

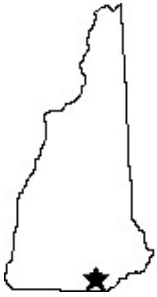
TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

Ted Trost, Chairman

Norm Martin, Vice-Chairman

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes 07 September 2022

A. Call to Order

Chairman William Cole called the meeting to order in the Buxton Community Development Room at Town Hall at 7 pm and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present are Richard Weissgarber, William Cole, Ted Trost, Normand Martin, Shawn Murray, Patrick Quinlan, Kathy Leary, Robert Clegg, Selectmen Liaison Alternate Bob Guessferd, and School Board Liaison Gretchen Whiting.
Alejandro Urrutia Excused

School district staff present: Jen Burke Business Administrator, Daniel Moulis Superintendent of schools, Rachel Borque Special Services Director,

D. Public Input

Chairman Cole opened the floor for public input at 7:02 pm. No member of the public provided input and closed public input @ 7:03 pm

E. Acceptance of Minutes

Motion: To Approve the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of 3 August 2022 (Martin/Leary). CARRIED 8-0

F. Correspondence (Court Order: No. 2022-CV-00203)

Motion: In reference to Section VII, Conduct of Meetings, Sub-Section F Rules of order, Item 2 Votes, Chairman Cole moves to strike Item (C) "Any and all votes of the Hudson Municipal Budget Committee will be limited to the nine elected or duly appointed members-at-large" and replace it with the following:

"A) At the direction of and in compliance with the order of the Superior Court of New Hampshire Case# 2022-CV-00203 dated 15 August 2022 the following may cast their vote on all matters before the Hudson Municipal Budget Committee:

Members-At-Large (elected or duly appointed)

Board of Selectman Liaison/Representative

School Board Liaison/Representative

B.) In addition, at the request of any member-at-large, the Board of Selectman and/or School Board Liaison/Representative will indicate if his or her vote represents the will of his or her respective Board or is simply the Liaison/Representative's position on the matter before the committee.

Failure to respond to the subject request will result in the Board of Selectman and/or School Board Liaisons/Representatives' vote, on the matter under consideration, to be null and void. **Seconded by Mr. Clegg.**

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Weissgarber (No), Mr. Trost (Yes), Ms. Leary (No), Mr. Murray (Yes), Mr. Martin (No), Mr. Quinlan (Yes), Mr. Clegg (Yes), and Mr. Cole (Yes) Motion Carries 5 Yes and 3 No.

Motion: by Mr. Trost, second by Mr. Murray, to strike Section VII, Subsection F, Item #2 paragraph B "Failure to respond to the subject request will result in the Board of Selectman and/or School Board Liaison/Representatives vote, on the matter under consideration, to be null and

void". Roll Call Vote:

**Mr. Trost (Yes), Mr. Quinlan (Yes), Selectman Guessferd (Yes), Ms. Leary (Yes), Ms. Whiting (Yes), Mr. Murray (Yes), Mr. Martin (Yes), Mr. Weissgarber (Yes), Mr. Clegg (No), and Chairman Cole (No).
Motion Carries 8 Yes and 2 No**

Mr. Cole resigns as the Chairman of the Budget Committee and passes the gavel to Vice Chairman Clegg; Mr. Clegg then resigns as Vice-Chairman of the Committee and passes the gavel to the Clerk. Clerk Martin then presides over the committee as Acting Chairman. Acting Chair Martin entertains any motion for the nomination of a Chairman of the Hudson Budget Committee. Mr. Weissgarber nominates Mr. Trost as Chairman 2nd by Mr. Murray. Chairman Martin then closed the nomination and asked all in favor Vote was Unanimous to elect Mr. Ted Trost as the new Chairman of the Hudson Budget Committee.

Chairman Martin then asks for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman. Mr. Weissgarber nominates Mr. Martin as Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee 2nd by Mr. Quinlan. Chairman Martin then closed the nominations and asked all in favor, and the vote was Unanimous to elect Mr. Martin the Vice Chairman of the Hudson Budget Committee.

Chairman Martin then asks for nomination for the Clerk of the Committee. Mr. Weissgarber nominates Mr. Quinlan as Clerk 2nd by Mr. Trost. Chairman Martin then closed the nominations for Clerk of the Committee and asked all in favor and the vote was Unanimous to elect Mr. Quinlan as Clerk of the Committee.

Chairman Martin then ask for nominations for the Alternate Clerk of the Committee. Mr. Murray nominates Ms. Leary as Alternate Clerk of the Committee 2nd by Mr. Weissgarber. Chairman Martin closed the nominations and asked all in favor and the vote was Unanimous to elect Ms. Leary as Alternate clerk of the Committee.

Five Minute recess to shuffle seats around due to the new elections that had just taken place. The meeting resumes @ 7:51 pm with Chairman Trost

calling us back into order.

Motion: Mr. Cole moves to change Section VIII Adoption and Amendment to strike item B **“These bylaws shall become effective after the adoption by a majority vote of the elected/appointed Members at Large of the Budget Committee at a regular or special meeting”** and replace it with **“These Bylaws shall become effective after adoption by a majority vote of the Budget Committee at a regular or special meeting”** Second by Mr. Weissgarber Motion Carries 10-0

Motion: Mr. Cole moves to strike item C from **“These bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Budget Committee Members at large at a regular or special meeting”** and replace it with: **“These bylaws may be amended from time to time at a regular or special meeting”** 2nd by Mr. Murray vote motion carries 10-0.

Motion: Mr. Cole moves to strike item E **“The bylaws shall be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted at the first budget committee following the town election each year. The annual adoption of the Bylaws shall not be subject to Section VIII, item D (above), and shall be voted upon in the same meeting. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Members at Large from further amending these bylaws in the weeks following the initial meeting so long as they are complete before the end of the current Town of Hudson fiscal year”** and replace it with. **“The bylaws shall be reviewed, amended as necessary, and adopted at the first Budget Committee meeting following the town election each year. Nothing in this section shall preclude the Budget Committee from further Amending these bylaws as deemed appropriate”** 2nd by Mr. Clegg, motion carries 10-0.

G. Alvirne High School Renovation Project (Tentative)

This project was presented by Mr. Steve Beal’s principal of Alvirne High

School and Superintendent Daniel Moulis.

H. Default Budget Overview

Presented by Jen Burke Business Administrator, with input from the Superintendent, and Gretchen Whiting.

I. Procurement Policy & Procedures (Town & School)

Presented by Jen Burke from the School district as well as comment from Gretchen Whiting the School Board Liaison.

Significant discussion regarding the purchase of a brand new Seagrave pumper.

J. Reports from Liaisons

A. Board of Selectman. Selectman Guessferd gave updates about the American Rescue Plan.

B. Ms. Whiting had a few items of interest to the board. Ms. Borque gave an update regarding the McKinney-Vento Law.

C. Other business/comments

No comments from members of the Committee

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Martin to adjourn 2nd by Mr. Quinlan. Vote by voice 10-0.

Motion carries and the Hudson Budget Committee is adjourned at 10:37 pm.

Prepared by: Normand G. Martin