

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2014

Present: Jean Beadle, Linda Murray, Amanda Bergquist, Barbara Sheppard, Alan Ballard, Chris Shipp
Absent: Kathy Garry (by prior notice)

Chairperson Beadle opened the meeting at 5:15 PM in the town hall meeting room and seated Linda in place of Kathy.

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The minutes of the October 7, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion made by Linda and seconded by Amanda. Chris abstained.

Some time was spent talking about the focus group meetings conducted by the UNH Survey people regarding the gym/recreation feasibility study.

Jean reported that there had been initial staff training on the performance appraisal process as outlined in the training manual.

The Rec. Dept. trip schedule for the months of March through August 2014 were handed out by Jean and reviewed. The reports are more abbreviated than the ones received in the past and it was difficult to make a thorough analysis. Chris will ask Donna to provide a breakdown of "Other Expenses". It was discussed and agreed that that guidelines need to be established related to minimum participation and dollar limits placed on how much the town should subsidize losses incurred. It was felt that nominal losses might be acceptable under some circumstances.

The budget focus for the upcoming cycles was again reviewed along with the possible inclusion of the following items: Cost effectiveness of moving to single stream recycling at the Town Refuse Center; revisit of the idea of issuing dump and beach stickers at the dump on weekends; review of budget items where the town's annual fee is based on property values and not actual usage. Examples include the LRPC, County tax of 24%, and the Lakes Region Mutual Aid.

The school budget time line and items to be covered was reviewed and agreed upon.

The preliminary 2015 library budget was received and Jean will be discussing this further with Laurie Whitley, Library Trustees Chair.

Upcoming dates are as follows:

Nov. 4, 18, 25, and Dec.2 – ABC meetings at 5:00 PM

Nov. 21 and Dec. 5, 12 – all day town budget meetings starting at 9:00 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM following a motion made by Chris, seconded by Alan and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Alan Ballard
ABC Member