



TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

· Ted Trost, Chairman

Bob Guessferd, Vice-Chairman



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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes January 02, 2019 DRAFT

A. Call to Order

Chairman Trost called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Buxton conference room.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Grace Hopkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Ted Trost, Joe Fernald, Hasan Goode, Alejandro Urrutia, Bob Guessferd, Grace Hopkins, Michael Fedele, Shawn Murray, James Weaver, Board of Selectmen Representative Norm Martin (quorum of 10 is present)

Members Absent: School Board Liaison Malcom Price (excused)

Staff/Others: Library Director Linda Pilla, members of the Library Board of Trustees, Fire Chief Buxton, Finance Director K. Carpentier, Town Administrator S. Malizia

D. Public Input – None

E. Acceptance of Minutes – None

F. Board Reports

- **Board of Selectmen**

- Forwarded Highway Department contract (2% pay raise) to be discussed tonight

G. Old Business

- Library Board of Trustees – Discussion of Article G and salary/step structure
Chairman Trost passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman B. Guessferd

Motion (Trost/Goode) – Raise the Library Wages and Benefits by \$9480 (budget line items 04-4550-5060-101-000 and 04-4550-5060-102-000); this is exclusive of the amount contained in Article G. Motion passes 9-1-0 (S. Murray voted no)

T. Trost resumed as Chairman

Chairman Trost passed the gavel to Vice-Chairman B. Guessferd

Motion (Fernald/Murray, N. Martin withdrew second) to reconsider Warrant Article G, motion passes 7-3-0 (G. Hopkins, N. Martin, M. Fedele vote no)

Motion (Fedele/Weaver) to recommend Article G. Comment by T. Trost that with



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the money adjusted in the budget earlier, the article is moot. Motion fails 1-9-0 (T. Trost, B. Guessferd, J. Fernald, H. Goode, J. Weaver, A. Urrutia, G. Hopkins, S. Murray, N. Martin voted no)

T. Trost resumed as Chairman

H. New Business

- Town default budget
- Collective Bargaining
- Wrap up

Motion (Martin/Murray) to recommend Article L. (Fire Department) Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Martin/Urrutia) to recommend Article M (Administrative). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Martin/Guessferd) to recommend Article O (Support Staff). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Martin/Weaver) to recommend Article P (Public Works). Motion passed unanimously.

No Police Department CBA to discuss tonight

Motion (Martin/Fernald) to recommend Article A (General Fund operating budget, \$26,916,799). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Martin/Fedele) to recommend Article B (Sewer Fund operating budget \$1,769,204). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Martin/Fedele) to recommend Article C (Water Fund operating budget \$3,880,823). Motion passed unanimously

Default budget (adjusted, includes town, sewer, and water) – difference is \$556,805 from warrant article

I. Member Comments

- S. Murray – contact Budget Committee with any questions/concerns
- B. Guessferd – January 09 meeting is the public hearing. Public input is welcome and encouraged
- T. Trost – The function of the Budget Committee is to present a budget that reflects the best interest of the town.
- School budget and warrant articles are not ready, Chairman Trost expressed disappointment at School Department not having warrant articles for review.

J. Other Business/Comments

Next meeting – 07 Jan 2019, in the Buxton conference room. Vote and discuss School Board warrant articles, default budget, and wrap up.

Public Hearing – 09 Jan 2019 , in the Buxton conference room.



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K. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn (Martin/ Urrutia). Motion passed 9-1-0 (S. Murray voted no). Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Addendum – Meeting for 07 Jan 2019 cancelled.

Prepared by: Joe Fernald, Clerk

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