



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

• Ted Trost, Chairman

Bob Guessferd, Vice-Chairman

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 04, 2018

A. Call to Order

Chairman Trost called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., in the Buxton conference room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Barnes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Bob Guessferd, Lori Robicheau-Pagan, Joe Fernald, Hasan Goode, Michael Fedele, Board of Selectmen Representative Dave Morin, School Board Liaison Malcom Price (quorum is present)

Members Absent: Grace Hopkins (excused)

Staff/Others: Finance Director Kathy Carpentier

D. Public Input

None

E. Member Comments

Mr. Barnes tendered his resignation from the board, effective April 04, 2018, as he is moving out of town. Mr. Barnes stepped down at 7:05 P.M.

F. Nominations and Appointments

Four applicants for the position expiring in March 2019:

- Jim Weaver
- Alejandro Urrutia
- Erika Callori (did not appear)
- Shawn Murray

Process:

1. Interview applicants
2. Each committee member chooses two applicants he/she thinks best suit the position
3. The two applicants with the highest vote totals are added to the committee

Motion (Fernald/Guessferd) to nominate applicants

Vote totals – (A. Urrutia – 7, S. Murray – 6, J. Weaver – 3), A. Urrutia and S. Murray elected by committee to join. Polled vote is attached at the bottom of the minutes.

G. Reports from Committees

School Board – Workshop on April 16 to cover initiatives for next year, public invited

Board of Selectmen – Thanks to Mr. Barnes for his commitment to the town. Board of Selectmen and School Board to meet to discuss use of Hills Library. Board of Selectmen meeting to cover next year initiatives in preparation of town budget.

H. Acceptance of Minutes

February 21, 2018 (Guessferd/Price), motion passed 6-0-2 (M. Fedele and L. Robicheau – Pagan abstained)

I. Old Business

None

J. New Business

Nomination of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk

Motion (Fernald/Guessferd) to nominate Mr. Trost as Chairman, passed unanimously

Question by Mr. Morin about organization, particularly creating Clerk Alternate position. The Clerk Alternate is a backup for the Clerk if the clerk is absent for the meeting. Understands the requirements of the Clerk position. Also rises to the Clerk position if the current Clerk steps down.

Motion (Price/Morin) to nominate B. Guessferd as Vice-Chairman; passed 7-0-1 (B. Guessferd abstained)

Motion (Guessferd/Price) to nominate J. Fernald as Clerk; motion passed 7-0-1 (J. Fernald abstained)

Motion to create Clerk Alternate (Price/Fedele), motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Morin/Guessferd) to nominate L. Robicheau-Pagan as Clerk Alternate, motion passed unanimously

Adoption of By-laws

Motion (Price/Morin) to accept existing by-laws as written, motion passed unanimously

Need to add Clerk Alternate to by-laws. Chairman Trost also proposes the following amendments:

1. Officers – Nominations of, and elections, for all officers shall be by a majority vote of those present
2. A Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Clerk, and Clerk Alternate shall be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the Annual Town Meeting, but not later than April 30.
3. In the case of a vacancy in the position of Chairman after such election, the Vice-Chairman shall immediately succeed to the position of Chairman. The Clerk shall thereupon succeed to the position of Vice-Chairman.
4. In the case of a vacancy in the position of Vice-Chairman after such election, the Clerk shall immediately succeed to the position of Vice-Chairman.
5. In the case of a vacancy in the position of Clerk or Clerk Alternate after such election, an election to fill the vacant position(s) shall be held at the first regularly scheduled meeting after the position(s) become vacant.

Meeting Times

Informal poll determined committee want to keep the meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00

Motion (Guessferd/Fernald) to keep the meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00, motion passed unanimously

Training – K. Carpentier

Ms. Carpentier reached out to the NHMA to have a two-hour session on the Basic Law of Budgeting

K. Other Business/Comments

L. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (Price/Guessferd). Passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Prepared by: Joe Fernald, Clerk

M. Budget Committee Candidate Roll Call Votes

	Candidates	Trost	Fedele	Fernald	Guessferd	Goode	Robicheau-Pagan	Price	Morin	Total Votes
1	Jim Weaver				Y	Y		Y		3
2	Alejandro Urrutia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	7
3	Shawn Murray	Y	Y	Y			Y	Y	Y	6