



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of January 12, 2016

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Tom Gehan at 7:05 PM.

Members present: Tom Gehan, Mike Harris, Chris Hyde, Tom Jambard, David Sacks – School Board Rep, Frank Whitemore

Others present: Andrew Corey – Superintendent, Tammy Fareed – Hollis School Board, Kelly Seely – SAU Business Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Upcoming Meetings:

January 26, 2016: Town and School Collective Bargaining Agreements

February 2, 2016: Hollis Town Budget Public Hearing

February 3, 2016: Hollis School District Budget Public Hearing

March 12, 2016: Hollis Annual Town Meeting

March 17, 2016: Hollis Annual School District Meeting

March 23, 2016: COOP Annual Meeting

Public Input:

No members of the public were present.

2nd Review of Hollis School District FY17 Budget

Kelly S. confirmed that there were no material changes since the 1st review other than a \$68.7K shift from the operating budget to the expendable trust fund.

Tom G. asked for the current balance of the expendable trust. Kelly S. stated \$116.1K and there will be a warrant article requesting \$55K be added to the fund, bringing the closing balance to \$102.4K.

There was a discussion about the energy committee's wood pellet heating proposal.

Andy C. stated that HSB had approved a \$7.5K feasibility study.

David S. stated that HSB would prefer to wait until FY18 before presenting a bond proposal.

Chris H. asked if the COOP buildings were being considered as potential users of the wood pellet inventory.

Andy C. replied that the construction necessary to move the pellets up Main St. were most likely cost prohibitive and a second wood pellet dispensary would make more sense.

There was discussion about the final cost of the project being ~\$100K.

David S. said the cost was unknown and that the potential FY17 warrant article is for the \$7.5K feasibility study to determine what the costs would be and to seek approval of the idea from the community.

Andy C. stated that a preliminary study is being done presently to determine if the \$7.5K article is worthwhile.

Tom G. stated that new articles must to be presented to BudCom no later than January 26th.

Kelly S. stated that \$9.4K in flooring equipment and art tables were moved back into the operating budget.

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Tom G. confirmed that the proposed budget is \$102.9K under guidance and will not change if full day kindergarten is not approved.

Tom J. asked about transportation negotiations. Andy C. replied that they are down to one bidder and are expecting a final number within the week.

Andy C. stated maintenance records of the playground bark mulch were reviewed and it was found that the mulch has not yet been completely replaced. He said going forward a plan would be implemented to maintain the mulch on an annual basis.

Warrant Articles

Chris H. suggested presenting the operating budget as the final warrant article to provide flexibility since the HSD is limited to a maximum annual 10% increase by law.

Tom G. asked about ongoing CBA negotiations in Articles 2 and 3. Andy C. stated that union negotiations are progressing.

Tom G. asked about Article 5 regarding the SAU Budget. Andy C. replied that it increased 1.9% because the retained fund balance had fallen below 7% and could not be used.

Tom G. asked if there was any information regarding the Lund Lane Maintenance Trust in Article 6. David S. stated that it was too late to implement a rent increase into the FY17 budget but there was interest for FY18.

Mike H. suggested moving Article 8 regarding full day kindergarten to follow the CBA Article.

COOP:

Tom G. asked if there was any indication that the COOP would request bonds in the upcoming two years.

Andy C. replied that one bond was retiring next year and he was not aware of any new bonds being proposed. He stated that the COOP was in discussion with Hollis Recreation regarding athletic fields.

Farley Building

David S. asked BudCom on behalf of HSB how to collect funds for a building not yet owned by the school district.

Chris H. replied that the use of the building needed to be first determined by the community.

Tom G. suggested soliciting legal counsel.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris H. Mike H. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Winsor, Tax Collector