

Rindge Budget Advisory Committee
MINUTES
October 23, 2025

PRESENT

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

Also present: Max Vandervliet, Town Administrator

Dan opened the meeting at 6:38 p.m. in the Planning Office.

Tina made a motion to table the minutes of September 18, 2025. Second by Casey.

Passed 6-0

Dan asked if anyone had issues with the expenditure reports. Tom thought that if they stayed on same course there would be about \$9k left at year- end using a 9-month average but he thinks it more likely that there will be between \$100-175k left using a 9-month median. The 53rd pay period was mentioned. Tom went over his analysis of the major departments.

Tina asked about the Rooms & Meals distribution. There was a brief discussion about the Short Term Rentals and licensing by the BOS. Max concurred that he thought it would be a good source of revenue. There was concurrence from the BAC for Dan to recommend to the BOS to consider licensing of STRs.

Dan asked Mark if he had any questions. He did have a few to gain a better understanding of the budget, especially the Rec Revolving Fund and what the oversight was with spending. Roberta explained that it was not a 'checkbook' and expenses went through the payroll and accounts payable. The general fund was then reimbursed for the expenditures from the fund.

Casey said he saw no concerns with the expenditure reports.

Dan asked Max for an update on the schedule for the departments getting their budgets to him. He said he is still getting an handle on the BS&A software. It may run a week later than originally scheduled.

Tina shad she had met with Rachel about the PD budget. There is a n 18% increase requested.

Dan said due to his work schedule he needs to change which department he revues. Roberta suggested he do the Fire Dept, she can do the Town Office and suggested Mark review the Rec so that Dan can explain how the Rec Revolving Fund works to pay wages for extended day and some of Dan's salary and benefits as well as the activities director.

Dan wanted to note that he was pleased that Max had attended the meeting.

Adjourned at 7:45 pm
/Roberta Oeser