

# **TOWN OF HUDSON**

# **Budget Committee**

Bob Guessferd, Chairman

, Ted Trost, Vice-Chairman



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## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes August 7, 2019 DRAFT

#### A. Call to Order

Chairman Guessferd called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. in the Seabury Community Room located in the Hudson, NH Police Station.

## **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

H. Goode led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### C. Attendance

#### **Members Present:**

Bob Guessferd, Ted Trost, Joe Fernald, Alejandro Urrutia, Hasan Goode, Shawn Murray, Rich Weissgarber, Board of Selectmen Representative Norm Martin, (quorum of 8 is present)

#### **Members Absent:**

Michael Fedele, School Board Liaison Dina Lamothe, Jim Weaver

**Staff/Others:** Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman Charles Brackett, Police Chief William Avery, Police Captains Tad Dionne, David Cayot

## **D. Public Input**

None

#### E. Tour of Police Station

The board received a Spatial Needs Assessment from Police Chief Avery. The board then went into recess at 7:16 P.M. to tour the Hudson Police Station. We visited the following areas:

- Victim Interview Room
- Communications Room
- Booking Room and Cells
- · Records Room
- Lieutenant's Office
- IT Room
- Forensics Lab
- Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Office
- Polygraph Room
- Legal Division Office
- Report Writing Room

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- Armory
- Men's Locker Room
- Women's Locker Room
- Support Services (Victim Witness Advocate)
- Sergeant's Room
- Break Room
- Roll Call Room
- Mechanical/Storage area
- · Administrative area

Board reconvened at 8:55 P.M in the Seabury Room.

## F. Reports from Committees

## **School Board:**

None

#### **Board of Selectmen:**

- Police Department received five new body armor vests, funds transferred from the Capital Reserve Fund
- The School Department is to receive \$14,400,000 from the state in an executive budget to put towards CTE renovations at Alvirne High School. The Alvirne trustees will lend that sum to the School Department until the funds are received from the state (which could be as late as 2021)

## **Capital Improvement Program**

None

## **G. Meeting Minutes**

Motion by S. Murray (A. Urrutia second) to defer acceptance of June 05 meeting minutes to the next meeting; motion passed unanimously.

#### H. Old Business

• By-laws – deferred to September 04 meeting

#### I. New Business

- Email recommend Budget Committee members set up an email exclusively for Budget Committee related matters. Do not "Reply to All" in emails, as that may constitute a meeting. See RSA 91A for more information.
- Badges for committee members please acquire and wear Town of Hudson employee badges when acting in an official town capacity.
- Chief Avery to appear before Budget Committee on September 04 to discuss Police Station expansion

### J. Other Business/Comments

 Motion by S. Murray, second by N. Martin to receive a funds transfer list from the School Board for the last fiscal year, along with an end of year line item budget report (budgeted vs. actual spending), to present to the Budget Committee by the September 04 meeting. Motion passed unanimously

#### **K. Member Comments**

• The committee wishes to thank Chief Avery and Captains Dionne and Cavot for taking time to allow us to tour the Police Station.



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- S. Murray requested end of year budget information from the School Board (see Other Business).
- The committee wants to understand if the School Department budget transfers are a result of underfunding or poor planning (example cited budget transfer from textbook line item to another project).
- School Department budget surplus T. Trost commented the Budget Committee was right to recommend reducing the school budget for the last fiscal year by \$400k

## L. Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 04, 7:00 P.M. at the Buxton Community Development Meeting Room

## M. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (S. Murray/N. Martin). Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

Prepared by: Joe Fernald, Clerk Alternate