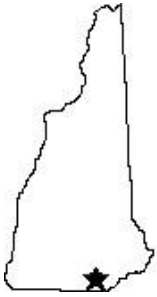


TOWN OF HUDSON

Budget Committee

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Budget Committee Meeting Minutes 16 December 2021

A. Call to Order

Chairman Richard Weissgarber called the meeting to order in the Buxton Community Development Meeting Room at Town Hall at 6:59pm, and declared that a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Weissgarber.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Richard Weissgarber, William Cole, Ted Trost, Normand Martin, Shawn Murray, Grace Hopkins, Kathy Leary, Robert Clegg, Selectmen Liaison Brett Gagnon, School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe

Members Excused: Alejandro Urrutia

D. Public Input

Chairman Weissgarber opened the floor for public input. No member of the public provided input.

E. Acceptance of Minutes

No minutes were reviewed.

F. Meeting Schedule

MOTION to cancel the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for December 22, 2021 (Martin/Gagnon) CARRIED 7-2-1. Murray, Trost voted no, Hopkins abstained.

G. Discussion of Previous Vote

Chairman Weissgarber raised the issue of a vote held on December 15, 2021, in which the vote was 5-3-2, and stated that the vote passed using an interpretation that abstentions do not count toward the total votes cast.

- According to Attorney LeFevre, the motion passes. There is a case on this exact issue out of Merrimack. So long as a majority/quorum is present, only a majority of votes actually cast is necessary to determine the outcome. Which is another way of saying you can't defeat a motion by abstaining – you just don't count the abstentions.

MOTION to overrule the Chairman's interpretation of the vote. (Trost/Murray).
Motion withdrawn prior to vote.

H. Reports from Liaisons

Selectman Liaison Gagnon advised that all items previously requested by the Committee have been forwarded to the Committee.

School Board Liaison Diana LaMothe informed the Committee that the School Moderator was asked if the Police Department could present information regarding the police station warrant article at the School Deliberative Session. The moderator replied that it would not be appropriate.

I. Budget Discussion

Town Administrator Steve Malizia, Brian Groth (Planning), and Bruce Buttrick (Zoning) were present and provided an overview of the Board of Selectmen's budgets for Planning and Zoning.

MOTION to reduce 5571-217 by \$19,422 (Cole/Clegg) FAILED 4-5-1.
Lamothe, Gagnon, Leary, Weissgarber, Hopkins voted "no". Martin recused.

MOTION to reduce 5571-252 by \$30,000 (Cole/Clegg) FAILED 5-5-0.

MOTION to reduce 5572-252 by \$12,000 (Cole/Clegg)

MOTION to amend to "Reduce 5572-252 by \$10,000
(Murray/Martin) CARRIED 10-0-0

Motion CARRIED as amended 7-3-0 (LaMothe, Hopkins, Leary voted "no").

MOTION to request an list of benefits of membership in the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) (Clegg/Leary) CARRIED 10-0-0.

MOTION to reduce 5581-252 by \$30,000 (Cole/Martin) CARRIED 10-0-0.

MOTION to add \$30,000 to 5581-103 (Lamothe/Gagnon) CARRIED 10-0-0.

J. Other Business/Comments

The floor was opened to the members for additional comments.

K. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting (Martin/Gagnon). CARRIED 9-1-0 (Weissgarber).

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Prepared by: Ted Trost