



BUDGET COMMITTEE
Town of Hollis
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Minutes of February 8, 2016

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee meeting and public hearing from February 2, 2016 was called out of recess by Tom Gehan at 7:03 PM.

Members present: Susan Benz, Frank Cadwell – Selectman Rep, Tom Gehan, Mike Harris, Chris Hyde, Tom Jambard (left at 10:30 PM), David Sacks – School Board Rep

Others present: Peter Band – Selectman, Kim Galipeau – Town Administrator, Mark LeDoux – Selectman, Deb Padykula – Finance Officer, David Petry – Selectman

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Board of Selectmen Minutes

This meeting was held concurrently with the Board of Selectman's Land Acquisition Bond Hearing. Please refer to the Board of Selectmen minutes dated February 8, 2016 for details pertaining to the land presentations and public input.

Warrant Articles:

ARTICLE 2 – Bond for Land Acquisition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,250,000.00** (gross budget) to acquire full ownership interest to certain tracts or parcels of land, together with any buildings thereon, in the Town of Hollis more particularly specified below, on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$2,250,000.00** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); also, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen are hereby also authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants or other forms of assistance, if any, in order to offset the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above. The intended uses are to include protection of land and forests, passive recreation and potential athletic fields for Town of Hollis residents.

The certain tracts or parcels of land which are to be purchased with the above appropriations are known collectively as the Birch Properties and, more particularly, include the following:

Birch Hill Properties

Tract(s) or Parcel(s) of Land	Size (Approximate)	Title Ref
M/L 28-53	11.73	8498/2328 (parcel 9)
M/L 34-10	68.00	8498/2328 (parcel 5)
M/L 34-15	21.00	8498/2328 (parcel 7)
M/L 34-19	9.34	8498/2328 (parcel 8)
M/L 28-59	131.50	8498/2334
M/L 28-17	34.98	6323/0850 (parcel 2)
M/L 34-03	1.00	6323/0850 (parcel 1)
M/L 34-04	15.6	6323/0850 (parcel 3)
M/L 34-08	25.00	6323/0850 (parcel 4)
M/L 34-09	21.00	6323/0850 (parcel 5)

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M/L 34-13

15.00
354.15 acres

6323/0850 (parcel 6)

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be completed. This is a special warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:3 (VI)(b). (2/3rd ballot vote required).

Recommended by Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 3 – Bond for Land Acquisition

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,550,000.00** (gross budget) to acquire full ownership interest to certain tracts or parcels of land, together with any buildings thereon, in the Town of Hollis more particularly specified below, on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$2,550,000.00** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); also, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen are hereby also authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants or other forms of assistance, if any, in order to offset the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above. The intended uses are preservation of water and land uses, passive recreation, with potential aquatic uses to be codified after acquisition by the Board of Selectmen.

The certain tracts or parcels of land which are to be purchased with the above appropriations are known collectively as the Bell Heirs - Rocky Pond Properties and, more particularly, include the following:

Rocky Pond Properties

Tract(s) or Parcel(s) of Land	Size (Approximate)	
M/L 22-06	14.03	
M/L 22-07 (1)	0.34	
M/L 22-07 (2)	7.24	
M/L 22-08	5.25	
M/L 22-10	5.45	
M/L 22-16	1.47	
M/L 22-36	2.96	
		36.74
M/L 28-01-01	7.04	
M/L 28-01-02	3.76	
M/L 28-01-03	8.57	
M/L 28-01-04	7.38	
M/L 28-09	15.82	
M/L 28-48	31.78	
M/L 28-48-01	9.89	
M/L 28-48-02	10.64	
M/L 28-48-03	9.25	
		104.13
		140.87 acres

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be completed. This is a special warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:3 (VI)(b).

(2/3rd ballot vote required).

Recommended by Selectmen

NOT Recommended by Budget Committee

ARTICLE 4 – Bond for Land Acquisition

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,550,000.00** (gross budget) to acquire full ownership interest to certain tracts or parcels of land, together with any buildings thereon, in the Town of Hollis more particularly specified below, on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the issuance of not more than **\$2,550,000.00** of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); also, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen are hereby also authorized to apply for and accept gifts, grants or other forms of assistance, if any, in order to offset the raising and appropriating of the funds referenced above. The intended uses are for agricultural husbandry, timber management, land conservation, passive recreation and potential athletic fields for Town of Hollis residents, and other such uses as to be identified by the Board of Selectmen.

The certain tracts or parcels of land which are to be purchased with the above appropriations are known collectively as the Stefanowicz Properties and, more particularly, include the following:

Stefanowicz Properties

Tract(s) or Parcel(s) of Land

Size (Approximate)

M/L 32-01

185.84

M/L 32-02

1.39

187.23 acres

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, III and will not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation is made shall be completed. (2/3rd ballot vote required).

Recommended by Selectmen

NOT Recommended by Budget Committee

Budget Committee Positions

Tom G. opened BudCom deliberations at 10:51 PM.

Susan B. questioned approving all articles given the anticipated costs of future town and school projects. Chris H. expressed concern regarding the purchase of all three properties and reviewed the benefits and costs of each, stating that Birch Hill seemed the best value and that there are many unknowns regarding Rocky Pond.

David S. stated his support of the Birch Hill and Stefanowicz properties. He added that the aquifer on Stefanowicz offers a unique opportunity to protect water and may offer a location for future athletic fields. He added that given the high cost he could not support purchasing property on Rocky Pond.

Tom G. reiterated his concern regarding the assumption of debt for all three properties and stated he could not support all three.

Article 2:

Mike H. made a motion that the BudCom recommend this article.

Motion was seconded by Chris H.

Roll call vote:

Susan B. – Yea, Frank C. – Yea, Tom G. – Yea, Chris H. – Yea, Mike H. – Yea, David S. – Yea

Motion carried 6-0-0

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Article 3:

Mike H. made a motion that the BudCom recommend this article.

Motion was seconded by Chris H.

Roll call vote:

Susan B. – Yea, Frank C. – Nea, Tom G. – Nea, Chris H. – Yea, Mike H. – Yea, David S. – Nea

Motion failed 3-3-0

Article 4:

Mike H. made a motion that the BudCom recommend this article.

Motion was seconded by Chris H.

Roll call vote:

Susan B. – Nea, Frank C. – Yea, Tom G. – Nea, Chris H. – Nea, Mike H. – Yea, David S. – Yea

Motion failed 3-3-0

Approval of Minutes

Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 2/2/16. Chris H. seconded. Vote was 6-0-0. Minutes were accepted.

Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 2/3/16. Chris H. seconded. Vote was 6-0-0. Minutes were accepted.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Chris H. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Winsor, Tax Collector