

**Moultonborough Advisory Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 22, 2011**

In Attendance: Advisory Budget Committee (ABC) Members Jean Beadle, Alan Ballard, Barbara Sheppard, Kathy Garry, Ed Marudzinski, alternate Tom Randell

Absent: Russ Wakefield (With prior notice)

Public: Nancy Wright, and, Jim Leiterman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson at 6:40 P.M. in Moultonborough Town Hall Meeting Room. Jean Beadle, Chairperson seated Tom Randell in the absence of Russ Wakefield.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Sept. 8, 2011 meeting by Ed and seconded by Kathy. Motion was approved unanimously.

The committee heard Mike Branley present the results of the Town study for Rec. Dept. "After School Drop in Programs". The committee also addressed open questions and issues to Mike on his Rec/SAU study and the Fund Balance reserve study. After the presentation the Committee agreed to prepare comments and suggestions to both the BOS and the School Board summarizing their thoughts. Also discussed was the after school program at both the Rec. Dept. and the School.

The committee discussed the current programs offered by the Recreation Dept. and agreed to request more information from the Rec. dept. on participation statistics

The Committee discussed the upcoming budget cycle and formulated topics and areas for review during the budget review. The committee agreed that areas of focus this year would include but be limited to the following:

Town: Spotlight and in depth review of the Rec, Highway and Transfer Station departments – Continue to focus on revenue forecasting, and overall focus on discretionary/nondiscretionary spending.

School: Spotlight and focus on dollars spent for academics (core versus elective). Continue to focus on co-curricular activities, reserve accounts, and student population decline. The committee will also review and comment on the current collective bargaining contract presently under negotiation.

Library: Continued emphasis on general expenditure review and cost savings where feasible.

The committee reviewed the response from the town on the questions from the committee regarding the review of the six month financials and it was agreed that no further follow- was necessary at this time.

Ed provided updated information on the review of the School Reserves, which has just started.

The committee set the next meeting to be held at 4:30 on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup>. A meeting was also tentatively scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30, both meetings are to be held in the town hall.

The committee would like to mention that Tom Randell the new alternate to the Committee had several excellent comments during the meeting. Tom brings to the committee a new and dynamic perspective as he has children in the Moultonborough school system.

A motion to adjourn was made at approximately 8:20 by Ed and seconded by Alan. It was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Marudzinski  
ABC Member 9/24/2011

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