

Draft Minutes

Budget Recommendations Committee

Charter Workgroup

May 22, 2014

Chairman Corey Stevens called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town Office building. Others present were Bob Wentworth, Bill Campbell and Harry Thayer.

A first draft including a Statement of Purpose, Process for Appointment to the Budget Recommendations Committee (BRC), and Guidelines for BRC conduct including scheduling, procedures covering election of officers, voting and budget review, and subcommittees was discussed at length and fine-tuned.

A written suggestion by Town Manager Russ Dean to change the name of the BRC to a Budget Advisory Committee to be more in line with state Revised Statutes Annotated was debated. It was decided to keep the title of budget recommendations committee and incorporate additional wording in the Statement of Purpose making specific reference to the appropriate RSA. It was noted that the BRC was established by a town meeting vote in 1857.

Other discussion and changes were made to the proposed Guidelines. Chairman Stevens will incorporate those changes in a second draft to be reviewed by the charter committee via email. The second draft will then be presented to the Town Manager for comment.

The draft document then will be brought to the July annual meeting of the budget recommendations committee for additional input and comment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully,
Harry Thayer
Acting Scribe