

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2014

Present: Jean Beadle, Alan Ballard, Chris Shipp, Barbara Sheppard, Kathy Garry (via speaker phone)

Absent: None

Public: None

Chairperson Beadle opened the meeting at 8:35 AM in the Town Hall meeting room. Carter Terenzini was present also.

The minutes of the January 31, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously following a motion made by Chris and seconded by Alan.

The main item on the agenda was a discussion of Article 28 to be voted on at Town Meeting tomorrow. This Petition Warrant Article was submitted by representatives from the Central NH VNA & Hospice agency in the amount of \$5,000 for the support of their activities. This agency provides all services with the sole exception of hospice that the Lakes Region VNA provides. The Lakes Region group is the one that Moultonborough joined following the decision to discontinue the Moultonborough VNA last year.

The discussion today focused on the ABC supporting an amendment to the Warrant Article that would stipulate that the funds contributed by Moultonborough would only be used for Hospice services, since the other services are available through the Lakes Region VNA. Considerable time was spent debating the merits of the ABC supporting such a proposal and it was ultimately agreed that Jean would make her views known at Town Meeting since she was the ABC member who voted against recommending the Warrant Article as it is presently worded due to the previously mentioned conflict.

The next item was brought up by Alan and concerned the library report printed in the 2013 town annual report. Last year Jean and Alan met with the Library Trustees in an effort to discuss issues pertaining to the library's financial policies, procedures, and reports. One of the recommendations made at that time was a specific request by Alan that the annual report compiled by the library and presented to the town be in compliance with RSA 202-A:12. This RSA is part of Title XVI Chapter 202-A covering the operation of public libraries. Unfortunately, the report presented by the library and printed in the town annual report contains numerous errors and omits items that are required by law. Barbara suggested that there be another meeting with the library trustees; however, the rest of the ABC questioned the value of rehashing recommendations that the ABC has been making for over five years.

Carter reported that the auditors would be in on Monday to begin their review for fiscal 2013. He also gave an update on upcoming topics that would be coming up in the near future in BoS workshops. He suggested and Jean agreed that ABC members send any important items to her for inclusion in the workshops.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM following a motion made by Jean, seconded by Chris, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Ballard
ABC Member
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