

Town of Atkinson
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008

Attending: Jim Blackadar – Chairman, Dave Paquette Vice Chairman, Mari Anne Princiotta, Fred Thompson, Steve Giangregorio, Bill Friel ex-officio, and Steve Angelo, Town Administrator.

Jim called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. The first order of business was to review the minute of the May 13, 2008 meeting.

Fred motioned to accept the minutes as presented/Seconded by Mari Anne/Unanimous 4-0 (Bill and Steve abstained)

The Board then discussed goals and objectives for the up coming season which are summarized below:

- Review all Selectmen’s warrant article and vote to recommend or not recommend prior to the public hearing.
- Have the Draft Police Collective Bargaining Agreement warrant article and supporting documentation by December 1, 2008.
- Consider breaking out the COLA and merit increases as separate line in the Budget, or at least track separately on the Boards schedule.
- Meet with all Department Heads before December.
- Further breakout of Police and Elderly Affairs (Tabled pending Selectmen’s decision due mid October).
- Determine whether our vote to Recommend or Not Recommend warrant articles be placed on the ballot – Tabled for later so all members can refresh themselves with the RSA.

The Board a general discussions with the new Town Administrator on the Budget process. Steve plans on meeting with all Department Heads over the next few weeks. Dave will forward him the blank Budget sheets for dissemination.

Jim also asked to have all members contact their department heads so that at the October 7, 2008 meeting we will be able to schedule all the meetings.

The Board next discussed the August 13, 2008 letter received from the State Department of Revenue Administration which outlined several errors with the

2008 MS-7 we submitted last year. The Board's general consensus is that the MS-7 is correct and isn't sure what the letter is truly stating is incorrect. Jim will contact the DRA auditor for further clarification.

The Board established the next meeting to be October 7, 2008, at 6:15 PM.

**Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting/Seconded by Steve/Unanimous 5-0.
Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.**

Respectively submitted,
kjb