



BUDGET COMMITTEE

Town of Hollis

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Minutes of July 9, 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; Tom Jambard; Mark LeDoux, Select Board Representative; Carryl Roy, School Board Representative

Members not present: excused absences for Darlene Mann and Mike Leavitt

Others present: Kelly Sealy, SAU41 Business Administrator; Rachael Gosselin, Finance Officer; Eric Ryherd, Hollis Energy Committee Chairman; Dick Henry, Hot Zero Energy Consultants

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review/Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019 Draft Budget Committee Minutes

Mike Harris moved to accept as presented, seconded by Chris Hyde.

Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Chris Hyde, Mike Harris, Tom Jambard, Carryl Roy, Mark LeDoux. The motion PASSED 6-0-0.

School Report

C. Roy explained that the School board did not meet in July so there is no updated revenue and expense report and the fiscal year for the School District closed June 30th. Stated that Bob Thompson assumed his new role at SAU.

Dick Henry, Hot Zero Energy Consultants, gave presentation on school building energy usage and demand charges, providing yearly comparisons, usage trends and fielding questions and addressing concerns from the board. Questions and comments from *C. Hyde*, *M. LeDoux*, *T. Gehan*, *C. Roy*, and *T. Jambard*.

Eric Ryherd, Hollis Energy Committee, gave presentation detailing energy data, energy rates and addressing the demand spike charge dilemma.

Questions from *C. Hyde*, *T. Jambard*, *T. Gehan*, *M. LeDoux*, and *C. Roy*.

M. LeDoux suggested deliverables: What would it cost to fix the remaining 13 school rooms? What are battery options? Pointed out that someone needs to carry the message to the legislature in Concord.

T. Gehan requested copies of the presentations from Dick and Eric electronically. In September the board will conduct a school district fiscal review, would like to revisit this topic at that time.

Town Report

M. LeDoux reviewed the town revenue and expenditure reports provided by *R. Gosselin*.

Select Board will be meeting on July 22nd to accept the Purchase and Sale agreement for the Hardy property. Will likely be closing the sale on July 23rd. So far \$11,000.00 has been raised by private funds.

Town is starting union negotiations in 3 weeks, hopeful to have that wrapped up by November.

Upon reviewing bond refinancing options, discovered that the bonds in question have prepayment penalties.

T. Gehan gave an update of the rolling stock schedule, document is still a work in progress.

New business/ Other

The board agreed that *M. Harris* will continue to serve as the SAU-41 Budget Sub-Committee representative.

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T. Gehan reviewed the proposed 2019-20 budget cycle calendar, asked board members to review the calendar and provide feedback.

There will be no Budget Committee meeting in August.

Adjournment

MOVED by Tom Jambard, seconded by Carryl Roy that the Budget Committee adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Chris Hyde, Mike Harris, Tom Jambard, Carryl Roy, Mark LeDoux. The motion PASSED 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm

Respectfully submitted,

Camila Devlin, Tax Collector