

Town of Arundel
Budget Board
Minutes
October 22, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Mildred L. Day School Library
600 Limerick Road

Members in Attendance: Shawn Hayes, Ray Ward, Michelle Moore, Paul Raymond, John Bell

Other Attendees: Todd Shea, Town Manager

I. Call to Order: Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Raymond moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Approve minutes of 7/22/14 Budget Board meeting: Mr. Ward moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of 7/22/14. Ms. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Review of Fiscal Year to Date – Town Revenue & Expenditures: During the review of revenues and expenditures, the Town Manager notified the board that his main concerns were an increase in auto and property insurance which the Town had incurred in July. He also stated that he anticipated a significant increase in electric service starting in 2015. Other town expenses were on track with the 2014-15 budget. Mr. Shea stated that on the revenue side, he was confident that Town revenues would meet budgeted amounts, although State Revenue sharing could vary depending on the outcome of the November gubernatorial election.

B. Review of Capital Reserve Accounts: The Town Manager notified the Board that any allocations to reserve accounts which were made at this year's town meeting were not included in the figures under discussion. After a review of the reserve accounts, Mr. Shea asked if the Board had any questions or concerns. There followed a discussion of police protection, during which Mr. Ward raised the question of whether it might be more economical to use the Maine State Police rather than the Sheriff's Office, and whether response time might be better from the State Police. The Town Manager stated that he would research the issue and report back to the Board. He noted that the only way to break the present contract with the Sheriff's Office, which expires in 2016, would be a vote made at town meeting to not fund the contract.

C. Schedule Next Meeting: Mr. Shea indicated that he should have preliminary figures for next year's budget by early December. The Chair suggested meeting on December 10th which was acceptable to all members.

V. Other Business & Adjournment: There being no other business before the Board, Mr. Bell moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Moore, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Budget Board meeting of March 4th, 2014.

John Bell, Secretary