

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

Jonathan Maltz, Chairman · Michael Buczynski, Vice-Chairman

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### **Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 16, 2013**

#### **A. Call to Order**

Chairman Maltz called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

#### **B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Joyce Goodwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **C. Attendance**

##### **Members Present:**

Chair Jonathan Maltz, Vice-Chair Michael Buczynski,  
Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz,  
Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma,  
Ted Trost, Selectman Liaison Richard Maddox,  
School Board Liaison Patty Langlais (arrived 7:29)

##### **Members Absent:**

#### **D. Public Input**

Normand Martin, Selectman Roger Coutu, and Selectman Nancy Brucker provided input to the Committee regarding the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and actions taken by the Budget Committee during that meeting.

#### **E. Reports of Committees**

School Board:

No report.

Board of Selectmen

Selectman Richard Maddox reported on the Board of Selectmen response to the actions taken by the Budget committee during the Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **F. Acceptance of minutes**

### **1. December 2, 2013**

**Motion:** Ted Trost moved to accept the meeting minutes from the Dec. 2 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by John Drabinowicz.

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-1, Selectman Richard Maddox abstained.

### **2. December 9, 2013**

**Motion:** Ted Trost moved to accept the meeting minutes from the Dec. 9 2013 meeting. Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

**Vote:** Motion passed 9-0-1, Selectman Richard Maddox abstained.

### **3. December 11, 2013**

Meeting minutes were not available for review.

## **G. Town Budget Discussion**

**Motion:** Mike Buczynski moved to take the Town Budget in the amount of \$23,329,645 off the table. Motion seconded by Richard Maddox.

**Vote:** Motion passed 10-0.

**Motion:** Ted Trost moved to reconsider the motion from December 2 to reduce the Town Budget to \$1 below the default budget. Motion seconded by John Drabinowicz.

**Vote:** Motion passed 10-1, Stuart Schniederma in opposition.

**Motion on the floor:** Remove the amount of \$629,803 from the proposed Town Budget.

**Vote:** Motion failed 0-10-1: Stuart Schniederma abstained.

The Town Budget under consideration is now \$23,959,448.

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5025 Cemetery Trustees from \$1260 to \$660, by reducing line 01-4195-5025-252-000 (Cemetery Trustees, Prof. Services) from \$1200 to \$600. Motion seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to amend the motion by reducing line 01-4195-5025-252-000 (Cemetery Trustees, Prof. Services) to \$400. Motion seconded by Ted Trost.

**Vote:** Motion to amend passed 10-0-1 with Stuart Schniederma abstaining.

**Vote:** The amended motion passed 8-3: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost; No – Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox.

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to remove \$50 from line item 01-4195-5025-233-000 (Mileage). Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion passed 7-4: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost; No – Jim Barnes, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5070 Budget Committee from \$926 to \$450 by modifying the following line items:

01-4199-5070-214-000 Notices/Newspaper Ads from \$100 to \$50

01-4199-5070-215-000 Publications from \$164 to \$75

01-4199-5070-235-000 Registrations from \$105 to \$50

01-4199-5070-238-000 Postage from \$150 to \$75

01-4199-5070-303-000 Office Supplies from \$407 to \$200

Motion seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

**Vote:** The motion passed 10-1 with Stuart Schniederma opposed.

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5030 Town Clerk/Tax Collector from \$366,893 to \$366,393 by modifying line item 01-4140-5030-303-000 Office Supplies from \$2500 to \$2000. Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

**Vote:** The motion passed 8-3: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost; No – Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5055 Recycling & Energy Committee from \$4300 to \$3500 by modifying the following line items:

01-4199-5055-214-000 Notices/Newspaper Ads from \$200 to \$0

01-4199-5055-217-000 Dues from \$200 to \$0

01-4199-5055-241-000 Printing from \$700 to \$300

Motion seconded by Joyce Goodwin.

**Motion:** Randy Brownrigg moved to amend the motion by setting line item 01-4199-5055-241-000 Printing to \$370. Ted Trost seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The amendment passed 10-0-1 with Stuart Schniederma abstaining.

**Vote:** The amended motion passed 6-5: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin; No – Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to reduce cost center 5080 Ethics Committee by modifying the following line items:

01-4199-5080-214-000 Notices/Newspaper Ads from \$25 to \$0

01-4199-5055-252-000 Other Professional Services from \$50 to \$0

01-4199-5055-303-000 Office Supplies from \$25 to \$0

Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion failed 2-9: Yes –John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute; No – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5571 LUD – Planning from \$205,861 to \$186,385 by modifying line item 01-4191-5571-217-999 Association Dues/Fees from \$19,476 to \$50. Motion seconded by Mike Buczynski.

Motion was withdrawn from consideration.

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to request a cost benefit analysis regarding NRPC dues. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion passed 11-0.

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5630 Police-Patrol from \$5,080,626 to \$5,000,625 by modifying the following line items

01-4210-5630-101-000 Salaries Full Time from \$2,919,860 to \$2,872,297

01-4210-5630-108-000 FICA from \$49,187 to \$48,497

01-4210-5630-113-000 Retirement from \$795,346 to \$783,313

01-4210-5630-122-000 Insurance Benefits from \$499,094 to \$479,378

Motion was seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

**Vote:** The motion failed 0-11.

A recess was declared at 8:54pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:01pm.

**Motion:** Richard Maddox moved to reduce line item 01-4520-5835-273-000 Recreation – Senior Activities, Field Trips from \$120,000 to \$0. Motion seconded by Patty Langlais.

**Vote:** The motion passed 9-2: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox; No – Stuart Schniederma, Stephen Nute.

**Motion:** Mike Buczynski moved to reduce line item 01-4312-5552-248-000 Public Works – Streets, Street Overlay from \$790,000 to \$725,000. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion failed 5-6: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin; No – Jim Barnes, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** Jim Barnes moved to reduce the following line items:

01-4199-5045-206-000 Cable Committee, Electricity from \$6000 to \$3830  
01-4194-5120-206-000 Town Hall, Electricity from \$23,500 to \$21,940  
01-4312-5515-206-000 PW- Facility, Electricity from \$10,500 to \$9070  
01-4321-5555-206-000 Solid Waste Mgmt, Electricity from \$275 to \$220  
01-4312-5563-206-000 Benson Park Oper, Electricity from \$600 to \$545  
01-4210-5615-206-000 Police Facility, Electricity from \$43,000 to \$41,175  
01-4414-5650-206-000 Police Animal Cntrl, Electricity from \$1500 to \$1280  
01-4220-5715-206-000 Fire - Facility, Electricity from \$25,542 to \$18,355  
01-4520-5810-206-000 Rec - Admin, Electricity from \$3735 to \$2610  
04-4550-5060-206-000 Library, Electricity from \$23,200 to \$22,275

Motion seconded by John Drabinowicz.

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to amend the motion by removing line items 01-4210-5615-206-000 Police Facility, Electricity and 01-4220-5715-206-000 Fire - Facility, Electricity. Motion seconded by Ted Trost.

**Vote:** The motion to amend passed 6-5: Yes – Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost; No – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to amend the motion by removing line item 01-4199-5045-206-000 Cable Committee, Electricity. Motion seconded by Ted Trost.

**Vote:** The motion to amend passed 6-5: Yes – Jon Maltz, Randy Brownrigg, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox; No – Mike Buczynski, Joyce Goodwin, John Drabinowicz, Stuart Schniederma, Jim Barnes

**Motion:** Stephen Nute moved to amend the motion to remove line item 04-4550-5060-206-000 Library, Electricity. Motion seconded by Stuart Schniederma.

**Vote:** The motion to amend failed 2-9: Yes –Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma; No – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost

**Vote:** The amended motion passed 8-3: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost, Richard Maddox; No – Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5810 Recreation – Administration from \$132,990 to \$128,990 by modifying line item 01-4520-5810-101-000 Rec - Admin , Salaries FT from \$55,000 to \$51,000. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion failed 2-9: Yes –John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin; No – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Stuart Schniederma, Stephen Nute, Ted Trost, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox

**Motion:** Randy Brownrigg moved to reduce line item 01-4199-5940-298-000 Other Expenses, Contingency from \$75,000 to \$50,000. Mike Buczynski seconded the motion.

**Vote:** The motion failed 2-9: Yes –Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg; No – Jon Maltz, Jim Barnes, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5060 Library from \$1,018,071 to \$1,007,096 by modifying the following line items

04-4550-5060-206-000 Library, Electricity from \$22,275 to \$21,000

04-4550-5060-207-000 Library, Water and Sewer from \$4000 to \$3000

04-4550-5060-209-000 Library, Heating Oil from \$9500 to \$0

Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

**Vote:** The motion passed 7-3-1: Yes – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost, Richard Maddox; No – Jim Barnes, Stephen Nute, Patty Langlais; Abstain - Stuart Schniederma

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to reduce cost center 5750 Fire- Ambulance from \$138,980 to \$129,480 by modifying line item 01-4220-5750-237-000 Fire - Ambulance, Training from \$15,150 to \$5650. Motion seconded by Mike Buczynski.

**Vote:** The motion failed 1-10: Yes –John Drabinowicz; No – Jon Maltz, Mike Buczynski, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Richard Maddox, Stephen Nute, Joyce Goodwin, Ted Trost

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to table the Town Budget in the amount of \$23,822,347. Patty Langlais seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Motion passed 11-0.

## **H. Other Business/Comments**

**Motion:** Stuart Schniederma moved to request weekly payroll records including overtime hours worked, dollars paid, and tasks performed during overtime hours.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

## **I. Adjournment**

Mike Buczynski moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Nute seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46pm.

December 16, 2013  
Jim Barnes.  
Clerk