



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Shawn Murray, Chairman

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Budget Committee (BC) Public Hearing Meeting Minutes January 14, 2021 FINAL

- **Call to Order**

- Chairman Murray called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the Hudson Community Center (HCC).

- **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Led by Chairman Murray

- **Attendance**

Present: (10)

- Chairman Murray, Vice-Chairman Goode, Rich Weissgarber, Bob Guessferd, Ted Trost, Nichole DeJesus (remote), Michael Fedele, Alejandro Urrutia, Selectman Norm Martin, School Board Diana LaMothe

Members Not Present:

- None

Staff/Others:

- Town Administrator Steve Malizia
- Finance Director Lisa Labrie
- Superintendent Larry Russell
- SAU Business Administrator Jennifer Burk

- **Public Input**

- None

- **Acceptance of Minutes**

- Motion to accept the 5 Jan 2021 minutes made by Mr. Guessferd second by Selectman Martin. Motion passed by roll-call vote (8-0-2).

- **Reports from Liaisons**

- a. **Select Board**

- None

- b. **School Board**

- The School and the Town are considering sending School and Town sample ballots in one mailing to Hudson residents, like they did last year.

- **Budget Committee Public Hearing Town and School District Budgets**

- a. **Overview and Public Comment of Town Budget – Default Budget**

- Chairman Murray opened the Town public hearing at 7:07pm and provided a brief overview of the Town budget and warrant articles. No public comment was received.

- b. **Review of Town Warrant Articles – Vote by BC on Town Warrant Articles**

- Chairman Murray read through the Town warrant articles. The below represents the roll-call vote for each WA applicable to the BC with tax/budget impact:

- WA03 – Police facility expansion: Motion made by Mr. Trost second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA04 – General fund operating budget: Motion made by Selectman Martin second by Mr. Trost. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA05 – Sewer fund operating budget: Motion made by Mr. Urrutia second by Mr. Guessferd. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA06 – Water fund operating budget: Motion made by Selectman Martin second by Mr. Weissgarber. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA07 – Purchase replacement VaCon truck: Motion made by Mr. Urrutia second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA08 – Transfer station retaining wall: Motion made by Mr. Trost second by Vice Chairman Goode. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA09 – Town wide paving: Motion made by Mr. Fedele second by Mr. Guessferd. Motion passed (10-0-0).

- WA10 – VaCon truck replacement capital reserve fund: Motion made by Mr. Urrutia second by Selectman Martin. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA11 – Fire apparatus refurbishment/repair capital reserve fund: Motion made by Mr. Trost second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA12 – Property revaluation capital reserve fund funding: Motion made by Ms. DeJesus second by Selectman Martin. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA13 – Major repairs to Town buildings capital reserve funding: Motion made by Selectman Martin second by Mr. Weissgarber. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA14 – Establish police safety equipment capital reserve fund: Motion made by Mr. Trost second by Selectman Martin. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA15 – Establish Hills Memorial Library capital reserve fund: Motion made by Mr. Trost second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed (10-0-0).
- No vote was taken on WA’s 1, 2, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 or 22 for the Town as there is no tax/budget impact.
- c. **Review of Town Petitioned Warrant Articles not received previously**
- Chairman Murray reviewed Town WA’s 20 – 22 as petitioned WA’s. No vote was taken as there is no tax/budget impact.
- d. **Recess – 15 minutes**
- Chairman Murray closed the public hearing in regards the Town budget and WA’s at 7:45pm.
 - Chairman Murray called a 15 minute recess before the start of the SAU 81 budget overview and WA vote. Motion made by Mr. Guessferd second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed by roll-call vote (10-0-0).
 - BC reconvened at 7:57pm to review the SAU81 budget and WA’s.
- e. **Overview and Public Comment of School District Budget – Default Budget**
- Chairman Murray opened the public hearing for SAU81 at 7:57pm. Chairman Murray provided a brief overview of the

SAU81 budget and warrant articles. No public comment was received.

f. **Review of School District Warrant Articles – Vote by BC on School District Warrant Articles**

- Chairman Murray read through the SAU81 warrant articles. The below represents the roll-call vote for each WA applicable to the BC with tax/budget impact:
 - WA01 – Alvirne High School Renovation: Motion made by Mr. Fedele second by Mr. Guessferd. Motion passed (8-2-0).
 - WA02 – SAU81 operating budget: Motion made by Mr. Fedele second by Mr. Guessferd. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA03 - Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Hudson School Board and the Hudson Federation of Teachers: Motion made by Selectman Martin second by Mr. Urrutia. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA04 - Partial Roof Replacement at Hudson Memorial School: Motion made by Mr. Guessferd second by Vice-Chairman Goode. Motion passed (10-0-0).
 - WA05 - Partial Roof Replacement at Hills Garrison School: Motion made by Vice-Chairman Goode second by Mr. Fedele. Motion passed (10-0-0).

a. **Review of School District Petitioned Warrant Articles not received previously**

- None.
- Chairman Murray closed the SAU81 public hearing at 8:33pm.

• **Other Business/Comments**

- Discussion in regards to the BC schedule related to cancelling the 19 Jan 2021 public hearing (if needed) meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Weissgarber second by Mr. Guessferd. Motion passed by roll-call vote (10-0-0).
- The budget committee will meet and sign the budget forms on 20 Jan 2021 at the Town Hall BOS room at 7pm.
- The first deliberative session for the Town is scheduled for 30 Jan 2021 at 9am in the HCC.
- The second deliberative session for SAU81 is scheduled for 6 Feb 2021 at 9am at the HCC.
- Voting Day is 9 March 2021 at the HCC.

- Mr. Inderbitzen provided a brief overview in regards to the deliberative sessions and voting day processes. He also spoke to the possible rescheduling days if weather impacted any of the upcoming meetings and voting.
- **Adjournment**
 - Motion made by Mr. Guessferd second by Ms. DeJesus. Motion passed by roll-call vote (7-2-1). Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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