

**TOWN OF ATKINSON  
BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, January 17, 2017  
2017 OPERATING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING  
DRAFT**

Members Present:

Bill Smith, Chair  
Wendy Barker, Vice Chair  
Peter Torosian  
Susan Carroll  
Tom Mealey  
Kay Galloway  
Jason Grosky, Selectman Ex-Officio

Others Present:

Alan Phair, Town Administrator  
Barbara Snicer, Assistant Town Administrator  
Albert Brackett, Police Chief  
Michael Murphy, Fire Chief  
Ted Stewart, Road Agent  
Diane Heer, Library Director

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

**Public Hearing - Budget Review and Operating Budget Review:**

Chairman Bill Smith opened the public hearing at 7:42 PM, Tuesday, January 19, 2016. First the Budget Committee voted on proposed Articles for the 2017 Warrant. Then, Chair Smith reviewed the lines for each section of the Town of Atkinson budget and asked for discussion.

**Proposed Articles for the 2017 Warrant**

**Article #2017-4      Operating Budget**

**Shall the Town of Atkinson raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the Budget posted with the Warrant, or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Four Million Five Hundred thirty-five thousand, five hundred and thirty-one Dollars (\$4,535,431). Should this article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Four million four hundred sixty-seven, eight hundred sixty-eight Dollars (\$4,467,868)\*, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Atkinson or by law, or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised Operating Budget only.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

\*subject to corrections as discussed at the January 1, 2017 Budget Committee meeting.

Public Discussion: The Budget Committee discussed the default budget. Chair Smith stated that the default amount for the Librarian salary is not the amount for the FY2016 budget. Ms. Heer presented some issues to the Budget Committee. The proposed amount for the Librarian salary is \$71,160. Chair Smith stated that this is a pre-existing contract. The default column for the librarian salary should be the same as the 2017 proposed amount of \$71,160. Ms. Heer stated

that the default column for the assistant library salary should be \$48,048 rather than \$45,760. The FSLA regulation was delayed, however the employee was informed that her FY2017 salary would be \$48,048. The Budget Committee discussed the correct amount for the default column for the assistant library salary. Chair Smith read the RSA 40:13 Section 9b and stated that legally the default column does not need to be adjusted. There is a small difference in the FICA numbers.

The merit column should have \$117,919 as the default column for the library aide line, number 45501.110.120. The proposed amount \$120,277 was put in the line by mistake. Social Security, Medicare and Retirement need to be changed as well. The merit column for 2017 should be \$2,358.

The Budget Committee calculated the correct default amount for the library salaries. ~~The exact number for library salaries needs to be calculated. Chair Smith stated he would call Ms. Snicer with the correct amount.~~ **that the correct amount for the Default Budget should be \$4,471,763.**

Next, the Budget Committee discussed Other Professional Services, line number 45502.390.00 in the library budget. Ms. Heer explained that this is a 2 year contract signed in 2015 and is the lowest bid. For calendar year 2017 it should be \$18,586. The contract went up \$425 per month. Vice Chair Barker read the memo from Ms. Heer explaining Other Professional Services line. The default should be \$18,586. Chair Smith stated that the cost of the server should be subtracted because it is a one-time expense. The default budget amount should be reduced because \$3,321 for the server as a onetime expense should be subtracted leaving \$36,079 as the default budget for Library Miscellaneous, account number 45502.

**Chair Smith made a motion for the Budget Committee to recommend a tentative operating budget of \$4,535,431. Member Galloway seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Vote: 7/0/0.**

This vote subject to changes discussed at the present meeting.

#### **Article #2017-5      Field Production Cameras**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of purchasing four (4) UHD-ready video camcorders, including all appropriate accessories, including, but not limited to: Tripods, Dollies and Travel Cases for Atkinson Community Television, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund established March 12, 1994, for this purpose; and to dispose of five (5) cameras by sale, bid or trade?** No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain  
Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: none

**Article #2017-6      Control Room HVAC**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purpose of purchasing an HVAC system to be used in the Atkinson Community Television Control Room/Office, such sum to be withdrawn from the Cable Capital Reserve Fund, established March 12, 1994 for this purpose?** No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-three and 34/100 Dollars (\$239,623.34) remaining in the Cable Capital Reserve Fund. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until the purchases are complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Member Mealey mentioned that the fact that there are two alternatives, tying into the HVAC in the building or a separate HVAC. Mr. Phair informed the Budget Committee that the costs were not much different.

