

Atkinson Budget Committee Workshop Minutes May 9, 2017

Attendees: Wendy Barker
Sue Carroll
Bill Smith
Bob Worden

- Meeting opened approximately 7:37 PM.
- Previous minutes from April 4, 2017 were approved as written (3/0/1).
- Bill mentioned that new Budget Committee members Bob Worden and Bob Malo are welcome to attend NH Municipal Association 1-day Budgeting classes, which are expected to be held in Manchester or Nashua on Tuesday September 12 and (tentatively) in Plaistow on Tuesday August 8, and/or less-specific classes at other dates as described at <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/resources/calendar>.
- Bill loaned his 90-page Budgeting book (from a previous year NHMA Budgeting class) to Bob Worden, and Sue left her copy to be loaned to Bob Malo.
- The updated Budget Committee Calendar / Liaisons sheet version 2017-050-08a was distributed and posted on the Town Hall Bulletin Board (and the scheduled meeting dates were also posted on the town web site).
- Bill described converting the 2016-2017 Budget Committee spreadsheet to the initial 2017-2018 draft spreadsheet version 2017-05-08f (using his latest enhancements to the embedded Excel macros). Printed copies of the new spreadsheet, that includes Expended data through April, were distributed and discussed.
- Wendy asked that, in the interest of maintaining and improving communication, a request be made to the Selectmen, Selectmens' Liaisons, and/or Town Administrator, to please let the Budget Committee know, whenever significant new spending items are discussed at Selectmens' meetings. Brief, proactive email notification to the Budget Committee, after big spending discussions at Selectmens meetings, will help avoid surprises and be very much appreciated.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith