

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2014

Present: Jean Beadle, Chris Shipp, Barbara Sheppard, Alan Ballard

Absent: Kathy Garry (by prior notice)

Public: None

Chairperson Beadle called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM in the Town Hall meeting room.

The minutes of the December 17th meeting with officials of the Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) and the regular ABC meeting of the same date were approved unanimously following a motion made by Alan which was seconded by Barbara. In addition the memo written by Alan regarding a standby letter of credit issued by the Boston FHLB in conjunction with deposits of Moultonborough entities placed with MVSB was discussed. In the memo there were various discrepancies highlighted along with a recommendation that the L/C as offered not be utilized. It was agreed that the memo would be sent to town entities effected.

The ABC report on the Library report was reviewed and finalized with a minor change being agreed upon. Jean will finish it and send it to the Library Trustees.

The ABC draft report on the School was reviewed in detail with various possible modifications discussed. In particular, the comments regarding "Math in Focus" that pertain to test scores will be checked with the school to ensure that the statement is accurate. Comments regarding MA course offerings were also reviewed and it was noted that this subject has been an ABC comment for many years since it is felt that there is a direct correlation between curriculum, student education, and costs. It was agreed to continue recommending that academic courses replace existing non-core education courses such as Ceramics, Video, Music Technology and Music Theory, Photography, Drawing, Drama, Drawing, and Design and Digital Imaging which could be offered as after school clubs or activities. The report will be finalized and sent to the appropriate school personnel.

The draft ABC Town was also reviewed and it was agreed to complete the review at our next meeting which could possibly be prior to the Thursday BoS meeting at 7:00 PM. Jean will check and advise ABC members accordingly.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 following a motion made by Alan which was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Ballard

ABC Member, January 8, 2014