

## MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2014

Present: Jean Beadle, Amanda Bergquist, Kathy Garry, Chris Shipp, Alan Ballard, Barbara Sheppard

Absent: None

Public: Nancy Wright

Chairperson Beadle opened the meeting at 5:00 PM and welcomed Amanda as the new member of the ABC. There are still unfilled openings for one or more alternates.

First order of business was the organizational procedure at which time Alan nominated Jean as Chair with the motion seconded by Kathy and approved unanimously. Kathy nominated Alan as Vice Chair which was seconded by Jean and approved unanimously.

The minutes of the March 17, 2014 were approved unanimously following a motion by Chris and seconded by Kathy.

Jean mentioned the BoS retreat on Wednesday August 6, which is being held at the Loon Center. Town department heads are expected to attend and the public is welcome, In addition, on Tuesday August 12, there is a joint BoS/ School Board meeting and ABC members should attend if possible. The ABC wrap up letter will be available for comment at this meeting along with a discussion of the sharing of school facilities such as the gym with the Rec. Dept.

Town budget meeting dates have been determined and they will be at 9:00 AM on 11/14, 11/21, 12/05, and 12/12 with a possible BoS overview on 11/13. Jean went on to indicate that the wrap ups would be 1/09 and 1/15 Of 2014. Hopefully, as many ABC members as possible will be able to attend these meetings.

The ABC wrap up letter was discussed in depth with some slight changes being made. Jean will send out the final draft within the next few days.

The ABC position vis-à-vis the upcoming school contract negotiations was reviewed and both Kathy and Chris said that they would not participate in these discussions due to legal and personal conflicts. Chris again voiced his concern regarding the ABC addressing the topic. A vote was taken and it was agreed 4-2 that the ABC would continue to offer recommendation to the school board negotiators with the understanding that there are strict legal boundaries which must be observed.

Other matters included the June 30 town financial report which Jean requested we review and get back to her with any questions by the end of the week. The Library six-month report is not yet available and Jean will check on the status of the school's June 30 annual report.

It was agreed that future ABC meetings will be scheduled for the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 5:00 PM, with the next meeting on Sept. 2nd at 5:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM following a motion made by Chris, seconded by Kathy and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Ballard  
ABC Member