



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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DRAFT **Budget Committee** **Meeting Minutes** **December 28, 2015**

A. Call to Order

Malcolm Price called the meeting to order at 12 School Street at 7:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric McDowell.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Malcolm Price, Board of Selectmen Liaison Alternate Roger Coutu, Ted Trost, Eric McDowell, Geoffrey Keegan, School Board Liaison Michael Truesdell, Jim Barnes, Joyce Goodwin

Members Absent: Stephen Nute (excused), Peggy Huard (excused), Randy Brownrigg (excused)

D. Public Input

There was no public input.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 9, 2015. Seconded by Jim Barnes.

Vote: Motion passed 6-0-2

F. Collective Bargaining Agreements

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article N, the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement for the firefighters union. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article O, the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement for the town staff. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Motion: Ted Trost moved to recommend Warrant Article P, the cost items in the collective bargaining agreement for the police and fire Supervisors. Seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

Jim Barnes stepped down temporarily from the Committee for the purpose of presenting Warrant Article Q.

Motion: Mike Truesdell moved to recommend Warrant Article Q, to raise and appropriate \$250,000 to extend utility services into Benson Park. Seconded by Ted Trost.

Vote: Motion passed 4-3-1. Joyce Goodwin, Eric McDowell, and Ted Trost voted "no", and Jim Barnes abstained.

G. Change to Water Utility Budget

Kathy Carpentier informed the committee that the interest costs on the water utility bonds have decreased.

Motion: Roger Coutu moved to reduce the Water Utility Budget, account 5594-498 by \$91,382 from \$540,081 to \$448,699. Seconded by Ted Trost.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

H. Change to Town Budget – Town Moderator

Selectmen Liaison Alternate Roger Coutu informed the Committee that the motion approved several weeks ago to the budget for the Town Moderator erroneously included funds for a police detail during the 2016 US Presidential Primary. As this will not occur in the 2017 Fiscal Year, those funds should be removed from the budget currently being considered.

Motion: Roger Coutu moved to reduce the Town Budget, account 5041-120 by \$2100 from \$4,950 to \$2850. Seconded by Ted Trost.

Vote: Motion passed 8-0-0

I. School Collective Bargaining Warrant Articles

Superintendent Bryan Lane presented the School Collective Bargaining Warrant Articles for the Committee to review for the January 4, 2016 meeting.

J. Adjournment

Motion: Roger Coutu moved to adjourn. Seconded by Eric McDowell. With no objections, Malcolm Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost, Clerk