**Article #2017-7      Cemetery Capital Reserve**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 (Article #2015-7) for the purpose of developing an additional section in the Atkinson Cemetery?** As of December 31, 2016, there were Thirty-one Thousand Six Hundred Six and 75/100 Dollars (\$31,606.75) remaining in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 5, No 1, Abstain 1*

Public Discussion: Member Torosian stated that this amount is in addition to the \$31,606.75 already in the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. Member Mealey suggested that if burial fees and perpetual care fees were raised then the Cemetery would be self sustaining. Member Mealey voted no and Chair Smith abstained.

**Article #2017-8      Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund, established March 8, 2016 (Article #2016-5) for the purpose of replacing Elder Services' vehicles and equipment?** As of December 31, 2016, there were Five Thousand Twenty-two and 02/100 Dollars (\$5,022.02) in the Elder Services' Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 3, No 2, Abstain 2*

Public Discussion: There is over \$17,000 in donations. Opposed were Vice Chair Barker and Member Torosian. Abstentions were Chair Smith and Member Mealey. The Article carries.

**Article #2017-9 Fire Department Capital Reserve**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, as modified March 14, 2000 (Article #2000-28) for the purpose of acquiring fire equipment and vehicles, as outlined by the Board of Engineers' Capital Improvement Plan?** As of December 31, 2016, there were Ninety-one Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and 23/100 Dollars (\$91,193.23) in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Chair Smith commented that Chief Murphy gave a good overview of the reasons for the increase; to avoid surges in spending and demographic issues.

**Article #2017-10 Shim and Overlay Roads**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$335,286) to shim and overlay the following roads with approximately 5,588 tons of New Hampshire Department of Transportation-approved asphalt: Brookside Terrace, Belknap Drive, Emery Drive, Commerce Drive, Industrial Way, Island Pond Road from Main Street to Brookside Terrace, Conley Road, Hall Farm Road and Westside Drive (shim only from Island Pond Road to Oakridge Drive and spot-shim to Town line)?** All work is to be done under the supervision of the Road Agent. This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: There were no comments.

**Article #2017-11 Highway Department Truck**

**Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease-purchase agreement in the amount of Eighty-four Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$84,371) subject to annual funding, for the purchase of a Ford F-550 or equivalent, to include a wing, plow and accessories for the Highway Department; to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$18,308) for the first year's payment; and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the 2008 Ford F-550 by trade, sale or bid?** This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*  
*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 2*

Public Discussion: Member Carroll asked what the Town plans to do with the 2008 truck. Selectman Ex-Officio Grosky replied that the Town planned to sell it to the highest bidder. There is also an option of trading it in and knows nothing about it being sold and then used for plowing Town roads. The truck has caused the Town much expense. Vice Chair Barker stated that the bid states that there is a \$12,000 trade in allowance if the Town chooses to trade it in. Member Mealey asked if the deposit can be held. Ms. Snicer stated that the first payment can be held off until the truck is reasonably ready to be delivered. Member Mealey stated that the Town could possibly purchase a truck in Massachusetts for less. There were two bids. Ms. Snicer believes Grapponi was the lowest bid. Also, financing is through Ford Municipal financing.

Chair Smith and Member Mealey abstained.

#### **Article #2017-12 Winter Expendable Trust Fund**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Winter Expendable Trust Fund established March 9, 2010 (Article #2010-15) for the purpose of funding additional costs, in excess of the annual Operating Budget, for plowing and removal of snow and winter weather management, such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance?** No additional tax dollars will be needed to fund this appropriation. As of December 31, 2016, there were Forty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-eight and 65/100 Dollars (\$40,298.65) in the Winter Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*  
*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 3, No 4, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Ms. Snicer stated that no money from the fund was withdrawn in 2016. Selectmen Ex-Officio pointed out that in 2015 money from the operating budget was used rather than taking money from the Winter Expendable Trust Fund to pay for cost overruns.

