

## MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2015

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

Absent: Kathy Garry, Linda Murray (both by prior notice)

Chairperson Beadle opened the meeting at 5:10 PM in the town hall meeting room.

First item on the agenda was the draft response to the previously submitted 2015 library budget. Jean began by noting that the amount budgeted from library generated funds for 2015 is \$14,000 compared to the \$12,500 in 2014. These are monies from sources other than tax levies, such as book sale proceeds, donations, and fees which once accepted by the library become public funds belonging to the taxpayers. The topic of compliance with the relevant library RSA's was discussed and it was decided that irregularities in the budget format were relatively minor compared to the library annual reports that have been in the town Annual Reports. It will once again be recommended that the library submit an annual report that conforms to the pertinent RSA. Jean will finalize the ABC report and submit it to the library trustees.

The school budget V2 has not been received; however, it will probably be the same as V1 with the change in status in the superintendent. This position will revert back to being a 100% position. Apparently the CBA has not been finalized which means that the teachers' salaries and benefits cannot be updated. Jean reminded everyone that the public meeting for the school budget is at 7:00 PM February 10<sup>th</sup> at which time ABC members need to be present. The ABC comments on the school budget will focus on recommending that the school board develop a strategy for coping with the continued declining enrollment.

The town report is due January 22 and Jean listed the items to be included, many of which are carryovers from previous years. Among the subjects are the following:

- town-wide personnel administrator, possibly shared with other town(s)
- converting to single stream recyclables process
- improved utilization of Revolving Rec. fund in order to reduce accumulated funds
- issuance of Dump/Beach permits at Transfer Station

Jean will prepare a draft for review. Also, the next BoS budget meeting is this Friday at 8:30 AM. This session will cover warrant articles. The public hearing on the town budget and warrant articles is on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Next ABC meeting on January 20.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 following a motion by Chris, seconded by Amanda and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Ballard  
ABC Member