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*Town of Atkinson  
Budget Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2011*

**D. Paquette opened the Budget Committee of January 13, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Atkinson Town Hall.**

**Members Present:**

Dave Paquette, Chairman  
Todd Barbera, Vice Chairman  
Fred Childs, Ex-Officio  
Bill Friel, Ex-Officio  
Sue Carroll  
Bill Smith  
Harold Morse  
Janet Cincotta

**Others Present:**

Members of Atkinson Youth Baseball and Softball  
Chief Murphy, Atkinson Fire Department

**Open Discussion:**

*Atkinson Youth Baseball and Softball*

Members of Atkinson Youth Baseball and Softball, AYBS, approached the Budget Committee regarding the warrant article for Woodlock Park Irrigation in the amount of \$12,500. The group explained last year there had been an extreme amount of deterioration of the turf and desperately needed irrigation for the safety of children playing on the fields. The group requested the Budget Committee support the warrant article and to view this work as a major asset to the town. Discussion also occurred around whether efforts had been made to raise funds for this project. AYBS has not attempted to raise such funds.

*Chief Murphy*

Chief Murphy was present to answer questions regarding the warrant articles for Fire Department Command/Rescue Unit and capital reserve. The Budget Committee had no questions.

**2011 Warrant Articles:**

Fred Childs left the meeting prior to voting and was replaced by Bill Friel.  
The following 2011 Warrant Articles were reviewed and voted on:

Warrant Articles	Vote		
	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Open Space Land Purchase	3	4	0
Community Center Repairs	7	0	0
Fire Station	7	0	0
Police Station	7	0	0
Town Hall Fire Protection	1	5	1
Town Hall Generator	2	5	0
Replace Town Hall Rear Sidewalks	4	3	0
Woodlock Park Irrigation	4	3	0
Recreation Capital Reserve	6	0	1
Fire Department Command/Rescue Unit	7	0	0
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Hovey meadow Road	7	0	0
Hoyt Circle	7	0	0
Merrill Drive	7	0	0

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Warrant Articles	Vote		
	In Favor	Against	Abstain
Winter Expendable Trust Fund	2	5	0
Library Generator	2	5	0
Televise Library Trustee's Meeting	7	0	0
Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund	6	1	0
Police Cruiser #1	5	2	0
Police Cruiser #2	7	0	0
Clerical Position (by petition)	0	6	1

**Approval of Minutes:**

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**Sue made a motion to approve minutes from Budget Committee January 11, 2011 as corrected. Second: Todd. Vote: Yes: 6/No: 0/Abstain: 1.**

**Announcements:**

Dave announced the public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 where the 2011 Operating Budget and proposed warrant articles will be reviewed.

**Todd made a motion to adjourn the Budget Committee of January 13, 2011 at 9:09. Second: Sue. Vote: Yes: 7/No: 0/Abstain: 0.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Amanda Williams