

## Atkinson Budget Committee Workshop Minutes July 11, 2017

**Attendees:** Wendy Barker (by speakerphone)  
Sue Carroll  
Bob Malo  
Bill Smith  
Peter Torosian  
Bob Worden

**Guests:** Francine Hart  
Bob Hamilton

- Meeting opened approximately 7:35 PM.
- Visitors from the Plaistow Budget Committee, Francine Hart and Bob Hamilton, were welcomed.
- Previous minutes from May 9, 2017 were approved as written (5/0/1).
- Printed copies of the latest 2017-2018 Atkinson Budget Committee spreadsheet, that includes Expended data through June, were distributed and discussed. Bill provided an overview of important features and noted that the Budget is somewhat less than half spent, halfway through the year.
- Committee members answered many questions from guests Francine Hart and Bob Hamilton about how the Atkinson budget process works. Francine and Bob indicated that this would help them significantly in their Plaistow Budget Committee work.
- Bob Malo, Bob Worden, Wendy Barker, and Bill Smith confirmed that they are interested in attending Plaistow's NHMA Budget training session to be held in Plaistow on August 8 at 6:00 PM, for the special price of \$10 each. Francine provided contact info for Lori Sadewicz, for us to make reservations and provide payment.
- Wendy requested that the Selectmen, Selectmens' Liaisons, and/or Town Administrator, please proactively provide the Budget Committee with info on contract negotiations, such as heat/propane, electric, health insurance, trash, and union contracts.
- Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Smith