Minutes: November 18, 2010 Hudson Municipal Budget Committee

Meeting: Budget Committee: Town of Hudson / Hudson School District

Where: Town Hall – Board of Selectman Meeting Room

Date: November 18, 2010.

Attendees:

Normand Martin (NM)
Jonathan Maltz (JM)
Joyce Goodwin (JG)
John Drabinowicz (JD)
Charlotte Schweiss (CS)
Laura Bisson (LB)
Michael Buczynski (MB)
Roger Coutu (RC)
Thaddeus Luszey (TL)

Steve Nute (SN)-absent Susan Guarino (SG)-excused

- 1. Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- 2. NM led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Public Input None
- 4. CS asked about getting reports from the BOS and School Committee Representatives. She discussed what information was important for the committee to receive and why. Discussion followed with input from NC, Kathy Carpentier, NM, JG, JD, LB, and Superintendent Randy Bell. The mechanism for budget line item transfers for both the Town and the School Committee was discussed.
- 5. Randy Bell presented the Budget Committee with the following items.
 - a. projects done with end of the year spending
 - b. IT plan with 2010 update
 - c. technology equipment list
 - d. kindergarten costs information
 - e. information requested about Armark.
 - f. information was provided by Superintendent Bell as to why the School District did not use the same waste disposal contractor as the Town. Discussion followed.
 - g. IT consultant information

h. information re testing results-discussion followed

Superintendent Randy Bell summarized information re the fact that the health insurance increase came in at 6% versus the projected 15%.

Superintendent Randy Bell summarized the availability of 336,000.00 in federal funds. The School Board will dedicate this money for tax relief and determine when it will be utilized.

Superintendent Randy Bell reports the Executive Summary of the budget will be available for the Budget Committee on Monday. Discussion followed.

- 6. NM presented the following information received from the town:
 - a. Lisa Nute will present the IT information when she comes in for the town budget presentation.
 - b. Paving information was summarized.
 - c. information was provided re Zach's Field and the Town funds that were expended re this. RC summarized how the Town came to provide funds. Discussion followed.
- 7. A motion was made to adjourn by JG. The motion was seconded by TL. A unanimous vote in favor followed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.