



BUDGET COMMITTEE
Town of Hollis
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Minutes of April 10, 2018

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, Chris Hyde, Tom Jambard, Mike Leavitt, Darlene Mann, and Tammy Fareed – School Board Rep

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Budget Committee Officers:

Mike H. nominated Tom Gehan as Chairperson. Mike L. seconded. Tom G. abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.
Chris H. nominated Mike H. as Vice-Chairperson. Tammy F. seconded. Mike H. abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.
Tom J. nominated Mike L. as Secretary. Mike H. seconded. Mike L. abstained. Motion passed 6-0-1.

Approval of Minutes:

Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 2/6/18. Tom J. seconded. Motion passed. Vote was 7-0-0.
Mike H. moved to accept the minutes of 2/14/18. Chris H. seconded. Motion passed. Vote was 7-0-0.

Public Input: No members of the public were present.

Town Report:

Tom J. asked if the communications revenue from Brookline & Mason was paid quarterly. He also wanted to know the status of open positions within the police department.
Tom G. stated he would forward the questions to Deb Padykula.
Darlene M. stated she wanted clarification from the Selectmen as to why the Howe purchase is no longer going to occur.
Chris H. expressed his disappointment in the way the Selectmen and appointed officials presented the Siergiewicz property purchase proposal.

School Report:

Tom G. requested a general update of financials for the Energy project be available at the next BudCom meeting.
Tammy F. stated that complications with the wrap have arisen and are being addressed.
Chris H. suggested that more time may be needed to produce meaningful financials if the project / bids are ongoing. It was agreed a general update would be provided in May and an in-depth report in June.
Tammy F. stated that HSD will receive a \$198K security grant. The security upgrades must be completed by next year.
Tammy F. stated that HSB will vote on a retained fund balance of \$152K in May.

Discussion of 2018 Budget Cycle

Chris H. requested that future proposals be presented in a non-biased format and that information is made available in a more timely fashion.
There was a discussion regarding impartiality, due diligence and lead time.
Mike H. stated that the overall 2018 budget and guidance process went very smoothly.
There was more discussion regarding the Siergiewicz proposal.

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Tom G. acknowledged that the opportunity was presented to the town late and did not allow much time to vet the project. Chris H. requested future CBO contracts be non-sanbornized and explained that the town needs to plan year by year and should have the flexibility to react to changing market conditions as needed. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of sanbornization. No significant HSD budget topics were discussed.

Upcoming 2019 Budget Season:

Chris H. asked to revisit the DPW road plan and to assess the benefits outside contracting. Tom J. stated that he would like to reduce the amount of large capital equipment leased by the town. Chris H. asked why the town tax rate as a percent of the total tax rate is increasing. Tom G. stated that it may be due to the retirement of HSD and Coop bonds and new bonds for town land purchases. Darlene M. added that the Coop student population has decreased. Darlene M. suggested adding an explanation of the tax rate components to the tax bill. Tom J. stated that the school and Coop annual meetings should be held during the day on the weekend so more voters are able to attend. Chris H. suggested discussing pending state legislation in a joint meeting with governing entities.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike H. Tom J. seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Winsor, Tax Collector