

Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
October 28, 2015

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

Absent: Cara Barlow

Guests: Mark Bender and Jack Sheehy

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

The first discussion was around the Town's default budget and how it is determined as well as what is included and not included. Jack stated that there is not a lot of flexibility as it is set in State law. There has to be a budget even if the voters do not vote one in for the year. The default budget is the previous years budget minus any one-time expenditures with adjustments to any contractual items. (ex. Union employees, changes in health care insurance, debt payments, etc.). The same numbers carry over and this does NOT take into account inflation, projections, etc..

There was discussion around underspent budgets and where this money ends up. The money goes back into the general fund and is used to balance shortfalls or unexpected expenditures.

There was a question raised around the warrant articles being added back into the general operating budget (parades, band concerts, Pumpkin Festival, Blue Bus) and how they will go forth with these if there is a default budget. BOS is making promise to keep these items regardless of potential of default budget. Concern was raised about re-allocating dollars from necessary budget lines to fulfill this promise.

Along with preliminary Town budget, BAC members now have the preliminary warrant article and have been asked to get questions for the November 14th meeting in to Matt by this coming Sunday at noon.

On the Nov. 9th BOS meeting, DPW will be coming in to discuss the \$5million warrant article for the roads along with a start and end point of what will need to be done each year and to which roads. BAC members are encouraged to attend.

Peg clarified the minutes from October 7, 2015 stating that RSA 32:24 does NOT state that the role of the BAC is to advise the BOS regarding budgets and warrant articles – information provided from Margaret Burns, NH Municipal Association Attorney.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary