

Approved Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)
Wed. April 27, 2005

Members present

Steve Andersen
Rae Barnhisel
Wayne Edwards

Brian Kullgren
Allan Oxman

Others present

Tedd Petro (Select Board)
Charlene Eddy (Select Board)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Minutes from April 13, 2005, approved as amended. Andersen distributed an updated copy of the draft "New House Impact Study" and provided the board with copies of Select Board minutes from 4/12/05 and 4/19/05.
2. Edwards announced he had been appointed by the Select Board to fill Jordan's vacant position at its regular meeting 4/26/05. BAC members congratulated and welcomed Edwards.
3. Members discussed their proposed mailing to taxpayers regarding the financial decisions that will be made at the Special Town Meeting, 5/13/05. Andersen will revise the BAC's budget back page and let members review it before sending it out.
4. Members discussed their 2004-2005 Action Items. Members agreed to 1) add Abatements and Refunds to the list, 2) delete photocopy machine, 3) address issues as they arise but leave major overhauling jobs to the Select Board.
5. Discussion of Milford Area Communication (MACC) increase in cost of services from only a charge per call (\$50) to additional charges per day (\$18) and administrative fees (\$500). Members agreed the budget could handle the increase but that the town should address whether its approach to emergency medical services is prudent, efficient, and effective.
6. Andersen reported that he had spoken with Sandra Rourke, Temple's DRA auditor regarding warrant articles 5 and 9. Rourke's opinion was that "gross budget" does indeed mean all expenses, but that the deception did not warrant disqualification of Article 9. She thought that the Purchase and Sale Agreement that the Select Board signed with the Skladany's should have been done after the vote at the March Town Meeting but the action was not enough to warrant disqualification of Article 5. She confirmed that a majority vote of 50% of the taxpayers is needed to rescind Article 5, but that only a simple majority is required to rescind Article 9. She suggested that RSA 41:8 might give the Select Board the option to override Town Meeting votes.
7. Andersen reported that the legal fees involved in the Monadnock Conservancy easement agreements with the Beadoin and Weston properties were originally paid through the budget's legal expense line item but have been reimbursed by the Conservation Fund. Direct monetary payments to the two landowners (\$28,000 and \$36,000 respectively) have also been paid through the Conservation Fund.
8. Members discussed developing a Financial Plan for Temple in which Capital Reserve Funds are set up for various departments (primary) and open space (secondary). All agreed that various factors have helped Temple through a number of development surges. These include Current Use, a dependably low tax rate, various land limitations, and 2-, 3-, and 5-acre zoning.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Barnhisel
May 11, 2005

9. Barnhisel will bring in a draft of the Budget Timeline for the next meeting May 11, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rae Barnhisel
May 11, 2005