



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of May 10, 2016

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Tom Gehan at 7:03 PM.

Members present: Susan Benz, Tom Gehan, Mike Harris, Tom Jambard, Rob Mann – School Board Rep
Others present: Deb Padykula – Finance Officer

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of minutes:

Tom J. moved to accept the minutes of 4/12/16. Susan B. seconded. Mike H. abstained. Motion passed. Vote was 4-0-1.

Public Input: No members of the public were present.

Town Report:

Tom G. stated that the Selectmen announced that the town will no longer pursue the purchase of properties at Rocky Pond.

Deb P. stated the main reasons behind the decision pertained to complicated covenants and subdivision requirements.

Deb P. stated that the town's expenditures are on track for where they should be at this time. YTD 2016 the town has received \$140K in land use revenue. She stated that after deducting the approved \$330K from the unassigned fund balance, the account will be at \$2.85M.

Tom J. asked how often Mason and Brookline made payments for communications. Deb P. replied quarterly.

Deb P. stated she acquired a rate of 2.74% for the DPW capital leases for a new dump truck and loader, also approved at town meeting. She added that the payments will be \$3K less than what was anticipated.

School Report:

Rob M. reviewed goals the Hollis School Board (HSB) is pursuing.

The HSB would like to develop reporting that would analyze the performance of the Hollis School District, separate from the SAU, for grades 1-6.

The May enrollment numbers are flat, as expected.

The HSB received a letter of intent for upcoming contract negotiations (the recent contract that was approved spans one year).

The HSB generated a draft charter for the energy study that will examine various heating options. Rob M. stated that informational forums are scheduled for June and October, and a recommendation should be reached by December. Mike H. stated that providing good data to support the committee's recommendation is essential. Tom G. asked about the consultants' expertise. Rob M. replied that they specialize in alternative energy.

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Rob M. stated that the ending FY16 unencumbered fund balance is \$467K, but could go up to \$480K with anticipated additional savings. Rob M. reviewed the expenditure line items. Rob M. reviewed \$31.5K in end of year purchases.

Rob M. stated that the HSB would like to move its administrative offices to the Farley Building and is looking into subdividing and selling the property at 4 Lund Lane. Rob M. met with a committee in Concord that awards grants for restoration projects and is gathering information regarding the Farley Building's architecture. The deadline to apply for a grant is June 24.

Tom G. stated that the 2011 study estimated restoration and renovation costs at \$3.2M.

BudCom advised putting together a comprehensive plan and submitting a grant proposal in 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Winsor, Tax Collector