

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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DRAFT **Budget Committee** **Meeting Minutes** **November 19, 2015**

A. Call to Order

Geoffrey Keegan called the meeting to order at 12 School Street at 7:04pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eric McDowell.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Joyce Goodwin, Malcolm Price (late arrival), Board of Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey, Ted Trost, Peggy Huard, Eric McDowell, Jim Barnes, Geoffrey Keegan, Randy Brownrigg (appointed mid-meeting)

Members Absent: Stephen Nute (excused), School Board Liaison Michael Truesdell.

Note: Michael Truesdell informed the Budget Committee that he would not be able to attend, and that School Board Liaison Alternate Patty Langlais would attend in his stead once she had completed her attendance at a meeting at the High School. Ms. Langlais did not attend this Budget Committee meeting.

D. Public Input

There was no public input.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Committee meeting held on October 7, 2015. Joyce Goodwin seconded.

Vote: Motion passed 6-0-0

F. Filling of Open Committee Member Position

Randy Brownrigg appeared before the Committee to apply for the currently open Budget Committee member position, with a term to end with the elections in March, 2016.

The Committee interviewed Mr. Brownrigg.

Motion: Peggy Huard moved to appoint Mr. Brownrigg to the Budget Committee. Eric McDowell seconded.

Vote: Motion failed 3-3-0

[Malcolm Price arrived at 7:07pm.]

Motion: Ted Trost moved to reconsider the motion to appoint Mr. Brownrigg to the Budget Committee. Peggy Huard seconded.

Vote: Motion passed 4-3-0.

Mr. Brownrigg was sworn into office by Ted Luszey at 7:12pm.

G. Town Budget Introduction, Town Revenue, Town Default Budget

Steve Malizia, Town Administrator, and Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, appeared before the Committee and introduced the Town's Budget, discussed the Revenue Budget, and the Town's Default Budget.

H. Town Warrant Articles Straw Votes

Pending town warrant articles were discussed and straw votes taken with the following results.

Warrant Article	Description	Vote	Straw Poll Result
D	Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector	6-2-0	Recommended
E	Hiring of Part-time IT Entry Level Technician	3-5-0	Not Recommended
F	Construction of New Fire Station	8-0-0	Recommended
G	Convert Part-time to Full-time Recreation Office Assistant	6-2-0	Recommended
H	Establish CRF for Water Infrastructure and Capital Equipment	7-1-0	Recommended
I	Hire One Full-Time Police Officer	5-1-2	Recommended
L	Lining of the Central Street Bridge/Culvert	8-0-0	Recommended
M	Funding of CRFs from Unassigned Fund Balance	7-1-0	Recommended

[Malcolm Price arrived at 7:47pm.]

I. Town Budget Presentations

Kevin Burns presented the budgets for Highway, Solid Waste.

Paul Inderbitzen presented the budget for Town Moderator.

Steve Malizia and Elvis Dhima presented the budgets for the Sewer Fund, the Water Fund, Planning & Planning Board, and Engineering.

[Jim Barnes arrived at 8:35pm, during the presentations by Mr. Malizia and Mr. Dhima.]

Jim Barnes presented the budget for the Conservation Commission, and Benson Park.

J. Adjournment

Motion: Joyce Goodwin moved to adjourn. Randy Brownrigg seconded.

With no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost, Clerk