

Rindge Budget Advisory Committee
MINUTES
September 18, 2025

PRESENT

Budget Advisory Members: Dan Whitney, Roberta Oeser, Tom Coneys (Ex-officio), Tina Sbrega, Casey Burrage, James Burger, Mark Hower

Dan opened the meeting at 6:34 p.m. in the Planning Office.

Tina made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2025. Second by Tom.
Approved 4-2-1 Casey abstained.

Discussed how soon the August expenditure reports would be ready. The hope was by the weekend.

Roberta covered some of the numbers that needed to be cleaned up due to being in the wrong line. She also said she was hoping to get the budget worksheets out to the department heads next week to get the process started.

Tom thought the budget should go back to the default without the adjustments made by the BOS.

Dan reviewed the Budget Schedule that has been distributed. Roberta thought the deadline for the BAC recommendations was really tight. Comment was that it's always been that way.

Discussed the desirability of having the BOS give a number for the bottom line at the next BOS meeting. Tom's thought was to add 2.5% to the default. That would be a 140k increase. Which he said could get 'eaten up' very quickly.

Tina said that there's nothing that can be cut in operating. Tom thinks the CDL driver should not be hired. Dan wants to hear from DPW that he can do without before commenting.

Assignments for member to review departments was discussed and assigned as follows:

Library – James; DPW – Casey; Fire – Mark; Town office – Dan; Police – Tina;
Rec – Roberta

James asked about getting .gov email addresses. Roberta said not in the budget as they are \$11 per address per month.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm

/Roberta Oeser