

Rindge Budget Advisory Committee
MINUTES
August 28, 2025

PRESENT

Budget Advisory Members: Dan Whitney, Roberta Oeser, Tom Coneys (Ex-officio), Tina Sbrega

Dan opened the meeting at 6:37 in the Planning Office.

After the meeting opened several items were discussed: the Budget calendar and when it would be available, the different departments and who may want which. It was mentioned that James had indicated that he was interested in the Library.

Tom motioned to approve the minutes of 05.4.2025. Second by Tina. Vote 4-0 to approve.

Tina motioned to approve the minutes of 07.24.2025. Second by Tom. Vote 4-0 to approve.

Discussed meeting schedule and that the 3rd week is always scheduled for the Conservation Commission and a different week would be better. September 18th was set as next meeting.

There was much discussion about the ambulance service and the last quarter's payment of \$26,000.

The increase in expenditures compared to last year was brought up by Tina. Roberta thought it may be due to the ambulance, health reimbursement account (huge increase) \$9,000 increase and the ambulance cost increase.

There was a question about billing FPU for false alarms from the Fire Department.

Roberta thought they were being billed, but would check.

Dan asked about the budget schedule. Roberta thought too much time is spent on the budget. Tom suggested giving a 2% target increase.

Back to discussing who will review which departments, Dan will do the Fire Department, Tina and James will review the Library.

Tina asked if we had compared our budgets to other towns. Tom said he had and we are lower by far.

Next meeting is September 18th at 6:30.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

/Roberta Oeser