



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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Budget Committee / Public Hearing Meeting Minutes January 11, 2016

A. Call to Order

Malcolm Price called the meeting to order at the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, at 7:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shawn Jasper.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Malcolm Price, Board of Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey, Ted Trost, Eric McDowell, School Board Michael Truesdell, Jim Barnes, Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Randy Brownrigg, Geoffrey Keegan

Members Absent: Peggy Huard (excused)

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the draft minutes from the Budget Committee meeting held December 14, 2015. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-2

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the draft minutes from the Budget Committee meeting held December 28, 2015. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0-1

E. Public Hearing on the Town Budget

The Public Hearing on the Town budget was opened by Malcolm Price at 7:02pm.

Public input regarding the town budget was solicited.

The Public Hearing on the Town budget was closed at 7:10pm.

F. Town Warrant Articles

The Budget Committee took the following votes in recommendation of the Town Warrant articles.

Warrant Article	Barnes	Brownrigg	Goodwin	Keegan	McDowell	Luszey	Nute	Price	Trost	Truesdell	Vote to Recommend
A. General Town Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
B. Sewer Operating Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
C. Water Operating Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
D. Wage and Benefit Increase: Town Clerk	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8-2-0
E. Hire a Part-time IT Tech	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9-1-0
F. Build New Fire Station	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
G. Convert Part-time Recreation Office Assistant to Full-time	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9-1-0
H. Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Water Utility Infrastructure and Capital Equipt. Replacement	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
I. Hire Full-time Police Patrol Officer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
L. Reline Central St. Culvert	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	10-0-0
M. Funding for Capital Reserve Funds	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	8-2-0
N. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Firefighters	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9-1-0
O. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Town Support Personnel	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9-1-0
P. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Police and Fire Supervisors	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	9-1-0
Q. Benson Park Utilities	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	6-4-0

[The meeting/hearing went into recess at 7:30pm.]

G. Public Hearing on the School Budget

The Public Hearing on the School budget was opened by Malcolm Price at 7:43pm.

Public input regarding the School budget was solicited.

The Public Hearing on the School budget was closed at 7:58pm.

H. School Warrant Articles

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 1, the School Operating budget. Seconded by Eric McDowell.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 2, the cost portions of the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 7-2-1. Randy Brownrigg and Joyce Goodwin voted "no". Ted Luszey abstained.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 3, the cost portions of the collective bargaining agreement with the school leadership team. Seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 4, to replace the CTE roof. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 5, to add funds to the school renovation capital reserve fund. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 6, to add funds to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 9-1-0. Ted Luszey voted "no".

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 7, to replace the running track at Alvirne High School. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion failed 4-6-0. Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Eric McDowell, Ted Trost, and Ted Luszey voted "no".

I. Adjournment

Motion: Ted Trost moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Barnes. With no objections, Malcolm Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost, Clerk