

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Shawn Jasper, Chairman · Jonathan Maltz, Vice-Chairman

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Budget Committee Public Hearing Meeting Minutes January 8, 2015

A. Call to Order

Chairman Shawn Jasper called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

John Drabinowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Chair Shawn Jasper, Vice-Chair Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price, Selectman Liaison Pat Nichols, School Board Liaison Patty Langlais

Members Absent: None

D. Public Hearing on Town and School Budgets and Warrant Articles

The Public Hearing for the Town Budget was opened at 7:04pm.

Input from the public was solicited regarding the various proposed Town Warrant Articles.

The Public Hearing for the Town Budget was closed at 7:14pm.

The Public Hearing for the School Budget was opened at 7:14pm.

Input from the public was solicited regarding the various proposed School Warrant Articles.

The Public Hearing for the School Budget was closed at 7:25pm.

The Budget Committee then took the following votes in recommendation of the Town and School Warrant Articles.

School Budget and Warrant Articles

Warrant Article 1

Operating Budget

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant as amended by vote at the first session, totaling \$50,038,709? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$48,845,932 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Hudson School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up a revised operating budget only.

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-3.

Yes – Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan,
Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols,
School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, John Drabinowicz.

Warrant Article 2

AFSCME Contract

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement between AFSCME Local 1906 Council 93, AFL-CIO and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

2015-16	\$146,321
2016-17	\$146,252
2017-18	\$150,523

and further to raise and appropriate \$146,321 for the upcoming year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels?

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 8-3.

Yes – Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan,
Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols,
School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, John Drabinowicz.

Warrant Article 3

PSRP Contract

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement between the Hudson Federation of PSRP's AFT Local #6245, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Amount
2015-16	\$75,636
2016-17	\$82,210
2017-18	\$57,233

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,636 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required under the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 6-5.

Yes – Randy Brownrigg, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price,
Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin.

Warrant Article 4

Secretaries Contract

Shall the Hudson School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement between Secretaries AFT Local 6260, AFT-NH, AFL-CIO and the Hudson School Board which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over the amount paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Amount
2015-16	\$36,975
2016-17	\$35,072
2017-18	\$35,880

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,975 for the upcoming fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required under the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 10-1.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price,
Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – John Drabinowicz.

Warrant Article 5

Special Education Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$100,000 to be added to the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund? The fund was established in March 2000. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. John Drabinowicz seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article 6

Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund

Shall the Hudson School District vote to raise and appropriate a sum up to \$100,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve School Renovation Fund? This fund was established in September 1999. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Motion: School Board Rep. Patty Langlais made a motion to recommend. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 10-1.

Yes – Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,

John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,

Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper.

Town Budget and Warrant Articles

Warrant Article A:

General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$24,392,956? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$24,087,206, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Motion: Selectman Pat Nichols made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,

John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,

Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article B:

Sewer Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$1,581,206 for the operation of the Town Sewer Utility? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Sewer Utility shall be \$1,659,315, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised appropriation for the Town Sewer Utility only.

Motion: Randy Brownrigg made a motion to recommend. Selectman Pat Nichols seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article C:

Water Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate \$3,647,180 for the operation of the Town Water Utility? Should this article be defeated, the default budget for the Town Water Utility shall be \$3,710,905, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Hudson or by law; or the Board of Selectmen may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised appropriation for the Town Sewer Utility only.

Motion: Geoffrey Keegan made a motion to recommend. Selectman Pat Nichols seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article F:

Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,280.00 for an increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector?

Motion: Selectman Pat Nichols made a motion to recommend. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article I:

Construction of a New Fire Station

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,174,600 for the design and construction of a new fire station on Town-owned land located on Lowell Road, and authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and sell such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,600 for the purpose of paying 2015-2016 bond issuance cost and interest on said general obligation bonds or notes? (3/5 ballot vote required)

Motion: Selectman Pat Nichols made a motion to recommend. Geoffrey Keegan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 6–5.

Yes – Jim Barnes, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price,
Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz,
Joyce Goodwin

Warrant Article J:

Renovation of the Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the purpose of renovating the Leonard A. Smith Central Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Motion: John Drabinowicz made a motion to recommend. Selectman Pat Nichols seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article K:

Replacement Ambulance

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Account and to use \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance.

Motion: John Drabinowicz made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 11-0.

Yes – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – None.

Warrant Article N:

Wage and Benefit Increase for Full-time Library Employees

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,397 which represents a 3.5% increase in wages and benefits for the full-time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library.

Motion: Randy Brownrigg made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion failed 4-7.

Yes – Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Stephen Nute,
School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin,
Geoffrey Keegan, Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols

Warrant Article O:

Funding for Communications Equipment and Infrastructure

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund which was established on March 12, 2013 for the repair, replacement, or improvement of the Town's radio communication system, equipment and infrastructure?

Motion: Selectman Pat Nichols made a motion to recommend. Geoffrey Keegan seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 10-1.

Yes – Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg,
John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute,
Malcolm Price, Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper

Warrant Article P:

Contract for Hudson Police, Fire, Town Supervisors

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen and the Hudson Police, Fire and Town Supervisors Association which calls for the following increase in salaries and benefits:

Year	Amount	COLA%
7/1/15 - 6/30/16	\$70,335	2/0%

and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,335 for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those paid in the prior Fiscal Year?

Motion: Selectman Pat Nichols made a motion to recommend. Malcolm Price seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 6-5.

Yes – Jim Barnes, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Malcolm Price,
Selectman Pat Nichols, School Board Rep. Patty Langlais

No – Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz,
Joyce Goodwin

E. Other Business/Comments

F. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47

January 8, 2015

Jim Barnes

Clerk