



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes April 16, 2015

A. Call to Order

Malcolm Price called the meeting to order in the Buxton Meeting Room at 7:30pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Geoffrey Keegan.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price, Board of Selectmen Liaison Ted Luszey, Ted Trost, Peggy Huard, Eric McDowell, School Board Liaison Michael Truesdell, Geoffrey Keegan, Jim Barnes (late arrival)

Members Absent: John Drabinowicz (excused)

D. Public Input

There was no public input.

E. Reports of Committees

School Board: Michael Truesdell reported to the Committee that there was a workshop meeting of the School Board on April 13 to discuss how the FY 2016 default budget would be handled.

Board of Selectmen: Ted Luszey reported to the Committee that the Board of Selectmen was actively reviewing the year-to-date spend and revenues. Also, it appears that the town will qualify for approximately \$75,000 in Federal disaster relief funds following the winter storms.

F. Approval of Minutes

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

Vote: Motion passed 6-0-3

Motion: Ted Trost moved to approve the minutes of the Budget Committee meetings held on March 19, 2015. Joyce Goodwin seconded.

Vote: Motion passed 7-0-2

G. Facebook Page

Malcolm Price suggested that the Committee consider improving the provision of information to town residents by creating a Facebook page. There was discussion regarding getting input from the Town lawyer and the need for access and transparency. The consensus of the Committee was that Geoffrey Keegan would bring a rough framework for the page to the Committee, which could be discussed further, prior to involving the lawyer.

H. Year-to-Date Financial Reports

Town: Kathy Carpentier, Finance Director, presented revenue and spending reports through March 31. There followed a period of questions and answers.

School: Bryan Lane, Superintendent, and Karen Burnell, Business Administrator, presented revenue and spending reports through February. (The reports through March had not been reviewed by the School Board). There followed a period of questions and answers.

[Jim Barnes arrived at 8:20pm.]

I. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be on May 21 at 7:30pm.

There was a discussion about the conflict between the scheduled June 18 meeting and the Alvirne graduation ceremony. No changes to the meeting schedule were made.

J. Adjournment

With no objections, Malcolm Price declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost, Clerk