

Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
November 4, 2015

Present: Matt Lydon, Karen Mitchell, Jim Roccio, Peg Seward, Bert Becker, Chris Pank, Paul Bartolomucci, Cara Barlow

Absent: Steve Sareault

Guests: Mark Bender(Town Administrator), Jack Sheehy (Town Finance), Pete Basiliere (Town Moderator) and Chief Viola (Chief of Police)

Business: Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Matt Lydon

The meeting began with discussion regarding the charge of the Budget Advisory Committee. Pete Basiliere is more than fine with how the meetings, discussions and voting has been running with the BAC. He stated that it was what he has had in mind for the role of the BAC regarding discussion of expenditures of tax money from the citizens of the Town. Article 26 solidified numerical tallies making it important to vote and give opinion on all articles. Not having a tally for any particular item would be detrimental to the Town as they would be unable to know where the BAC stands and why. If the BAC is not taking a position on an article, they will be putting a tally on voting/not voting and why to keep the records complete in the voters guide and our report. This will not show up on the ballot, but should appear in the other two reports.

There was discussion around BAC term limits. Pete is comfortable with keeping the term of appointment at one year and sees no need to make it a three year term or to add term limits. He feels that longevity in the role is very valuable.

The remainder of the meeting was spent with Mark Bender and Jack Sheehy answering questions that the BAC had regarding the preliminary Town Operating Budget. This was done in preparation for the upcoming meeting with the BOS, BAC and Town department heads, scheduled for this Saturday, November 14, 2015 in the Town Hall auditorium.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary