

The Hudson Municipal Budget Committee met on Saturday, February 12, 2022, beginning at (20 minutes post-Deliberative Session Adjournment) in the Hudson Community Center 12 Lions Ave., Hudson, NH 03051

Agenda for the meeting:

A. Call to Order

Chairman Weissgarber called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Weissgarber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Attendance Chairman Mr. Richard Weissgarber, Vice-Chairman Mr. William Cole, School Board Liaison Vice-Chair Ms. Diana LaMothe, Mr. Normand Martin, alternate clerk Mr. Ted Trost, Ms. Kathy Leary, Mr. Shawn Murray, Ms. Grace Hopkins, Mr. Robert Clegg, Selectman Liaison Brett Gagnon, and clerk Alejandro Urrutia.

D. Public Input opened and closed at 1:15 PM by the chairman because nobody in attendance stepped forward to speak.

E. Acceptance of Minutes

No minutes to be accepted. Minutes from the post deliberative session of 2/5/2022 are still being under review at the time.

F. Reports from liaisons

a. Select Board

Nothing to report

b. School Board

Nothing to report

G. Select Board Post-Deliberative Session Discussion and Possible re-Vote on Warrant Articles

Chairman Weissgarber asked if any committee member wanted to make a motion on any of the Warrant Articles after the deliberative session.

No member made a motion.

H. Other Business/Comments

Selectman Gagnon thanked everyone for participating in the Deliberative Session and expressed his gratitude to the moderator Mr. Paul Inderbitzen for a job well done.

Vice-Chair LaMothe indicated that she had the pleasure of meeting budget committee members and meeting so many people from the Town; she wished the best to everyone.

Mr. Trost thanked Ms. LaMothe for her excellent work done for the School Board and the Budget Committee and wished her the best.

Mr. Urrutia gave thanks to Ms. LaMothe as well. Also, he thanked all the members of the Budget Committee for all of what they do.

Ms. Hopkins indicated that it was her last meeting since she, for personal reasons, decided not to run again.

Ms. Leary thanked everybody on the budget committee and the staff for all their time and effort and putting together the budget. She also expressed her gratitude to Vice-Chair Diana and the television crew. Finally, she urged everybody to come out and vote on March 8; it is critical; she said everybody had the opportunity to look at the school's budgets and the Town. She hoped to see as many voters on March 8.

Mr. Murray mentioned how the budgets of the School and the Town were completed with School and Town Deliberative sessions. He highlighted that there were more participants in the School Deliberative than in the Town. The budget is now the budget of the voters.

Mr. Murray commended the work done by vice-chair LaMothe. He appreciated the job done together despite differing many times, but that is the essence of democracy, said Mr. Murray talking around our difference of opinion.

Vice-Chairman Cole echoed the words said by Ms. Leary. He said it was an exciting year where he could accomplish a couple of things on his list, and he is looking forward to continuing working with those. Mr. Cole thanked the HCTV. Also, he commended Chairman Weissgarber for his guidance and leadership.

Chairman Weissgarber

Chairman Weissgarber says thanks to Ms. LaMothe for her dedication to bringing the work of the School Board to the Budget Committee. In addition, he thanked Ms. Hopkins for stepping in when was needed, hoping that she would decide to run again to the Budget Committee in the future.

Mr. Weissgarber thanked all the volunteers servicing on diverse committees of the Town and to the TV Crew that observed all of what they do make him appreciate more of what they do. Chairman Weissgarber indicated how the next meeting of the Budget Committee would be on April 6, when new officers will be appointed and changes of the bylaws, and he asked the budget committee members to keep all of that in their minds.

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Gagnon passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM