

# TOWN OF HUDSON

## Budget Committee

Shawn Jasper, Chairman · Jonathan Maltz, Vice-Chairman

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## Budget Committee Meeting Minutes December 8, 2014

### A. Call to Order

Chairman Shawn Jasper called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Selectman Roger Coutu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### C. Attendance

**Members Present:** Chair Shawn Jasper, Vice-Chair Jonathan Maltz, Jim Barnes, Randy Brownrigg, John Drabinowicz, Joyce Goodwin, Stephen Nute, Malcom Price, Selectman Liaison Pat Nichols, School Board Liaison Patty Langlais

**Members Absent:** Geoffrey Keegan

### D. Public Input

None.

### E. Town Budget Presentation

Selectman Roger Coutu introduced the Town Budget for consideration by the Budget Committee.

Town Warrant Article straw votes:

**Article F. Wage and Benefit Increase for Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,280.00 for an increase in wages and benefits for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector? (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget).

**Vote:** 8 – 2, all in favor except Joyce Goodwin, John Drabinowicz opposed.

**Article I. Construction of a New Fire Station**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100,000 for the design and construction of a new fire station on Town owned land located on Lowell Road, and authorize the issuance of \$2,100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33), and authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and sell such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,600 for the purpose of paying 2015-2016 bond issuance cost and interest on said general obligation bonds or notes.

**Vote:** 3 – 7, Pat Nichols, Patty Langlais, Stephen Nute in favor, rest opposed.

**Article J. Renovation of the Lenny Smith Central Fire Station**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$900,000 for the purpose of renovating the Lenny Smith Central Fire Station and authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the unassigned fund balance. Zero (0) funds are requested from general taxation.

**Vote:** 10 – 0.

**Article K. Ambulance Replacement**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a replacement ambulance and to authorize the withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Account and to use \$50,000 from the unassigned fund balance.

**Vote:** 10 – 0.

**Article N. Wages and Benefit Increase for Non-Union Full Time Employees of Rodgers Memorial Library**

Shall the Town of Hudson vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,397 which represents an increase in wages and benefits for the full time employees of the Rodgers Memorial Library. (This appropriation is in addition to Article A, the Operating Budget.)

**Vote:** 4 – 6, Shawn Jasper, Jim Barnes, Stephen Nute, Patty Langlais in favor, rest opposed.

**Article O. Funding for Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Town of Hudson raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Communications Equipment and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund which was established on March 12, 2013 for the repair, replacement, or improvement of the Town’s radio communication system, equipment and infrastructure?

**Vote:** 6 – 4, all in favor except John Drabinowicz, Jon Maltz, Randy Brownrigg, Malcolm Price opposed.

The Highway Department budget was presented by Road Agent Kevin Burns.

The Benson Committee budget was presented by Harry Schibanoff.

The Sewer and Water utility budgets were presented by Town Administrator Steve Malizia and Jeff Rider.

The Engineering and Land Use budget was presented by Steve Malizia and Town Engineer Elvis Dhima.

The Conservation Commission budget was presented by Jim Battis.

The proposed town revenue for FY2016 was presented by Steve Malizia.

**Motion:** John Drabinowicz moved to amend the following line items in the Town Revenue of the Town Budget:

GF #4914 Reference #3912 entitled Library Fund, striking \$30,000 and inserting \$22,265, a reduction of \$7,735 for a total budget reduction of \$7,735.

Motion seconded by Randy Brownrigg.

**Vote:** Motion approved 9 – 0.

The default budgets for Town, Sewer and Water budgets were presented by Steve Malizia.

## **F. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion: John Drabinowicz moved to approve the minutes of the Nov. 20 2014, Nov. 24 2014, Dec. 2 2014, and Dec. 4 2014 Budget Committee meetings. Motion seconded by Malcolm Price.

**Vote:** Motion passed 9 – 0.

## **G. Other Business/Comments**

## **H. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

December 8, 2014

Jim Barnes.

Clerk