

*Northbridge School Committee
Budget Subcommittee*

Date: *Thursday, September 22, 2009*

Time: *6:00 pm*

Location: *Administration Building*

Minutes

Present: *Mike LeBrasseur, Mike McGrath, Fred Beauregard, Karen Kittredge and Sue Brouwer*

Others attendees: *Sue Gorky, Melissa Walker and Selena Livingston*

Call to Order: *Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm*

Approval of Minutes: *Sue Brouwer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009. Karen Kittredge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

Discussion:

Subcommittee members in attendance: Mike LeBrasseur, Mike McGrath, Fred Beauregard, Karen Kittredge and Sue Brouwer

Other attendees: Sue Gorky, Melissa Walker, Selena Livingston

Sue Brouwer made a motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2009. Karen Kittredge seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

The committee discussed the upcoming Town Meeting and the possibility of a warrant article being presented to reduce the schools' appropriation by \$285k.

The exact amount of the reduction and the Town Manager's plans are still not fully known as his focus has been reconciling the FY09 budget. The committee agreed that a future meeting with the Board of Selectman and Finance Committee was needed to better understand the town's overall financial situation, discuss how the school budget fits into that, and future financial planning.

The committee discussed FY12 Budget Scenarios and Planning. It was requested of the Superintendent and Business Manager to provide us with scenarios as to what our budget would look like through FY12. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at our November meeting, and would be a best-guess projection based on currently known data and trends. Mike McGrath suggested the possibility of including best and worst case scenarios focusing on some of the key areas of our budget (i.e. salaries and SPED).

Also on the agenda was future budget balancing ideas to increase revenue and decrease costs. This was not discussed but Mike LeBrasseur requested that the committee review some documents provided and consider them a list of possibilities for future discussion and consideration. It was agreed that at a later meeting we would begin to review the options and prioritize them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Sincerely,

*Michael LeBrasseur, Chair Budget Sub-Committee
School Committee Member*