

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

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## 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