The Article does not carry. No votes were Chair Smith, Member Mealey, Member Torosian and Member Carroll.

#### **Article #2017-13 Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund**

**Shall the Town vote to establish a Facilities' Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of providing funding for unanticipated maintenance expenses for Town facilities; to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500); such funds to come from the Undesignated Fund Balance; and name the Selectmen to be the Agents-to-Expend these Funds?** This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*  
*Not Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 2, No 5, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Ms. Snicer informed the Committee that there was a warrant article for a Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund last year but it did not carry. Member Torosian stated that there are too many trust funds already and it takes control away from the Budget Committee. Selectman Ex-Officio Grosky stated that the Budget Committee is unwilling to put the money into the operating budget to pay for building maintenance and is also unwilling to start a trust fund. Member Carroll agreed with Member Torosian. Ms. Snicer stated that the responsible thing is to set money aside for maintenance. Ms. Carroll stated that there was \$348,000 unspent in the budget last year. Mr. Phair stated that the Department heads have done a good job of holding down expenses.

Opposed were Vice Chair Barker, Member Torosian, Chair Smith, Member Mealey and Member Carroll. The Article did not carry.

#### **Article #2017-14 Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$49,390) for the purpose of insect control, such funds to be put into the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund, established March 14, 2006 (Article #2006-11) for that purpose?** As of December 31, 2016, there were Three Thousand Thirty-six and 95/100 Dollars (\$3,036.95) in the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Ms. Snicer informed the Committee that since the amount has not changed since the program began.

#### **Article #2017-15 Police Department Computers**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to purchase five (5) specialized Patrol Tablet Computers and associated equipment for the Police Department, if and only if Fifty percent (50%) of which comes from the New Hampshire Department of Highway Safety and the balance to be raised by taxes?** This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget. Should this article fail to pass, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) will be used from the Computer Technology Operating Budget to replace the 5-year old laptops currently in use.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Chair Smith stated that the Budget Committee discussed computers at the last meeting and that \$9,000 more for the IT budget was recommended by the Budget Committee. Vice Chair Barker asked if the grant for \$10,000 can be used for laptops. Chief responded that it is a 50/50 grant. The Town has to match the grant funds.

**Article #2017-16      Police Vehicle**

**Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$36,600) to purchase and equip a new Police Utility Vehicle; and to allow one of the Town's cruisers to be transferred to the Elder Affair's Department, or to be disposed of by trade, sale or bid?** This will be a non-lapsing article per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until this purchase is complete, or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. This is in addition to Article #2017-4, the Operating Budget.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: Chair Smith stated that public safety, police and fire are the highest priorities.

**Article 2017-18      All Veterans' Tax Credit**

**Shall the Town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit as follows, effective April 1, 2017?**

- I. A town or city may adopt or rescind the all veterans' property tax credit granted under this section by the procedure in RSA 72:27-a.**
- II. The credit granted under this section shall be the same as the amount of the standard or optional veterans' tax credit in effect in the town or city under RSA 72:28.**
- III. The all veterans' tax credit shall be subtracted each year from the property tax on the veteran's residential property.**
- IV. A person shall qualify for the all veterans' tax credit if the person is a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve shall be included as service under this paragraph; provided however that the person is not eligible for and is not receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35.**

**Chair Smith requested that the Budget Committee look at the summary sheet of the proposed 2017 Atkinson operating budget. Chair Smith stated that there is \$10,000 more in the Budget Committee column for merit raises than in the Selectmen column of the spreadsheet. Chair Smith reviewed the Budget Committee reasoning.**

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain*

*Recommended by the Budget Committee: Yes 7, No 0, Abstain 0*

Public Discussion: The Budget Committee is not required to vote on this article but elected to do so in order to show support for veterans.

