



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of January 9, 2012

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

Members present: Chris Hyde, Chairman; Mike Harris, Peter Band, Susan Benz, Tom Gehan, Tom Jambard, Frank Whittemore, Rob Mann

Also present: Deb Padykula-Finance Director, Troy Brown-Town Administrator, David Petry-Chairman, Board of Selectmen, Mark LeDoux-Selectman, Vahrij Manoukian (arrived at 7:15)

Selectmen Budget Review

Chris H. turned the meeting over to David P. to update the BudComm on the current status of the proposed Town Budget. David P. suggested that Deb P. review the changes that the Selectmen agreed to earlier this evening. The goal was to eliminate an additional \$96K in order to achieve a flat budget. The major discussions centered around the balance between the Police Department overtime and part-time budget lines, and whether the proposal to convert the current I/T position from part-time to full-time should be on a separate warrant article. It was also suggested that the BudComm could choose to support a budget that is over guidance. After much discussion, Peter B. moved to raise the budget guidance number by \$27,844 to allow the I/T position to become full-time with benefits. Seconded by Susan B. Tom J. pointed out that this number represents the cost for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year (April through December). Chris H. asked that the full year budget impact of this change be available at the public hearing. Susan B., Peter B., Tom G., Frank W., Tom J., and Rob M. voted in favor. Mike H. and Chris H. voted against. Motion passed 6-2.

Anticipated Warrant Articles

- 1 Officials Reports
- 2 Union Contract/Fact Finder Report
- 3 Approval of Union Sidebar Agreement
- 4 Old Home Day Special Revenue Fund
- 5 Compensated Absences Payable Expendable Trust Fund
- 6 Municipal Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
- 7 Vehicle Purchase
- 8 Vehicle Lease
- 9 Town Water Well
- 10 Appropriation of NHDOT Bridge Aid Funding
- 11 Discontinuance of the Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund
- 12 2012 Operating Budget
- 13 Other

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Relative to Collective Bargaining, Mark L. stated that there was a tentative agreement in place (yet to be ratified by the membership) resulting from the union negotiations. Chris H. reiterated that the BudComm needs to have the agreement in front of them at least one week prior to the public hearing so that they have time to review it and make a decision whether or not to support it.

Mark L. mentioned one petition warrant article concerning SB2, but this will not be decided at Town Meeting. Voting on this article will be by ballot. A joint public hearing needs to be held at least 30 days prior to the vote.

The deadline for submission of petition warrant articles is February 7.

Date of Public Hearings:	Hollis/Brookline Coop	Monday Feb. 6
	Hollis School District	Tuesday Feb. 7
	Hollis Town Budget	Wednesday Feb 8

Other Input

Mark L. discussed the possibility of refinancing the remaining bond debt (including town and school bonds) at a lower interest rate. He plans to visit the bond bank to discuss this. It was mentioned by Chris H. that this question had been raised last year with the SAU Business Administrator. The conclusion was that, as far as the school debt is concerned, there were terms of the original agreement that restricted the ability to refinance. All were in favor, if Mark L. was willing to pursue it, of investigating the current status of the outstanding bonds to see which, if any, might be callable at this time.

Chris H. mentioned that the group Informed Citizens United was planning to meet Saturday, Jan. 14 and they had requested a BudComm member be present to discuss the proposed budget. Peter B. volunteered to attend.

Next regular BudComm meeting: Tuesday Jan. 24

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Peter B. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector