



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of May 25, 2010

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Chris Hyde, Chairman at 7:10 PM.

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

Also present: Paul Calabria, Finance Director

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Chris H proposes editing the section on DPW contracted services: "Also the BOS will study current DPW staffing levels and what if any K services could be used and their costs and benefit trade-offs."

Motion to accept as amended by Mike H, 2nd by Tom J

Motion carried 4-0 (Tom G, Peter B & Susan B abstain)

Town Report:

Peter B. discussed the YTD tracking of expenses and revenues. The expenses are slightly over what is expected (annualized amount of between \$50K and \$60K). Insurance and unemployment costs are up slightly. Frank W. asked why we have unemployment costs. Some issues will be broached during the non-public session with regard to this topic. Insurance costs are not outside the range of reasonableness and are not of concern at this point in the year.

Revenues are tracking where they should be. Mike H. requested that the report show the delta between budgeted expenses vs. revenues, which indicates the amount to be made up by property taxes.

School Report:

Susan B. suggested having Jeannie Saunders (upcoming Special Education director) come in to discuss the Special Ed. budget, possibly during late summer/early fall. Frank W. asked how our Sp. Ed. budget compares to other towns. Susan said Jeannie would have that information. Tom J. questioned how much of the budget is spent locally, how much out of district, and how much on transportation. Susan said the numbers are in the report; she can pull them out later in the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the bulk purchasing of consumables. The school is researching the optimum method of purchasing for the school districts. Also, the town and school district are trying to get together on annual contracts for oil and propane, possibly including a multi-town contract with other towns in the area. Some discussion ensued on the timing of the Collective Bargaining Agreement talks with regard to the public hearing.

Bidding documents have gone out for the repairs to HUES related to mold remediation.

Discussion was had concerning the format of the budget report.

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Public Input:

None

Other Business:

Chris H. made the suggestion that the Budget Committee send a representative to each of the preliminary budget discussions held by the town departments and school districts. This would help the budget committee as a whole to understand in greater detail what is contained in the various departmental budgets.

Non-Public:

8:25 p.m. Mike H. moves to go into Non-Public session citing RSA 91-a:32(c) Reputation. 2nd by Peter B. Roll call reflects all in favor.

8:52 p.m. Motion to come out of Non-Public session by Tom J. 2nd by Frank W. Roll call reflects all in favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Mike H and seconded by Peter B.. Meeting adjourned: 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kowalski, Tax Collector
Paul Calabria, Finance Officer