

Minutes: August 19, 2010 Hudson Municipal Budget Committee

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

Where: Town Hall – Community Development Room

Date: August 19, 2010

Attendees:

Normand Martin
Jonathan Maltz
Susan Guarino
Joyce Goodwin
Steve Nute
Charlotte Schweiss
Laura Bisson
Michael Buzynski
Ken Massey

Absent:

Thaddeus Luszey
John Drabinowicz

1. Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.
2. Normand Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Input – None
4. Committee reports:
 - a. School Board-LB provided a summary. The year finished with a \$325,000.00 fund balance that will be returned to the taxpayers. Two retreats were held. The school board retreat was a two day retreat that focused on looking forward to the future and the vision of the School Board. The administrative retreat was three days and also focused on the vision for the future. The new teachers came in this week. The remainder of the teachers will return next week. The students will return the following week.
 - b. Board of Selectmen- KM provided a summary. The auditors are finishing their work. KM states that perhaps there will be surplus this year to return to the general fund. The Board of Selectmen are getting ready for the next budget cycle and are giving department heads directions. Four contracts will be negotiated. These are fire, police, supervisors, and administrative supports. The NH Department of Labor building auditors are done and a report is expected soon regarding safety compliance. The inspection was two days and included town buildings. NM asked if the committee could get a copy of the report. KM will follow up on this.
 - c. LB had added that the School Department would be negotiating two contracts-the secretaries and the custodians.

5. Acceptance of Minutes- CS requested she receive hard copies of the minutes before the meeting. The minutes were reviewed. LB motioned to accept the minutes as presented. MB seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

6. New Business:

School Budget Format (for Budget Committee review)- Superintendent Bell was present to review the budget format with committee members. LB reported there were three samples to review. She also reports that the complete budget will still be available to Budget Committee members online. RB discussed the goal of reducing the size of the budget and making the budget more user friendly to Budget Committee members. He summarized the organization of the budget formats presented. He stated the committee will need to decide on the level of detail it wants. Discussion followed by Budget Committee members and Superintendent Bell re preferences, formats, level of detail, and how it compares to the town budget. The level of detail in the various formats was reviewed. NM asked for a consensus from the group re selecting the object format of the budget for review. The consensus was that the object format is the format the Budget Committee will select.

7. Next Meeting: September 16, 2010. The Committee will meet at The Waste Water Treatment Plant in Nashua at 7:00 PM for the tour. CS asked about whether the committee will be reviewing the actuals for the town and the school before the budget review process gets underway. She also asked about the schedule for the meetings during the budget review period. NM states the committee will meet following the tour to review the schedule. He will also request the audits, etc from the school and the town so that we can review them at the October meeting.

8. Motion to adjourn by LB and seconded by SN. The vote was unanimous in favor of adjourning.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Guarino