

Minutes: 20 Nov. 08 – Hudson Municipal Budget Committee

Meeting: Budget Committee – Town of Hudson / Hudson School District

Where: Town Hall – BOS Room

Date: Thursday, 20 Nov. 08

Time: 7:30

Attendees:

T. Boland
J. Drabinowicz
J. Goodwin
B. Haefner - Clerk
S. Hellwig – arrived 8:24
T. Luszey - Chair
J. Maltz
S. Nute
S. Rumbaugh - Vice Chair
B. Nadeau - Selectmen's Rep. - Alternate
R. Nolan - School Board Rep.

Missing:

R. Coutu - Selectmen's Rep.

1. Chairman Luszey called the meeting to order at 7:31 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Public Input
 - None in person
 - 1 Anonymous Letter distributed. Chair asked members to review and use the data as appropriate during deliberations.
3. Committee updates
 - a. Selectmen: Budget books are available
 - b. School Board: Focus has been on Budgets and Contracts
 - c. Conservation Commission: Prime Wetland Study, Open Space plan, Ottarnic and Robinson Ponds
4. Open Actions: None, but will start list with this Meeting and will review at each meeting
5. Review of Town Budget Book, and Tax Rate Setting Process led by Kathy C.
6. School Overview
 - a. Per pupil spending is \$2700 below state average (\$7.3K vs \$10K)
 - b. Hills Garrison Bond paid off
 - c. Health Insurance cost down 5% not up 10% as expected

- d. Overall Spending down \$930K and Revenue up \$ 500K
 - e. Added \$400K of facilities projects. Pays dividends
 - f. 2010 Budget is \$41.6 mil – 2009 Budget was \$41.5 mil Down .9%
 - g. Looking to do a real technology plan using outside help
 - h. State funds are up because we now show more than 5% of students below the poverty line.
7. Motion by John D. and second by Joyce G. to Adjourn. Passed on a voice vote at 8:41