

TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee



Norm Martin, Chairman

Bill Cole, Vice-Chairman



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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes of November 07, 2023

A. Call to Order

Chairman Normand Martin called the meeting to order in the Buxton Community Development Room at Town Hall at 6:30 pm and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present Shawn Jasper, William Cole, Kevin Walsh, Normand Martin, Shawn Murray, Patrick Quinlan (E), Kathy Leary, James Lawrence, Selectman Liaison David Morin, School Board Liaison Gretchen Whiting.

Staff Present: Steve Malizia Town Administrator, Lisa Labrie Finance Director, Linda Pella Library Director, Fire Chief Scott Tice, Deputy Chief Paquette, Beth McKee Town Accountant.

D. Public Input

Chairman Martin opened the floor for public input. Peggy Huard 13 David Drive, Gerome Bento 7 Muldoon Dr, and Hiedi Jackoby 194 Gowing Road

E. Acceptance of Minutes

None to present

F. New Business

Motion by Mr. Jasper 2nd by Mr. Murray to separate the offices of Town Clerk/Tax Collector to Town Clerk budget and Tax Collector Budget as the offices will exist separately as of 1 July 2024. **Motion Carries by raised hand vote 9-0**

Administrator from \$182,851 dollars to \$0 dollars. **Motion fails on a raised hand vote 2-7** Mr. Walsh, Mr. Jasper, Ms. Leary, Ms. Whiting, Mr. Murray, Mr. Lawrence, and Selectman Morin Opposed.

Motion to **reconsider** the vote to reduce the Assistant Town Administrator salary line 5110-101 by Mr. Walsh 2nd by Mr. Murray. **Motion carried 5-4** Mr. Jasper, Ms. Leary, Ms. Whiting, and Selectman Morin opposed.

Motion to by Mr. Cole 2nd by Mr. Walsh to reduce line 5110-101 Assistant Town Administrator from \$182,851 dollars to \$0 dollars. **Motion fails 4-5** Mr. Jasper, Ms. Whiting, Ms. Leary, Mr. Lawrence, and Selectman Morin opposed.

Motion to reduce line 5200-218 Legal Fees by Mr. Cole 2nd by Mr. Lawrence from \$93,000 dollars to \$85,000 dollars, a reduction of \$8,000 dollars.

Motion to table the line-item reduction of 5200-218 Legal Fees by Mr. Lawrence 2nd by Mr. Jasper. **Motion carried 9-0** (12-6-2023 meeting follow up.)

Motion to reduce line 5200-278 by Mr. Cole 2nd by Mr. Murray from \$16,000 to \$7,000 dollars, a reduction of \$9,000 dollars. **Motion fails 3-6**, Ms. Leary, Mr. Martin, Mr. Jasper, Mr. Walsh, Ms. Whiting, Selectman Morin opposed.

H. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Murray 2nd by Mr. Martin, motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Normand G. Martin