made by Ed Marudzinski, seconded by Alan Ballard, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 P.M. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Marudzinski, ABC 10/24/2009