

## **Moultonborough Advisory Budget Committee Minutes –20 November 2023**

**ABC Present:** Kay Peranelli, Jean Beadle, Joe Adams, Mary Phillips, Linda Murray

**Absent:**               **With prior notification:** Kathy Garry

Chairman Peranelli opened the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

The first order of business was to seat alternate Linda Murray in place of Kathy Garry.

Next, the Committee opened public input. Garry Torresen shared with the Committee his concerns related to the proposed cost of the School Budget versus the value and quality of education the taxpayers received in return.

Next, Town Administrator Charlie Smith reviewed with the Committee the timeline for the Town Budget. The Department Heads are currently compiling their budgets. Budgets are due to the TA on December 15, where they will be reviewed and then presented to the ABC. Individual meetings with the Department Heads, ABC and Select Board will take place in January.

Other notable dates are as follows:

April 9, 2024, Deadline for all charitable requests for funding

April 9, 2024, Deadline for all other petition Warrant Articles

May 14, 2024 Town and School District Elections

May 16, 2024, Annual Town Meeting

The next order of business was approval of the prior minutes from November 1 and November 20, 2023. Motion made by Mary seconded by Linda; unanimously approved.

Next, The Committee engaged in a detailed line-item review of the proposed thirty-seven-page School Budget. Both Kay and Jean had prepared a list of questions in advance. During the review additional questions and concerns were raised by Mary, Joe and Linda and added to the list.

Kay will consolidate all questions and concerns. The list will be forwarded to the SAU. We anticipate a response prior to our next meeting and will discuss all items in detail. The Committee also briefly discussed revenue funding as related to grants (both federal and state). A copy of the revenue budget will be requested from the SAU.

Finally, the Committee reviewed the capital report prepared by EEI (independent facility analysis) for approximately 22 million dollars. The Committee agreed that it was a good beginning of a long-range capital plan for the District. The Committee recommends that in the upcoming year the District proceed with the recommended boiler repairs and replacements. Funding for that

portion of the project could come from a combination of existing Building and Grounds Reserves and a stand-alone current year warrant article. The Committee will comment further on the study once the District finalizes their plan and respective timeline's.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18,2023 at 9:00 AM

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by Joe and seconded by Mary to adjourn at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Beadle, ABC

***Note: The Committee has set up an email account. Access to that account can be found on the Town web page at <https://www.moultonboroughnh.gov/formcenter/Advisory-Budget-Committee-34/Advisory-Budget-Committee-92>. All emails will be monitored by the committee and responded to during the subsequent meeting.***