



BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Minutes of January 8, 2020

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; Darlene Mann; Chris Hyde; Mike Leavitt; Susan Benz, Select Board Representative; Carryl Roy, School Board Representative

Members not present: Tom Jambard

Others present: Robert Mann, School Board Chair; Kelly Sealy, SAU41 Business Administrator; Brooke Arthur, School Board Member; Amy Kellner, School Board Member

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review/Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2019 Draft Budget Committee Minutes

MOVED by Mike Harris to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mike Leavitt. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Mike Leavitt, Carryl Roy, Darlene Mann, Mike Harris. Susan Benz and Chris Hyde abstained. The motion PASSED 5-0-2.

December 10, 2019 Draft Budget Committee Minutes

MOVED by Mike Harris to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Carryl Roy. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Mike Leavitt, Carryl Roy, Darlene Mann, Mike Harris. Susan Benz and Chris Hyde abstained. The motion PASSED 5-0-2.

Update to Budget Relief

T. Gehan reminded the board that the budget as presented with approval was \$25,621 came in at guidance. The revised number is \$19,521.

Barn Renovation/Capital Improvement Plan

C. Roy reviewed the presentation agenda: discuss issue of SAU governance board and bonds, alternative sites, 4 Lund Ln proposal, the what-ifs, and other considerations. In response to previous Budget Committee inquiry, stated that legal counsel advised that per RSA 33 the SAU governance entities cannot issue bonds.

Reviewed the 3 commercial properties that were previously presented by the Budget Committee as alternative SAU personnel sites to the current Hollis School District building on Lund Ln. Sites presented were RE/MAX Building at 4 Corners, former Harvest Market property, and the Ash St Triangle Building. Provided detailed financial comparison of comparable projects.

Annual Bond Payment for 4 Lund Ln Project: \$93,459

Comp: Harvest Market \$134,897

Comp: Ash St \$91,129 (4000sq ft. smaller than Lund Ln.)

Comp: RE/MAX building is not suitable due to available space and limited parking.

C. Roy stated that the annual cost for Barn proposal is lower or on-par with other options. Very limited available alternative sites for SAU personnel offices in addition to expensive acquisition and rent and fit-up costs. Expressed that it is the School District's desire to keep 4 Lund Lane occupied and relevant to operations. Provided bond scenarios for

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4 Lund Lane including adjustment to rental rates to offset annual interest payment. Additionally detailed HSTEP Phase 2 Bond, to raise and appropriate \$557k for heat pumps and air handler.

Discussion of long term benefits and costs associated with investment in the barn. Questions and input from *S. Benz, T. Gehan, M. Harris, C. Hyde, R. Mann, D. Mann, and C. Roy*.

C. Roy discussed proposed alternatives if the bonds fail.

C. Roy and *R. Mann* reviewed discussions with other districts on lease agreement strategy, policies to govern the revenue, and long term alternate use strategies for 4 Lund Lane.

R. Mann presented lease agreement legal considerations.

Extensive discussion and questions from *T. Gehan, C. Hyde, M. Harris, K. Sealy, D. Mann, R. Mann, C. Roy, S. Benz, and M. Leavitt*.

Schedule Considerations

Budget Committee will meet Monday, January 13th with Select Board to review Collective Bargaining Agreement Board agreed to cancel the meeting previously scheduled January 14th.

Board agreed to finalize dates for Public Bond Hearings at the January 10, 2020 Budget Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

MOVED by Mike Harris, seconded by Carryl Roy that the Budget Committee adjourn the meeting. Voting in favor of the motion were Tom Gehan, Mike Leavitt, Carryl Roy, Darlene Mann, Mike Harris, Susan Benz, and Chris Hyde The motion PASSED 6-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

Camila Devlin, Tax Collector