## **TOWN OF ATKINSON FY2017 OPERATING BUDGET**

### **41301-41974 - General Government**

**Executive:** The Board of Selectmen recommended \$249,244 and the Budget Committee recommended \$254,653, a 0.43% decrease from 2016.

**Public Discussion:** The difference is due to the employee merit line. Before the adjustments to the merit line and COLA increases, the Budget Committee recommended about \$5,000 less.

**Elections and Registrations:** The Selectmen recommended \$174,718 and the Budget Committee recommended \$172,235, a 2.38% decrease from 2016.

**Finance Administration:** \$ 281,722 was recommended by the Selectmen for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$282,671 for 2017 or a 2.54% increase.

**Public Discussion:** The difference is due to the change in the IT budget.

**Legal Services:** \$39,500 was recommended by the Selectmen for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$39,500 for Legal Services or an 8.97% increase.

**Personnel Admin - Account Number 41552:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$45,484 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$45,484, a 37.01% decrease.

**Planning & Zoning:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$22,700 and the Budget Committee recommends \$22,700 for FY2017, a 2.74% increase.

**Buildings:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$138,823 for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$128,456 for 2017, a 6.40% increase over FY2016.

**Cemeteries:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$55,980 and the Budget Committee recommends \$55,980 for FY2017, a 1.71% decrease over FY2016.

**Other Insurance - Account Number 41969:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$64,445 and the Budget Committee recommends \$64,445 for FY2017, a 15.52% decrease.

**Advertising/Regional - Account Number 41974.855:** \$6,655 was recommended by the Board of Selectmen for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$6,655 for FY2017, a 1.98% increase.

**\$1,079,270 is recommended by the Board of Selectmen for FY2017. \$1,072,779 is the total recommended by the Budget Committee for the General Government Account, or a 2.38% decrease.**



## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

**Police Department:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$1,010,497 for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$1,007,497, a 7.90% increase.

**Elder Services - Account Number 42151:** The Board of Selectmen recommend \$97,965. The Budget Committee recommends \$96,093, a 7.55% increase.

**Ambulance:** The line is held at \$1.

**Fire Department:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$303,236 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$302,236 for the Fire Department Budget, a 0.43% decrease.

**Building Inspections - Account Number 42401:** The Board of Selectmen recommend \$83,745 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$83,745 a 24.10% increase from 2016.

**Homeland Security - Account Number 42901:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$650 for FY2017; the Budget Committee recommends \$650, no change.

**Dispatch - Account Number 42992:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$42,800 and the Budget Committee recommends \$42,800 for FY2017, or a 2.60% increase.

**The Selectmen recommend \$1,538,894 for the FY2017 Public Safety budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$1,533,202, a 6.72% increase from 2016.**

Discussion: none

## **HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:**

**Highway Department:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$544,385 for the FY2017 Highway Department budget. The Budget Committee recommends \$536,337, or a 0.29% increase.

**Street Lighting - Account Number 43163:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$40,000 and the Budget Committee recommends \$40,000, or a 22.35% decrease.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends \$584,385 for the total Highway and Streets 2017 budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$576,337 or a 1.70% decrease.**

Discussion: none.

## **SANITATION:**

**Recycling, Account Number 43234:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$35,093 for the FY2017 Recycling Budget. The Budget Committee recommends \$33,093, or a 46.73% increase from FY2016.

**Solid Waste Disposal - Account Number 43241:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$412,275 for the FY2017 Solid Waste Disposal Budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$412,275, or a 0.43% increase from FY2016.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends \$447,368 for the total FY2017 Sanitation budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$445,368 or a 2.84% increase from FY2016.**

There was no discussion.

## **HEALTH & WELFARE**

**Health Admin - Account Number 44111:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$7,029 for the FY 2017 Health Admin budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$7,029, a 23.64% increase.

**Health Agencies:** \$26,227 is recommended by the Board of Selectmen for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$23,277, or a 1.33% decrease.

Discussion: none

**Animal Control - Account Number 44191:** The Board of Selectmen recommend \$16,705 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$16,705, no change.

