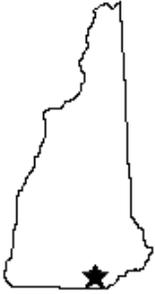


TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 9, 2013

A. Call to Order

Chairman Maltz called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Randy Brownrigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Chair Jonathan Maltz, Vice-Chair Michael Buczynski, Jim Barnes (arrived 7:12), Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Ted Trost, Selectman Liaison Ted Luszey, School Board Liaison Patty Langlais

Members Absent: Joyce Goodwin (excused), Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman.

D. Public Input

None.

E. Reports of Committees

School Board:

Board of Selectmen:

Selectman Ted Luszey reported that the Board of Selectmen passed a motion to take \$100,000 out of the Senior Activities line item to bring the Selectmen recommended budget to \$529,802 above the current default budget. Further the Board of Selectmen requested that the Budget Committee provide line item reductions to give guidance to the Finance Director as to the recommended cuts from the Budget Committee.

F. Acceptance of minutes

- Dec. 2.2013 - deferred

G. School Budget Presentation

1. Introduction

School Board representative Patty Langlais reported on the recommended school budget for FY2015.

Superintendent Bryan Lane reviewed the school budget. Mr. Lane noted that the recommended school budget was not level funded. After review by the School Board, the recommended FY2015 School Budget is \$48,500,088 which requires a tax rate increase of \$0.88.

Motion: School Board representative Patty Langlais moved to bring the FY2015 School Budget \$48,500,088 to the floor for consideration. Ted Trost seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Revenue

Karen Brunell and Bryan Lane presented the revenue portion of the proposed budget.

3. Default Budget

Karen Brunell presented the default budget that totals \$47,770,363 which is \$729,725 less than the School Board's proposed FY2015 budget.

4. Warrant Article Straw Vote

Warrant Article 1 – School Budget

Motion: Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount of \$48,500,088. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$47,773.363.

Vote: Motion passed 5-3: Yes – Jim Barnes, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Mike Buczynski, Ted Trost; No – Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz.

Warrant Article 2 – Special Education Trust Fund

Motion: Shall the Hudson School District vote to appropriate a sum up to \$50,000 to be added to the Special Education Trust Fund established in March of 2000? This

sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote of the School Board required.)

Vote: Motion passed 6-2: Yes – Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Mike Buczynski, Jon Maltz, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes; No – Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz.

Warrant Article 3 – Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund

Motion: Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$100,000 to be added to the Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund established in April of 2004? This sum is to come from the June 30 fund balance available for transfer July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote of the School Board required.)

Vote: Motion passed 5-3: Yes – Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey, Mike Buczynski, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes; No – Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz.

Warrant Article 4 – Install Elevator in Alvirne H.S.

Motion: Shall the Hudson School District raise and appropriate the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of installing an elevator at Alvirne High School and authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the School Renovation Fund and appropriate that amount for that purpose. No money to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote of the School Board required.)

Vote: Motion passed 8-0: Yes – Ted Luszey, Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Patty Langlais.

Warrant Article 5 – Unassigned General Funds

Motion: Shall the Hudson School District vote to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded, the retention of year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and over expenditures under RSA 198:5, or to be used as a source of revenue to lower the tax rate in accordance with RSA 198:4-B.II?

Vote: Motion failed 1-6-1: Yes – Patty Langlais; No – Mike Buczynski, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg; Abstain – Ted Luszey.

5. School Administrative Unit

Karen Brunell and Bryan Lane presented a review of the School District revenue projections.

Motion: Mike Buczynski moved to request information to review the contributions to the NH Retirement System. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

Jeanne Saunders provided a review of the Special Education Budget.

Chairman Maltz declared a recess at 9:46pm.

Meeting was called back to order at 10:00pm.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to zero out line items 10 91 00 00 00 2620 411, 10 91 00 00 00 2620 412, 10 91 00 00 00 2620 622, and 10 91 00 00 00 2620 624 representing line items for maintenance of Hills Memorial Library for a total of \$6053. Motion seconded by Ted Luszey.

Vote: Motion failed 4-4: Yes – Ted Trost, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Ted Luszey; No – Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg, Jim Barnes, Patty Langlais.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to table the School Budget in the amount of \$48,500,088. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion passed 8-0.

Motion: Ted Luszey moved to postpone further review of the School Budget and do additional review of the Town Budget at the Dec. 17 Budget Committee meeting. Ted Trost seconded the motion.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to amend the motion to add an additional meeting to review the Town Budget. Amendment seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

Amendment accepted as a friendly amendment by the maker and seconder of the original motion.

Consensus discussion was to schedule an additional meeting for Monday Dec. 16.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0.

H. Other Business/Comments

I. Adjournment

Ted Luszey moved to adjourn the meeting. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28pm.

December 9, 2013

Jim Barnes.

Clerk