

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

Malcolm Price, Chairman · Eric McDowell, Vice-Chairman

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### Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 7, 2016

#### A. Call to Order

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

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ted Trost.

#### C. Attendance

**Members Present:** Malcolm Price, Eric McDowell, Geoffrey Keegan, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Bob Guessferd, Norm Martin, Joe Fernald, Shawn Murray, School Board Liaison Patty Langlais, Board of Selectmen Liaison Angela Saucier (Late Arrival)

**Members Absent:** Joe Fernald (Excused)

#### D. Public Input

None

#### E. Acceptance of minutes for November 30, 2016

Motion by Ted Trost to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Norm Martin.  
Approved 9, Abstained 0.

#### F. FY 2018 Budget Presentation

##### 1.) Town of Hudson Budget Review

- Chairman Price noted that the Budget Committee voted in an earlier session to move the Straw Vote on Warrant Articles to the last Budget meetings for the School and Town.

- Introduction
- Highway
- Solid Waste
- Benson Park

1. Motion by Norm Martin to reduce the budget to \$0 for the following accounts:

- 01-4312-5563-105-000 Benson Park Oper, Overtime
- 01-4312-5563-108-000 Benson Park Oper, Payroll Taxes
- 01-4312-5563-112-000 Benson Park Oper, State Retirement

Seconded by Ted Trost.

Discussion Highlights:

The cost is too much to bring in people on their off day to do special projects that should be done during the weekdays as part of regular park maintenance.

The highway department doesn't have time during the summer regular work week.

Past estimates to hire outside contractors to do the special projects was significantly more.

Questions were raised whether special projects are necessary. What are these projects? Are these projects for park safety?

Motion by Ted Trost to table vote until additional information is provided by the highway department. Seconded by Geoff Keegan.

Yes 8, No 1 (Shawn Murray)

2. Motion by Ted Trost to request provide a list of the Benson Park Special projects performed in Fiscal Year 2016 with the dollar amount. Seconded by Eric McDowell.

Yes 8, No 1 (Shawn Murray)

- Sewer Fund
- Water Fund
- Planning & Planning Board
- Engineering
- Conservation Commission

## **G. Other Business/Comments**

SAU budget presentations to the committee will continue on December 12, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Buxton Meeting Room.

## **H. Adjournment**

With no objections, Chairman Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Prepared by: Geoff Keegan, Clerk