



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Richard Weissgarber, Chair William Cole, Vice-Chair



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Budget Committee (BC) Meeting Minutes

09- 01-2021

A. Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Weissgarber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Robert Guessferd

C. Attendance

Chairman Richard Weissgarber, Grace Hopkins, Ted Trost, Kathy Leary, School Board Liason Diana La Mothe, Board of Selectman Liason Brett Gagnon, Selectman Liason alternate David Morin, Robert Clegg, Cleck Alternate Robert Guessferd, and Shawn Murray
Members not Present: Alejandro Urrutia (excused)

D Public Input

None

E. Acceptance of minutes of August 4, 2021

Mr. Trost made the motion to accept, second by Ms. Hopkins. the motion pass (8-0-2)

F. Reports from Liaisons

a. Select Board.- Selectman Gagnon reported only that 2021 audit results are pending.

b. School Board.- Ms. La Mothe reported that 2021 audit results are pending and reports should be issued soon.

G. Report from 2021 Joint Meeting of School Board and Select Board

Selectman Morin reported as follows:

- There is a history of joint meetings in 2001 and 2004.’
 - A combined group reviewed joint purchases with representatives from both boards, the Budget Committee and a citizen
- The boards desire to continue these meetings and include a library representative.

- Intent to re-engage on the Master Plan. Possible on-line meetings and possibly breaking out needs by geographic area of town.
- Future meetings would focus on Combined purchases, Capital needs over the next 5 years and a vision for the next 10 years.

H. Planned Use of Grants

- Chairman Weissgarber requested that a plan be provided from both boards for the expenditure of grant money.
- A motion was made for the boards to provide a summary of grants and other revenue sources “outside of the town budget” by 1 October 2021 by Mr. Murray. Seconded by Mr. Clegg. Motion passed 10-0.

I. SAU 81 Presentation – use of 2021 Unexpended Fund Balance

- School Board Liaison Lamothe presented a summary of the use of unexpended funds at the end of the 2021 fiscal, including adding funds to the retained fund balance established for excess funds. After funding unbudgeted projects and maximizing the 1% allowable in the retained fund balance, totalling \$1.3M, Ms. Lamothe stated that \$1.7M would be “returned to the taxpayer to reduce the tax rate.”
- Following some discussion regarding the amount of unexpended funds after the end of the fiscal year, a motion was made by Mr. Clegg for the School Board to provide a summary of what contracts have a minimum amount available for reduction, including the school bus contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion passed 10-0
- There was also an expressed desire to better understand the process of relieving the tax rate.

J. Resignation of BC Alternate Clerk Robert Guessferd

Mr. Guessferd submitted a letter of resignation from the Budget Committee, effective 5 September 2021 as a result of his being appointed as a Hudson Selectman by the Hillsborough County Superior Court. BC members all spoke to thank Mr. Guessferd for his service and wished him well as a Selectman. Mr. Guessferd expressed his gratitude for the well wishes and for being able to serve as a member of the board. Motion to accept his resignation was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Hopkins. Motion passed 8-1-1.

A motion was made for Mr. Trost to fill the vacant Alternate Clerk position by Ms. Hopkins, seconded by Selectman Liaison Gagnon. Motion passed 10-0-0.

K. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on October 6, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Trost, second by Mr. Clegg. Motion passed (10-0-0) at 8:45 PM

Posted:

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	Office of the Superintendent of Schools		
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