

MOULTONBOROUGH ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

December 22, 2015

Present: Amanda Bergquist, Jean Beadle, Linda Murray

Absent: Alan Ballard, Kathy Gary, Cody Gray

Chairperson Amanda Bergquist opened the meeting at 5:00 PM in the Town Hall small conference room.

The minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion made by Jean and seconded by Linda.

The Committee reviewed the Town Operating Departments that were presented at the Friday, December 18 Town Budget review meeting. Most of the discussion centered on the Parks and Recreation Budget focusing on the declining student population and the necessity for increased gym space. Chairperson Bergquist commented that she would like to see specific participation numbers for the various programs offered. The Committee also discussed the current overfunding of the Fund Balance currently targeted at 12.5 %. The discussion centered on the possibility for utilization of the overfunding including transferring some dollars to other underfunded capital reserve accounts and the possibility of utilization of some dollars for the proposed new Community Center should the Town vote favorably at Town Meeting in March. The committee also discussed the potential impact to the 2016 budget related to the departure of Road Agent and DPW Director Scott Kinmond.

Amanda reported that she is currently drafting the 2016 Library Budget report and anticipated having it ready for review in early January.

Finally, Jean reported that the SAU was anticipating round 2 of the School budget at the regular January School Board meeting scheduled for January 12, 2016. The Committee is now planning on delivering the School Budget Report at the School Public Hearing on February 9. It is still uncertain as to whether Contract Negotiations will be completed at that date.

The next ABC regular meeting is scheduled for January 6th at 6:30 PM. The Board of Selectmen and the ABC will be meeting again on January 8, 2016 at 8:30 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM following a motion made by Amanda, seconded by Linda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Beadle
ABC BOS Representative