



**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
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## **Minutes of May 12, 2015**

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Tom Gehan at 7:02 PM.

Members present: Tom Gehan, Mike Harris, Susan Benz, Chris Hyde, Frank Cadwell, Laurie Miller - School Board Rep.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of minutes:

Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 4/15/15 as written. Frank C. seconded. Chris H. and Susan B. abstained. Motion passed. Vote was 4-0-2. Minutes were accepted.

Public Input: No members of the public were present.

Town Report:

Frank C. stated that the YTD DPW overtime line item is currently overspent by \$12K due to snow removal, but that \$25K was expected from FEMA.

Frank C. stated that Yield Tax revenue was already \$25K over the anticipated amount for the year.

Frank C. reviewed topics from the prior Selectman's meeting. The town took \$188K in liens for the 2014 tax year.

Committee on Educational Review:

The educational committee appointed officers and will meet again May 14.

Chris H. asked if state representatives had been contacted to modify RSAs that require a majority Coop vote for dissolution.

Tom G. stated that he wrote Rep. Jim Belanger as a citizen asking him to draft legislation that would allow a town to withdraw from a Coop on its own without a majority Coop vote. Tom G. stated he would share the letter with the Selectmen and BudCom. Rep. Belanger is expected to sponsor legislation in the next session.

Laurie M. asked about the hiring of a forensic accountant. Tom G. stated this would be funded by the Selectmen out of town funds. Frank C. stated that there were several line items in the budget that could be appropriately used.

Recreation Commission

Frank C. stated that there is a need for an additional rectangular field and that there may be a town warrant article in the future. There was a discussion of whether the field should be at the high school or if the town should move forward with its own field.

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### School Report

Laurie M. stated that there has not been a school board meeting since the last BudCom meeting because the meetings have been moved from Monday to Wednesday. The next meeting is May 13. Tom G. voiced concern that this could impact timing during the budget season.

Laurie M. stated that there has been discussion to have fewer meetings to take strain off of the SAU staff. Laure M. stated that Eric Horton reported the projected fund balance through the end of the year is \$48.3K. The number includes encumbrances for unexpected heating repairs of \$11.2K and the authorization of the maker station space for \$19K.

There was a discussion of the addition of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade six teacher and class sizes.

Chris H. asked about capital improvements during the summer. Tom G. stated this was on the agenda for the next school board meeting. Tom G. listed the proposed improvements.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Chris H. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Winsor, Tax Collector