

Milford Budget Advisory Committee
Approved Minutes
October 7, 2015

Present: Matt Lydon, Karen Mitchell, Jim Roccio,
Cara Barlow, Peg Seward, Bert Becker, Steve Sareault

Absent: Paul Bartolomucci, Chris Pank

Guests: Mark Bender, Jack Sheehy, Kathy Bauer, Mark
Fougere, Gary Daniels and Kevin Federico

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

Tonight's meeting was focused around the charge of the Budget Advisory Committee. Warrant articles 25 & 26 that were passed by the Town in March 2015 voting were read aloud. Mark Bender stated that he spoke with the NH Municipal Association Attorney, Margaret Burns, regarding the role of the Budget Advisory Committee. She stated that the Role of the BAC is to advise the BOS regarding budgets and warrant articles (RSA 32:24).

There was lengthy discussion around whether there is a need to change any of the language regarding the charge of the BAC passed back in March 2015. The resulting opinion of the BAC is that the committee is comfortable with the current charge and responsibilities including the action to give opinion and vote on each warrant article (not including zoning articles). The BAC asked that if the BOS had any suggestions of changes to put forth language specifying the desired changes. This task was accepted by Selectman Federico.

There was further discussion around whether the Town should consider changing the budget year to a fiscal year rather than a calendar year. Jack Sheehy explained that there would be a large cost associated with making these changes if so desired by the BOS.

Peg Seward discussed the need for the BAC to have a report appearing in the Town Report so that voters are able to refer back to the BAC votes and opinions along with all of the other Town departments and information provided in the report. Jack Sheehy informed the committee that if we would like this in the Town Report that we would need to write it up and submit it accordingly.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 2015

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary