

**MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 28, 2011**

Present: Jean Beadle, Ed Marudzinski, Russ Wakefield, Barbara Sheppard, Alan Ballard  
Absent: Kathy Garry (by prior notice)  
Public: None

Chairperson Jean Beadle called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in the Ernest Davis Room in Moultonborough Town Hall.

A motion was made by Ed, seconded by Alan, and voted unanimously to approve the March 14, 2011 meeting minutes.

Jean began the meeting by handing out a draft ABC wrap up letter which summarizes any suggestions that the ABC would like incorporated in its' next year's Charter. The current Charter requires the ABC to submit a "Wrap up Letter" to the School and Town Boards with such recommendations within 45 days of the Town's Annual Meeting.

This prompted a long and heated discussion between the appointed ABC members and the newly appointed Board of Selectman Representative Russ Wakefield. Russ explicitly proclaimed that his role as BOS representative to the ABC was to act as a proponent for the voters that recently elected him to office. He explained to the ABC that he had spent the last 18 months running for Select Board and in doing so had been told by hundreds of voters that they felt the ABC was dictating and setting policies, that the various Boards were implementing those policies, and therefore the hundreds of voters surveyed by Russ were not in favor of continuing the ABC. He went on to say that the ABC needed to be reined in or better yet, disbanded. Russ did not provide any specifics. The Committee explained to Russ that the ABC charter had no provision for dictating or implementing policy.

Russ continued to stress his belief that the ABC was improperly making policy decisions that should only be made by the BOS. Russ further went on to explain that any professional finance experience the appointed Board members brought to the table was in his opinion irrelevant as all had originally hailed from other States. When questioned further regarding the comment on disbanding the ABC, Russ clarified his earlier comments by stating that he is representing the will of the voters that placed him in office.

Jean explained that there is no room for personal agendas on the committee and the committee strives to remain unbiased and independent of such behavior. All personal agendas should be left at the door. Russ maintained that he would continue to vocally support his beliefs and that one of his goals is to end the ABC.

The Committee explained to Russ that it was their understanding that a primary role of the Board representatives is to function as a communication liaison between the Committee and the respective boards.

Ed suggested the Committee take home the "Wrap up Letter" draft and provide comments to Jean by the next Thursday.

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Ed attended the PRIMEX seminar on town finances and felt that it had been very worthwhile. He recommended that more people who serve on town boards and committees be urged to take advantage of courses such as these if available.

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The BOS approved Work Flow studies program was discussed with particular reference to a draft outline done by Ed in preparation for the upcoming session with the development services group.

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Following agreement to schedule the next ABC meeting for April 11, 2011 at 8:30 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Ed, seconded by Alan, and approved unanimously at 10:50 A.M.

Respectively submitted

Alan Ballard, ABC Member

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