

**Milford Budget Advisory Committee  
Approved Minutes  
January 15, 2014**

**Present:** Matt Lydon, Jim Roccio, Jolie Whitten, Peggy Seward,  
Chris Pank, Karen Mitchell, Bert Becker, Steve Sareault, Rose Evans

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** Gil Archambault and John Raymond (VFW)

**Business:** Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM by Matt Lydon

Gil Archambault and John Raymond spoke to the BAC regarding the \$10,000 warrant article for the Labor Day Parade. They stated that the VFW can no longer afford to pay for the bands, etc. to support the costs of this parade. They used to pay for this parade with the revenues from the carnival, but no longer run this event due to lack of attendance. They are asking the Town to contribute the \$10,000 to pay for the bands and support needed to run the parade.

Gil Archambault spoke to the BAC regarding the Veteran's Credit in Milford which is currently at \$300. The petition warrant article is asking to bring this credit to \$400. There are roughly 560 veterans in Milford who qualify for this credit and if approved it would add approximately \$53k (about 0.04) to the tax rate. The credit comes right off of the property taxes and the last change to this was made in 2006. Several of the surrounding towns pay up to the State maximum of \$500. This warrant article was not supported by the BOS.

There was open discussion around the Conservation Commission regarding the two warrant articles that were dropped off and then added back in as petition warrant articles for the Conservation Lands Fund and the Mile Slip Rd. easement. Further discussion arose around the Osgood Pond dredging of need vs. want as well as the fact that it is currently a marsh ecosystem which, in reality, is a healthier ecosystem compared to a pond ecosystem.

The BAC began to make its preliminary votes to support or oppose the general operating budget as well as the current warrant articles and will continue further with voting at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06PM.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Mitchell, Secretary