



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of May 13, 2014

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, Frank Cadwell, Frank Whittemore, Rosemary Mezzocchi - School Board Rep.

Other present: Mark LeDoux – Selectman (arrived at 7:10)

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of minutes:

Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 4/8/14 as written. Susan B. seconded. All voted in favor. None were opposed. Motion carried 6-0-0.

Public Input:

No members of the public were present.

Town Report:

Frank C. gave a discussion of the financial report for the period ending April 30. He stated that budgets are approximately 28 to 30% spent, which is on track for the year. The legal line is a bit over due to expenditures related to the natural gas pipeline issue. Revenues are up slightly from what was budgeted.

School Report:

Rosemary M. stated some of the goals that were identified by the Hollis School Board for the upcoming year. The first was the need for an SAU wide policy for tuitioning in of students from out of town. Also, the school board plans to revisit the topic of merit pay. Tom G. offered to send some information he had presented to the board a few years ago regarding quantifying merit.

Apportionment Committee Report:

Mike H. mentioned that the committee had it's first meeting on the 8th of May. Several public forums have been scheduled, the first of which will be on the 11th of June in Brookline. Meetings will be every other Thursday starting in June. Data and statistics, as well as a meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes, will be posted to the webpage, which will be accessible via the SAU website. The long term goal is to have a decision by the school board on November 19th.

Mark L. mentioned that he has been contacted by several people who wanted to know the economic impact of dissolving the COOP. He suggested that that calculation should be done, because the question will come up at public hearings. Mike H. stated that the Hollis BudCom would be the appropriate group to do

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that math, rather than the apportionment committee. Tom G. stated that previous analyses showed that it would take very little shift in the apportionment formula for the option of dissolving the COOP to become economically advantageous. He also stated that the BudCom would be happy to work with the Selectmen to revisit those calculations.

Tom G. presented a powerpoint on how the COOP is funded, using FY15 data approved at the March District Meeting. He went into specific detail on how each town's share of the costs is derived. The concern is that the average person does not have a sufficient understanding of this topic due to its complexity. Mark L. suggested posting the presentation to the town's website so that the public will have time to review and understand the numbers prior to the upcoming public hearing. Mike H. mentioned that Tom G. will be presenting this information to the apportionment committee on June 12th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Frank C. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector