

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Jonathan Maltz, Chairman · Michael Buczynski, Vice-Chairman

12 School Street · Hudson, New Hampshire 03051 · Tel: 603-886-6000 · Fax: 603-816-1294



Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 2, 2013

A. Call to Order

Chairman Jon Maltz called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

John Drabinowicz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Chair Jonathan Maltz,
Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin,
Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma, Ted Trost
Selectman Liaison Ted Luszey (arrived at 7:18pm),
School Board Liaison Patty Langlais

Members Absent: Michael Buczynski

D. Public Input

None

E. Reports of Committees

School Board:
No report.

Board of Selectmen
No report.

F. Acceptance of minutes

- Nov. 21, 2013 –

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to accept the minutes of the Nov. 21st meeting. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion passed 8-0-1, with Joyce Goodwin abstaining.

- Nov. 25, 2013 –

Motion: Ted Trost moved to accept the minutes of the Nov.25th meeting. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to correct the minutes by noting in section G.5. that Robert Buxton's correct title is Chief, not Deputy Chief. Jim Barnes seconded the motion.

Vote: The amendment passed 8-0-2 with John Drabinowicz and Joyce Goodwin abstaining.

Vote: The amended motion passed 8-0-2 with John Drabinowicz and Joyce Goodwin abstaining.

G. Town Budget Presentation

1. Trustees of Trust Fund

Len Lathrop presented the budget request for the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Len also reviewed the Trustee's investment policy with the Committee.

2. Cemetery Trustees

Kathy Carpentier presented the budget request for the Cemetery Trustees.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to reduce account 5025-252 from \$1200 to \$600. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to take the FY2015 Town Budget in the amount of \$23,959,448 off the table. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 10-0.

Vote: On the original motion, the motion failed 5 in favor (Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, John Drabinowicz, Ted Trost, Stephen Nute) and 5 opposed (Jon Maltz, Jim Barnes, Stuart Schniederma, Patty Langlais, Ted Luszey).

3. Cable

Michael O'Keefe presented the Cable budget request.

4. Treasurer

Kathy Carpentier presented the budget request for the Treasurer.

5. Recycling & Energy Committee

Leo Bernard and Linda Kipnes presented the budget request for the Recycling and Energy Committee. This committee has been formed by combining the old Recycling Committee and the Energy Committee.

6. Budget Committee

Kathy Carpentier presented the budget request for the Budget Committee.

7. Ethics Committee

Kathy Carpentier presented the budget request for the Ethics Committee.

8. Energy Committee

See above.

9. Police

Chief Lavoie presented the Police Department budget request.

Chairman Jon Maltz declared a recess at 8:51pm.

Chairman Jon Maltz called the meeting back to order at 8:59pm.

10. Recreation

Dave Yates and Lori Bowen presented the Recreation Department budget request.

11. Library

Connie Owen and Charles Matthews presented the Library budget request.

H. Other Business/Comments

Selectman Ted Luszey requested another straw vote on the Town Warrant articles be provided for guidance to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Jim Barnes moved to request a justification for the electric usage for the town accounts, including kilowatt hour usage and proposed rates for FY2015. John Drabinowicz seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 10-0.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to table the Town Budget in the amount of \$23,959,448. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 9-1, Selectmen Ted Luszey opposed.

School Board Liaison Patty Langlais left the meeting at 9:43pm.

Straw polls on Town Warrant articles:

Warrant Article A

General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to 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 \$23,959,448? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$23,329,646 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. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is \$6.45.

Vote: Motion failed 2-7: Yes – Ted Luszey, Stephen Nute; No – Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Jon Maltz, Stuart Schniederma, Ted Trost.

Warrant Article B

Wage and Benefit increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1707 which represents a 2.75% increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article A. the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent

Vote: Motion passed 7-2: Yes – Randy Brownrigg, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederma, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes; No – John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin.

Warrant Article C

Wage and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Personnel

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,790 which represents a 2.75% increase in wages and benefits for the following non-union positions: Town Administrator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Road Agent, IT Director, Finance Director,

Recreation Director, and Executive Assistant to the Board of Selectmen? (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is one cent.

Vote: Motion passed 5-3-1: Yes – Ted Luszey, John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes; No – Joyce Goodwin, Stuart Schniederman, Randy Brownrigg; Abstain – Stephen Nute.

Warrant Article D

Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Major Repairs for Town Buildings

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing or replacing major structural components or systems for Town Buildings to be known as “Town Buildings Major Repair Capital Reserve Fund” to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund and to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent

Vote: Motion passed 9-0: Yes – Ted Luszey, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Jon Maltz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg.

Warrant Article E

Establish Capital Reserve Fund for Recreation Equipment

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of improving/renovation and replacing equipment at Recreation Facilities to be known as “Recreation Equipment Capital Reserve Fund” and to raise an appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund an to further appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required) (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen) Estimate tax rate impact is less than one cent

Vote: Motion failed 2-7: Yes – Jon Maltz, Ted Luszey; No – John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg.

Warrant Article K

Establish Recreation Field Construction Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction and upgrading field space for recreation programs, said fund to be known as the Recreation Field Space Construction Capital Reserve Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund and to further designate the Board of

Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

Estimated tax rate impact is less than one cent.

Vote: Motion failed 4-5: Yes – Ted Trost, Jim Barnes, Ted Luszey, Jon Maltz; No – Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to cancel the Dec. 3rd Budget Committee meeting. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 5-3-1, Stuart Schniederman abstained.

Motion: Ted Luszey moved to take the Town Budget in the amount of \$23,959,448 off the table. Ted Trost seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 6-3.

Motion: Stuart Schniederman moved to remove the sum of \$954,825 from the proposed Town Budget. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Motion: Randy Brownrigg moved to amend the motion to remove the amount of \$654,000 from the proposed Town Budget. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion to amend.

Vote: Motion failed 3-4-2: Yes – Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin; No – Jon Maltz, John Drabinowicz, Stephen Nute, Stuart Schniederman; Abstain – Ted Luszey.

Motion: Ted Trost moved to amend the motion to remove the amount of \$629,803 from the proposed Town Budget. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion to amend.

Vote: Motion passed 4-3-2: Yes – Joyce Goodwin, Randy Brownrigg, Ted Trost, Jim Barnes; No – Jon Maltz, John Drabinowicz, Stuart Schniederman; Abstain – Stephen Nute; Ted Luszey.

Vote: Motion passed 7-2: Yes – Jon Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, Joyce Goodwin, John Drabinowicz, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost; No – Stephen Nute, Ted Luszey.

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to table the Town Budget in the amount of \$23,329,645. Joyce Goodwin seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 9-0.

Warrant Article A

General Fund Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to 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 \$23,329,645? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$23,329,646 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.

Vote: Motion passed 7-2: Yes –Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Jon Maltz, Stuart Schniederman, Ted Trost; No – Ted Luszey, Stephen Nute.

I. Adjournment

John Drabinowicz moved to adjourn. Randy Brownrigg seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 7-1.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07pm.

December 2, 2013

Jim Barnes.

Clerk