

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Shawn Jasper, Chairman · Jonathan Maltz, Vice-Chairman

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes January 5, 2015

A. Call to Order

Chairman Shawn Jasper called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Joyce Goodwin 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 Roger Coutu, School Board Member Mike Truesdell (arrived 7:05)

Members Absent: None

D. Public Input

None.

E. Town Budget Warrant Articles and Budget Review

Town Administrator Steve Malizia presented Warrant Article P for Committee consideration.

Warrant Article P:

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?

Straw Vote: 6 – 5, Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Joyce Goodwin, John Drabinowicz, Randy Brownrigg opposed, the remaining members in favor.

Chairman Jasper passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman Maltz.

Motion: Shawn Jasper moved to reduce Town Budget line item 04-4550-5060-102-000, Library, Salaries Part Time from \$206,246 to \$191,246, a reduction of \$15,000. Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

Vote: Motion passed 11 – 0.

The gavel was returned to Chairman Jasper.

Motion: Jonathan Maltz moved to reduce Town Budget line item 04-4550-5060-209-000, Library, Heating Oil from \$9,500 to \$6,000, a reduction of \$3,500.

Vote: Motion passed 9 – 2, Stephen Nute and Michael Truesdell in opposition, all others in favor.

F. School Budget Warrant Articles and Budget Review

School Superintendent Bryan Lane presented Warrant Article 2 for Committee consideration.

Warrant Article 2

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?

Since this Warrant Article had not been provided to the Committee members prior to this meeting, there was no straw vote.

G. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Joyce Goodwin moved to approve the minutes of the Dec. 29 2014 Budget Committee meeting. Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

Vote: Motion passed 6 – 0 – 5, Shawn Jasper, Jonathan Maltz, Geoffrey Keegan, Stephen Nute, Roger Coutu abstained.

H. Other Business/Comments

The tentative meeting scheduled for Jan. 7 is cancelled. The next meeting is the Public Hearing on Jan. 8.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

January 5, 2015

Jim Barnes

Clerk