



**BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
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**Minutes of June 11, 2019**

Meeting was held in the Community Room, Hollis Town Hall. The Budget Committee was called to order by Tom Gehan at 7:01 PM.

**Members present:** Tom Gehan, Chairman; Mike Harris, Vice Chairman; Chris Hyde; Mike Leavitt; Tom Jambard; Darlene Mann; Susan Benz, Select Board Representative; Tammy Fareed, School Board Representative

**Members not present:** None

**Others present:** Kelly Sealy, SAU41 Business Administrator; Rachael Gosselin, Finance Officer; Todd Croteau, Public Works Director

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Review/Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

May 14, 2019 Draft Budget Committee Minutes

Mike Leavitt moved to accept with the correction "~~impertinence~~ appurtenance", seconded by Darlene Mann.

*Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Chris Hyde, Mike Leavitt, Tom Jambard, Darlene Mann, Mike Harris, Tammy Fareed. Susan Benz abstained. The motion PASSED 7-0-1.*

**Town Report**

*R. Gosselin* gave an update on Hardy Forest donations, the Town currently has \$6,510.00 in donations.

*T. Gehan* reviewed the rolling stock replacement schedule and municipal lease purchase history documents that were distributed to board members. Would like a Gantt chart representation of rolling stock inventory with current inventory, expected life, and estimated cost. Will incorporate feedback from the board into the spreadsheet, and would like to have a similar view for Police and Fire vehicles.

Discussion and input from *T. Fareed, T. Gehan, D. Mann, C. Hyde, M. Harris* and *T. Croteau*.

*S. Benz* summarized the discussion on dirt road maintenance from the June 10, 2019 Select Board meeting. The Select Board has taken a stance that they are not in favor of paving dirt roads.

*T. Gehan* asked *T. Croteau* to e-mail him data regarding the cost comparison between paving dirt roads and dirt road maintenance.

*R. Gosselin* posted the April Revenue/Expense Report online, and distributed and reviewed the May report with the board. Will begin distributing documents via e-mail prior to meetings.

**School Report**

*T. Fareed* reviewed the Expense and Revenue Report, compared line items and addressed utility cost differences from previous reports.

*M. Leavitt* stated that several years ago the school facilities had their rates increased to high use rates, therefore there are demand charges that are applied all of the time regardless of how much power is used. If you apply to get back into the lower rate structure it will reduce the cost of electricity.

*K. Sealy, T. Jambard* and other board members discussed rate charges and the school contract with the current supplier.

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*T. Gehan* stated Eric Ryherd, Energy Commission Chair, and Dick Henry, Energy Consultant, will be put on the agenda for the July 9, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting.

### **Capital Project Aggregation/Bonding Update**

*T. Fareed* said the committee will have their first major meeting in August and should have an update for the Budget Committee at the September Budget Committee meeting.

*K. Sealy* provided information on Fund 23 as requested at last meeting.

*D. Mann* requested an overview of the fund be included at budget time.

### **Other**

*M. Harris* asked about the information Mark LaDoux sent out about combining bond interest rates.

*R. Gosselin* said the town has two bonds that could benefit from consolidation.

*K. Sealy* said the school has one bond that is eligible, and that will be discussed by the school board.

*T. Jambard* asked if the sale of the Gardner property on South Merrimack Rd will impact the Town's Conservation Easement.

### **Adjournment**

*MOVED by Mike Harris, seconded by Tom Jambard that the Budget Committee adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Chris Hyde, Mike Leavitt, Tom Jambard, Mike Harris, Darlene Mann, Susan Benz, Tammy Fareed. The motion PASSED 8-0-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Camila Devlin, Tax Collector