

Town of Hudson Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT May 1, 2024

HUDSON BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes of the May 1, 2024 Meeting

A. Call to Order

Chairman Cole called the meeting to order in the Buxton Community Development Room at Town Hall at 7:00PM and declared a quorum was present.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Attendance

Members Present: Randall Brownrigg, William Cole, Shawn Jasper, James Lawrence, Shawn Murray, Kevin Walsh, Robert Wherry

Members Excused:

Members Absent: Selectman Liaison Heidi Jakoby, no School Board Liaison

Staff Present: None

D. Public Input

Mr. Patrick Quinlan, 12A Sunshine Dr. spoke pertaining to the Hudson School District's DEI curriculum, the DEI Committee and questioned the source of funds for the DEI training.

No other member of the public stepped forward and Chairman Cole closed Public Input.

E. Acceptance of Minutes

No minutes were presented for review.

F. Resignations:

Normand Martin and Shawn Murray
Mr. Murray motioned to accept Normand Martin's resignation with appreciation for his years of service on the Budget Committee. Mr. Jasper seconded. After comments from the members, the Chair called for a voice vote and carried unanimously.

Mr. Jasper motioned to accept Shawn Murray's resignation, effective immediately, with appreciation for his years of service on the Budget Committee. Mr. Brownrigg seconded. After comments from the members, the Chair called for a voice vote and carried unanimously. Mr. Murray departed the meeting at 7:26 PM.

G. Nominations/Appointments

Three applicants in attendance were, in order of receipt of applications, Mr. Richard Weissgarber, Ms. Donna Boucher, Ms. Kim Rice.

Each applicant proceeded to speak on their interest and qualifications.

Chairman Cole noting the Committee now had three vacancies, requested a motion to nominate all 3 applicants to serve on the Budget Committee until Town Meeting in March, 2025. Mr. Lawrence so motioned, seconded by Mr. Jasper.

Chairman Cole called for a voice vote and the vote was unanimous.

Chairman Cole advised the new members to be sworn in as soon as possible and invited them to sit with the Committee but were unable to vote on any matter.

H. Reports from Liaisons

No Board of Selectman Liaison was present to report.

No School Board Liaison was present to report, but there was an email from School Board Chair Ms. Maureen Dionne, and referenced from the March end-of-month financial reports in the amount of \$1.4 Million, Facilities Study document and process to include that in developing the School District's plan, and requested clarification on what information the Committee was looking for regarding DEI.

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I. Old Business

Mr. Jasper mentioned that class size and staffing information requested from the School District had not been received. Chairman Cole requested Mr. Jasper send that request to him via email for follow-up.

Mr. Walsh questioned whether the Fire Chief had met with the School District to see if an inspection/review has occurred or is planned regarding NFPA Life Safety Code 15.2 Means of Egress Requirements for the Dr. HO Smith school. Chairman Cole requested Mr. Walsh send that request to him via email for follow-up.

J. New Business

Mr. Jasper requested proficiency test scores for the past ten years from the School District.

Mr. Lawrence made the point for having the town and School District Default Budgets earlier in the Committee's budget work and made a motion to request the Town and School Districts provide their FY 25-26 Default Budget to the Committee no later than July 20, 2024. Mr. Jasper seconded. The Chair called for a voice vote and passed unanimously.

K. Other Business/Comments

The committee reviewed the meeting schedule for 2024. It was noted that a meeting was scheduled for July 3, 2024. Mr. Jasper motioned and Mr. Wherry seconded not to have a meeting on July 3, 2024. The Chair called for a voice vote and passed with Mr. Walsh the sole "nay" vote.

Chairman Cole reminded members that any member can request information from the Town or School District but to ensure the Chair is copied on any request.

Chairman Cole asked that members submit to him suggestions for agenda items to be reviewed/discussed at future meetings.

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Brownrigg carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Walsh
Clerk

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