

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 19, 2012

Present: Jean Beadle, Betsey Patten, Barbara Sheppard, Kathy Gary
Absent: Alan Ballard (with prior notice)
Public: None

Chairperson Jean Beadle called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM in the Moultonborough Town Hall meeting room.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved unanimously following a motion made by Betsey which was seconded by Kathy.

The Committee reviewed the Human Services, VNA and Recreation Department Budgets that were initially presented on Friday November 16 to both the Select Board and ABC. The discussion centered on the Recreation Budget. The Committee expressed concern over the apparent year end projected increase in the Recreation Revolving Fund. The intent of the procedures put in place during the past budget cycle were to have all revenue producing programs (Revenue and Expense) removed from the operating budget and run out of the revolving fund. The current year's activity should have produced a loss of approximately \$15,000. The intent was to continue to increase the expenditures and programs being reported in the fund for the next five ensuing years as a means to reduce the accumulated dollars in the fund. The committee is awaiting a detailed explanation from the Recreation Director as to why the expected expenditure levels did not materialize for 2012. Without an adequate understanding of what happened in 2012 the committee cannot endorse the 2013 proposed budget.

The Committee further discussed the proposed capital expenditure of \$17,500 for a feasibility study for a new Town GYM as proposed by the BRC. This Committee strongly believes that prior to expending any taxpayer dollars for the proposed gym the taxpayers should first have the opportunity to weigh in on whether it is the will of the majority to build such a facility.

We will propose to the BOS that they consider first adding a warrant article that will let the Community vote Yes or No indicating whether there is a majority interest in constructing a GYM.

If the proposed warrant vote is favorable, then a second warrant article should ask the taxpayers to spend \$17,500 on the next step which would be a feasibility study. If this vote is favorable, this committee suggests that the \$17,500 be extracted from the Recreation Revolving Fund versus the proposed Capital Budget.

Jean will draft a recommendation to the BOS and open the related discussion at the November 30 Budget meeting.

The next meeting will be on November 26.

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:35 PM by Kathy, seconded by Betsey and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Beadle
Chair, ABC

November 26, 2012

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