



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

· Bob Guessferd, Chairman

Ted Trost, Vice-Chairman



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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes May 1, 2019 FINAL

A. Call to Order

Chairman Guessferd called the meeting to order at 7:02 in the Buxton conference room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. LaMothe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present:

Bob Guessferd, Michael Fedele, Joe Fernald, Jim Weaver, Hasan Goode, Shawn Murray, Alejandro Urrutia, Board of Selectmen Representative Norm Martin, School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe (quorum of 9 is present)

Members Not Present:

Ted Trost (Excused)

Staff/Others: Board of Selectmen Chairman David Morin

D. Public Input

Board of Selectmen Chair David Morin asked the committee if there was interest in scheduling classes around serving on municipal boards. The board consensus was that these classes would be welcomed.

E. Reports from Committees

School Board:

- Mrs. LaMothe reported that the SAU is projecting an end of year fund balance of \$409,825.
- CTE Funding is in front of the Senate after passing through the house. The House passed a budget with \$14.5M as opposed to the \$17M that was requested. Local House Reps noted that they have a gentlemen's agreement that the remaining balance of the \$17M would come in the next biennium. Mr. Martin mentioned that the BOS is drafting a letter to send to the Senate requesting the full \$17M be funded in this biennium.

Board of Selectmen:

- Mr. Martin reported that the Dept. of Public Works has been approved to purchase a heavy duty lift at a cost of \$75,000. This was not a budgeted item.
- The Fire Department has taken ownership of 2 new fire trucks. The first was Engine 4 a few months ago and is housed at the new Lowell Rd station and the most recent is a new ladder truck that is house at Central station. These were purchased using a new Lease/Purchase contract.



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Capital Improvement Committee

- Mr. Weaver reported that the CIC met for their first meeting on April 8th. The Benson Park Committee and the Land Use Division presented projects.
 - Benson Park Committee
 - Haselton Barn Roof – Estimated \$80,000
 - Kitchen Roof – Estimated \$60,000
 - Land Use Division
 - Twin Brides Rehabilitation – Estimated \$1,975,000
 - Traffic Light Intersection Upgrades – Estimated \$200,000
 - Spear Rd Culvert Replacement – Estimated \$500,000
 - Lowell Rd Bridge Rehabilitation – Estimated \$500,000
 - Melendy Rd Culvert Replacement – Estimated \$500,000
 - Lowell & Birch Intersection Upgrade - Estimated \$2,500,00

F. Acceptance of Minutes

1. April 3, 2019

- Amendments – Mr. Guessferd amended the section discussing the nomination of officers.
- Motion by Mr. Fedele, second by Mr. Fernald
- Motion Passes 8-0-1 (Mr. Urrutia Abstained)

G. Nominations, Appointments, Resignations

- Motion to appoint Caitlin Chiquelin by Mr. Fedele, second by Mrs. LaMothe
 - Motion Failed 4-4-1 (For – Fedele, Lamothe, Urrutia, Fernald. Against – Guessferd, Martin, Murray, Weaver. Abstained – Goode)
- Motion to appoint Richard Weissgarber by Mr. Murray, second by Mr. Martin
 - Motion Failed 4-4-1 (For – Murray, Martin, Guessferd, Weaver. Against – Fedele, LaMothe, Urrutia, Fernald. Abstain – Goode)
- Motion to appoint Richard Weissgarber by Mr. Fedele, second by Mr. Murray
 - Motion Passed 6-3 (For – Fedele, Murray, Martin, Guessferd, Fernald, Weaver. Against – LaMothe, Urrutia, Goode)

H. Old Business

- None

I. New Business

- Tour of the Police Station – Mr. Guessferd said that he would work with Police Chief Avery to schedule a time for the Budget Committee to tour the Police station.
- Town Board Training on May 2nd at the Community Center on the Right to Know Law and how to hold effective meetings presented by the NHMA. Members were invited to attend.

J. Other Business/Comments

- It was discussed that the board would like to see language added to the committee bylaws adding in voting procedures through the budget season. Mr. Weaver will draft preliminary language to discuss at the next meeting.



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K. Member Comments

- Mr. Martin mentioned the VFW would be holding an appreciation ceremony
- Mr. Guessferd mentioned there would be a Field of Honor ceremony held Sunday May 19th at the town common.

L. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Murray, second by Mr. Urrutia. Passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

Prepared by: Jim Weaver, Clerk