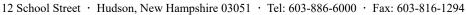




Budget Committee

Malcolm Price, Chairman · Geoffrey Keegan, Vice-Chairman





Budget Committee / Public Hearing Meeting Minutes January 11, 2016

A. Call to Order

Malcolm Price called the meeting to order at the Hudson Community Center, 12 Lions Avenue, at 7:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Shawn Jasper.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Malcolm Price, Board of Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey,

Ted Trost, Eric McDowell, School Board Michael Truesdell,

Jim Barnes, Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Randy

Brownrigg, Geoffrey Keegan

Members Absent: Peggy Huard (excused)

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the draft minutes from the Budget Committee

meeting held December 14, 2015. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-2

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the draft minutes from the Budget Committee

meeting held December 28, 2015. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0-1

E. Public Hearing on the Town Budget

The Public Hearing on the Town budget was opened by Malcolm Price at 7:02pm.

Public input regarding the town budget was solicited.

The Public Hearing on the Town budget was closed at 7:10pm.

F. Town Warrant Articles

The Budget Committee took the following votes in recommendation of the Town Warrant articles.

| Warrant Article | Barnes | Brownrigg | Goodwin | Keegan | McDowell | Luszey | Nute | Price | Trost | Truesdell | Vote to Recommend |
|--|--------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|
| A. General Town Budget | Y | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 10-0-0 |
| B. Sewer Operating Budget | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 10-0-0 |
| C. Water Operating Budget | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 10-0-0 |
| D. Wage and Benefit Increase: Town Clerk | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Υ | Y | Y | Y | Y | 8-2-0 |
| E. Hire a Part-time IT Tech | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | N | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 9-1-0 |
| F. Build New Fire Station | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 10-0-0 |
| G. Convert Part-time Recreation Office Assistant to Full-time | Y | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9-1-0 |
| H. Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Water Utility Infrastructure and Capital Equipt. Replacement | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 10-0-0 |
| I. Hire Full-time Police Patrol Officer | Υ | Y | Υ | Υ | Υ | Y | Υ | Υ | Υ | Y | 10-0-0 |
| L. Reline Central St. Culvert | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | Υ | 10-0-0 |
| M. Funding for Capital Reserve Funds | Y | N | N | Y | Y | Υ | Υ | Υ | Y | Y | 8-2-0 |
| N. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Firefighters | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Υ | Υ | Y | Y | Y | 9-1-0 |
| O. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Town Support Personnel | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9-1-0 |
| P. Collective Bargaining Agreement for Police and Fire Supervisors | Y | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | 9-1-0 |
| Q. Benson Park Utilities | Y | N | N | Y | N | Υ | Υ | Y | N | Y | 6-4-0 |

[The meeting/hearing went into recess at 7:30pm.]

G. Public Hearing on the School Budget

The Public Hearing on the School budget was opened by Malcolm Price at 7:43pm.

Public input regarding the School budget was solicited.

The Public Hearing on the School budget was closed at 7:58pm.

H. School Warrant Articles

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 1, the School Operating budget. Seconded by Eric McDowell.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 2, the cost portions of the collective bargaining agreement with the teachers. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 7-2-1. Randy Brownrigg and Joyce Goodwin voted "no". Ted Luszey abstained.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 3, the cost portions of the collective bargaining agreement with the school leadership team. Seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 4, to replace the CTE roof. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 5, to add funds to the school renovation capital reserve fund. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0-0.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 6, to add funds to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 9-1-0. Ted Luszey voted "no".

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article 7, to replace the running track at Alvirne High School. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion failed 4-6-0. Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Eric McDowell, Ted Trost, and Ted Luszey voted "no".

I. Adjournment

Motion: Ted Trost moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Barnes. With no objections, Malcolm Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost, Clerk