Discussion: none

**General Assistance - Account Number 44421:** The Board of Selectmen recommend \$17,500 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$17,500, or a 6.06% increase.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends \$67,461 for the total FY 2017 Health & Welfare Budget and the Budget Committee recommends \$64,511 or a 3.25% increase.**

## **CULTURE & RECREATION:**

**Recreation - Account Number 45201:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$80,932 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$80,932, or a 1.53% increase.

Public Discussion: Ms. Snicer commented that there are many people who have donated funds so that Atkinson can have a junior high and elementary school basketball program. Ms. Snicer stated that the Town needs to establish a Trust Fund for the donations because the Town cannot use Town books to administer the funds. Ms. Snicer is proposing \$7,000 be added to the 2017 operating budget at the Deliberative Session. The money would be offset by donations. Ms. Snicer stated that the Town has youth basketball and softball committees and teams. Ms. Yoshida-Travers explained that there are several sports teams in Town that are run by volunteers. Ms. Snicer explained that a 501.c3 charitable trust costs \$400 or \$500 to establish. At present,

the volunteers have raised \$6,500. Ms. Snicer will know by Deliberative Session. The Committee discussed if the Town should be involved.

Ms. Yoshida-Travers suggested that a revolving fund be created to take in and expend funds. Selectman Ex-Officio explained that families will pay a \$50 registration fee to play basketball, so it is not a donation. The fund should break even. Member Carroll stated that this is the first time this has been brought before the Committee and asked why the Town needs to get involved. Ms. Snicer explained that all other teams are multi town and the basketball team is strictly Atkinson. Ms. Snicer explained that the basketball team was a Town program, but the Town stopped supporting and the parents were running it privately. DRA stated that the parents could not run the funds privately. This would establish a fund to hold the funds for the basketball team. Vice Chair Barker stated that there are a number of sports programs for elementary school students that are run by 501.c3 trusts and is concerned that the Town will become involved in more sports programs. Chair Smith asked if the parents can form a 501.c3 trust for the funds.

**Grounds Maintenance - Care of Grounds - Account Number 45202:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$41,400 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommended \$41,900 for 2017, or a 3.71% increase.

Public Discussion: The difference is due to the contract.

**Community Center - Account Number 45208:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$70,797 and the Budget Committee recommended \$70,797, or a 4.32% increase.

**Library:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$452,243 for FY 2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$446,654, or a 3.25% increase.

Public Discussion: Member Mealey asked if the Library Trustees report to the Selectmen and recommended that the Selectmen be given more oversight over the Library. The Library Trustees are giving too many raises. Member ~~Terosian~~ Galloway stated that under the State RSA, the Library Trustees have legal authority over the library, not the Selectmen or the Budget Committee.

**Patriotic Purposes:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,000 for FY2017. The Budget Committee recommends \$2,000, or a 39.39% decrease.

**Cable Operations:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$54,378 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$54,378, or a 1.92% decrease.

**250th Anniversary:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$20,000 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$20,000.

The Board of Selectmen recommend \$723 total Culture and Recreation budget and the Budget Committee recommended \$718,436 or a 5.53% increase.

**Conservation - Account Number 46111:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$9,027 for the M017 budget and \$9,027 was recommended by the Budget Committee, no change.

**Long Term Debt Principal - Account Number 47112:** The Selectmen recommend \$85,000 and the Budget Committee recommends \$85,000, no change.

**Long Term Debt Interest - Account Number 47211:** The Board of Selectmen recommends \$40,050 for FY2017 and the Budget Committee recommends \$40,050 or a 6.89% decrease.

**The Board of Selectmen recommend \$4,574,980 for the Total FY2017 Operating Budget and the Budget Committee recommends ~~\$4,535,431~~ \$5,544,530, a 2.32% increase.**

Minutes: deferred to Deliberative Session.

**Member Torosian made a motion to adjourn the January 17, 2017 meeting of the Atkinson Budget Committee at 9:30 PM. Vice Chair Barker seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor. Vote: 7/0/0.**