



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee



Ted Trost, Chairman

Normand Martin, Vice-Chairman

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes November 29, 2017

A. Call to Order

Chairman Ted Trost called the meeting to order in the Buxton Meeting Room at 7:00 pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Malcom Price led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Ted Trost, Norm Martin, Jim Barnes, Bob Guessferd, Shawn Murray, Lori Robicheau-Pagan, Grace Hopkins, Andy Levin, School Board Liaison Malcolm Price, Board of Selectmen Alternate Representative Dave Morin

Members Absent: Joe Fernald (excused)

D. Public Input

None

E. Committee Report:

None

F. Meeting Minutes

None

G. Old Business

1. Follow-up Items

- a. Greater Nashua Mental Health Center request back-up
- b. Hydrant rental fee/fire access charge
- c. Warrant Article M back-up
- d. Senior Center Janitorial Budget back-up

H. New Business

1. Review of Town Budget

- a) Trustees of Trust Fund (Kathy Carpentier)
- b) Cemetery Trustees (Kathy Carpentier)
- c) Treasurer (Kathy Carpentier)
- d) Sustainability Committee (Kathy Carpentier)
- e) Budget Committee (Kathy Carpentier)
- f) Ethics Committee (Kathy Carpentier)
- g) Police (Police Chief Jason Lavoie)
- h) Recreation (Recreation Director Dave Yates)
- i) Library (Library Trustee Robin Rodgers)

- a. Warrant Article Q

- b. Warrant Article R

- c. Motion by Ted Trost: Reduce the library budget by the amount of the part-time IT position's taxes, wages and benefits. (Kathy Carpentier stated this amount would be wages and FICA totaling \$18,346).

- Second: Bob Guessferd.

- After discussion, Ted Trost withdrew his motion based on the Town IT Director stating in a previous meeting that she could not take on the additional work in her department.

- d. Motion by Ted Trost: Reduce the library budget by the amount equal to twice the amount budgeted for utilities and maintenance on the Hills Memorial Library. (Kathy Carpentier stated this amount would be approximately \$6200 times two.)

- Second: Norm Martin.

- Motion passed 6-4-0.

- Kathy Carpentier stated the specific amount would be \$12260 and would include the offsetting revenue of \$4000 received from the school as revenue.

I. Other Business/Comments

Comments

Discussion / review of all Warrant Articles applicable to the Budget Committee.

Second straw poll on Warrant Articles (see end of minutes).

J. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the meeting of November 16, 2017. (Price/Guessferd). Motion Carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 PM.

Prepared by: Grace Hopkins, Temporary Clerk in Joe Fernald's absence

FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET
WARRANT ARTICLE STRAW POLL

	<u>Warrant Articles</u>	Barnes	Guessferd	Hopkins	Levin	Morin	Martin	Murray	Price	Robicheau - Pagan	Trost
A	General Fund Operating Budget (includes Libr and Cons)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
B	Sewer Fund Operating Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
C	Water Fund Operating Budget	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
D	Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	A	Y
G	Lowell Road CMAQ Project	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
H	Hire Four (4) Firefighter/AEMT's	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
I	Funding for Fire Apparatus Refurb and Repair Capital Reserve Fund	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
J	Funding for Property Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
L	Hire Associate IT Specialist	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	A	Y
M	Establish Municipal and Transportation Improvement Capital Res Fund	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	A	A	A	Y
Q	Wage and Benefit Increase for Library Personnel	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	A	N	Y
R	Funding for Library Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	A	A	N	Y
S	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Salary Step Scale	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	A	Y	Y
T	Benson Park Restroom Facilities	Y	A	A	N	Y	N	A	A	N	N

* Fernald not in attendance.